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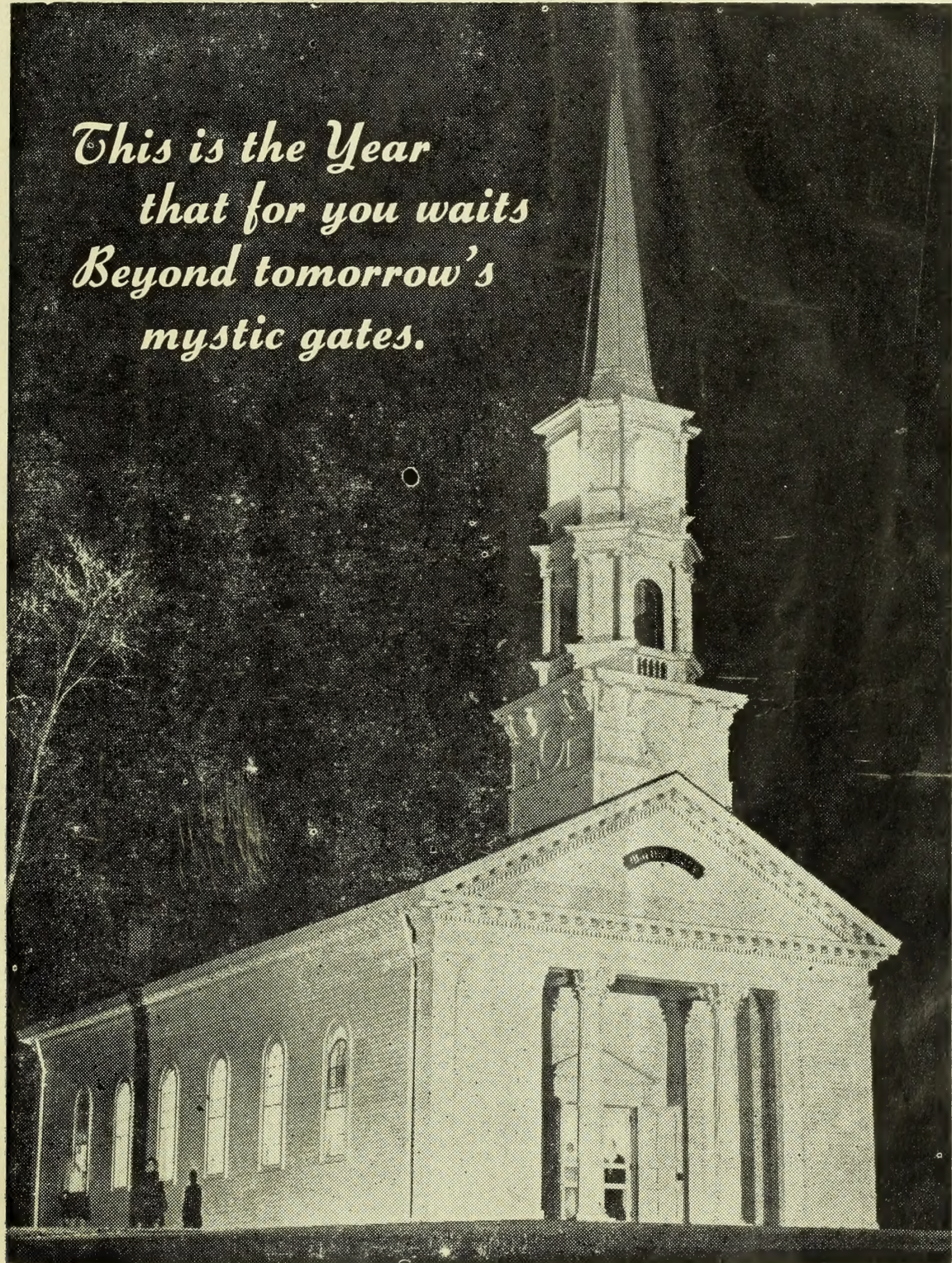
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A Thought for the Week

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH THIS FORMULA

... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus . . . Hebrews 12:1,2.

In the words above, the writer seems to look deep into the soul of our generation, and sensing its deepest need, lays down a simple formula which all of us can follow with profit. Summed up, the formula is as follows: Get rid of those things that hold you down, cultivate the art of patience and look to Jesus for help. These words should have particular meaning for us at the beginning of the New Year.

First, get rid of the things that hold you down. Some of these are small, but added together they are as weights tied to our feet. Take anxiety and fear and doubt and self-centeredness. Let them alone and they become unmanageable. They overwhelm and defeat us. Then take sin—little sins, perhaps just bordering on little faults. Inconsequential, taken singly. But they have a way of ganging up on us, slipping in subtly, spreading like a green bay tree. Sin is a deadly weight. No person can make spiritual progress until he gets rid of the enemies of the soul.

Secondly, run life's race with patience. Not many of us do this. We expect immediate results. We want to reap a harvest long before the seed have had time to sprout. We go to church for a half a dozen Sundays and expect a transformation. We pray a half dozen times and if some miracle is not manifest we lose faith in prayer. Great oaks are not grown in a day. Great souls are not produced overnight. If we are to get ahead in spiritual living, we must follow spiritual rules, cultivate holy habits—painstakingly patiently, perseveringly. Remember that gold was discovered just a few inches beyond where some person quit digging.

Thirdly, look to Jesus. This is the essence of the whole formula. In looking to Jesus, we find power to get rid of the weights that hold us down. In looking to Jesus, we learn the art of patience. In looking to Jesus, we lay hold of the power that can make us strong. In looking to Jesus, we become more like him in what we are and what we do.

"Alone, O Love, ineffable!
Thy saving name is given:
To turn aside from Thee is hell,
To walk with Thee is heaven."

—Whittier

Our Father, at the beginning of this New Year we would lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us. We implore thee to teach us to run with patience the race set before us. Help us to look to Jesus constantly for guidance and strength during the unknown days ahead. Amen.

Humor is the oil of life's engine. Without it the machinery creaks and groans. No lot is so hard, no aspect of things is so grim, but it relaxes before a hearty laugh.—Apples of Gold.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

STARTING THE NEW YEAR

There is a little way and there is a large way in which to start a New Year. According to one method, we merely turn over a new leaf; according to the other, we re-examine our whole record. The little way is to make a nice, neat set of new resolutions: the large way is to re-vamp the motives by which we carry them out. The little way is to think only of how we can get ahead during the New Year; the large way is to concern ourselves with the road by which others are to get ahead.

I realize that the most popular voices of our time are those which specialize on the secrets of personal success, those which tell us how to keep sweet in the midst of the world's bitterness, how to keep calm despite society's perils, how to win our own prosperity and happiness even though humanity at large may be losing its campaigns for peace and justice. And I realize also that one's own state of mind is the essential factor in personal happiness.

But the worthy citizen cannot be content with inner sweetness while the world is in a dither, or be satisfied with personal success while society heads into distress and destruction. And I feel sure that my thoughtful readers will start the coming year of 1953 with a concern for the large outlooks as well as the personal successes.

The late Dr. John Henry Jowett tells us that on a certain rainy night he was leaving his place of stay in Scotland for the railway station. His host supplied him with a lantern which helped him to pick his way among the puddles, but it was a great help, said Jowett, when he came around a bend in the road and saw the station light. In the dark nights of the world we need not only the flashlights of personal faith and courage to illumine the immediate steps, but also the beacon lights to show us the long road and the larger goals.

During the past decade mankind has suffered from the blows of intolerable tyrants; Godless men who challenged a free world. Some of them are still around. Am I putting the issue too strongly when I say the world is now at the fork of a road, one of which heads back toward the Dark Ages, the other leads forward to what may prove another rebirth of learning and religion?

As we face this forking of the road, we recall how Matthew closes the Christmas story of the "Wise Men." These are the lines: "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country ANOTHER WAY."

Never in all the centuries since those words were written have wise men seen more clearly the necessity of choosing between the road which leads back to Herod and the other way which leads forward from Bethlehem. Since Bethlehem, the dominant races of the world have taken a road which diverged from Herod's, but now in our day we see strange tendencies to return. As we face the larger outlook of the future, it is not a question of re-studying the road map.

Herod's was the way of hate and fear. You and I may not be in a position to shape national policies or stem world tides, but at least we can be kind to those

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Our Readers Say . . .

ONE AREA FOR NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in reference to our Episcopal Area is most timely and thought provoking. I have been in my feeble way protesting the division of North Carolina ever since it happened, for I think it is a bad thing, primarily from the standpoint of our jointly owned educational institutions and the Advocate, but also on account of other things at which we should be working jointly as North Carolina Methodists under one bishop.

I realize however that it is a knotty problem largely due to the fact that it is hard to work out an arrangement whereby any other Conference than North Carolina could be added to Virginia without making it exceedingly inconvenient for the bishop of the Richmond Area to get to all parts of his area.

I love the Virginia Conference for I am a native of Virginia and have a few good friends among the ministers and laymen of that conference; I also have good friends among the ministers and laymen of the S. C. Conference, the active laymen including my youngest son and namesake, but my acquaintance in North Carolina (and particularly Western North Carolina) among both ministers and laymen is much wider, and I am decidedly of the opinion that North Carolinians (of whom after nearly fifty years of residence I claim to be one) could and would work together with greater efficiency if we were in the same area and had one bishop to direct and lead us.

This Conference has honored me by electing me to the Jurisdictional Conferences held in Atlanta (1944), Columbia (1948) and Roanoke (1952) and I have time and again expressed the feeling that North Carolina should be one area.

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Robert D. Coleman

PLYLER THANKS FRIENDS

Dear Friends:

I am recuperating at the Draper Methodist parsonage after an extended illness at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin. My wife and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the ministers and

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The Advocate's Role in the Church's Program

January is *North Carolina Christian Advocate* Month for both of our Conferences.

We sincerely hope that no pastor or layman will look upon the campaign for new and renewal subscriptions as merely a routine task to be engaged in perfunctorily or half-heartedly. Nor do we want anyone to regard this matter as simply a duty performed purely for the sake of the *Advocate*.

The *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, if we understand its mission at all, is a means of vitalizing and spiritualizing and making more intelligible the purpose and function of the church. It seeks chiefly to inform and to inspire. We desire, first of all, to proclaim the Gospel through the printed page. We do this without apology or without equivocation. We try, secondly, to acquaint our people with the program of the church. We try to lift up the various causes of our church for our people to see. Information, presented honestly and interestingly, we believe will receive a ready response from Methodist hearts. Many Methodists today are faltering in their devotion because they do not know what their church is doing either at home or abroad. It is our intention to tell them. The business world spends billions of dollars a year to tell its story to the people they want to reach. Too often the church has hidden its light under a bushel. Some times men who use every means of communication to get their message before the public forget that the church has a story to tell, too. *The North Carolina Christian Advocate* has proved to be the most economical and the most effective means of telling the story of the church. Informed Methodists are responsible Methodists. If we keep open the channels of communication to our people they will respond generously and magnificently.

If the *Advocate* is to tell the story of the church to those who need to hear it we must have the support of our pastors and laymen. Won't you, therefore, pastors and laymen alike, make your plans now to reach the homes in your church with the *Advocate*? Do one of the following: Send the *Advocate* to every family, as more than 200 churches are now doing, at \$1.75 a year per family; reach a quota of seven subscribers for every 100 members in your church, at \$2.25 a subscription; get as many subscriptions as you can, at \$2.50 each.

The informed congregation is the loyal congregation. An investment in the church paper is an investment in a better church tomorrow.

**There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune;**

**Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.**

—William Shakespeare

Take a Tip on Attendance From Civic Clubs

We have just been studying the attendance report for November of District 281 of Rotary International. Including 34 clubs in Piedmont North Carolina, District 281 has 1,691 members. The largest club has 196 members; the smallest, ten members. Average attendance for all clubs during the month was 87.76%, the highest being 98.80%; the lowest, 66.03%.

Then we got to thinking about church attendance. How does church attendance compare with this report? Not favorably, we must confess. The typical church on an average Sunday morning, not counting visitors, will do well to have 25% of its members present. In the typical church, Sunday night attendance dips to a shocking low of from 5% to 10% of the membership.

Now, we have no quarrel with civic clubs. We are honored to be a member of a club in District 281. But we do have a quarrel with the way many of us are treating the church. We are not, on the whole, as faithful in our attendance as civic club members are to their organization.

What is the trouble? Well, of course, civic clubs have compulsions which get attendance. A member has to attend a certain number of meetings to remain in the club. The church could not very well have such requirements. But individual church members should have inner compulsions higher than any legalistic requirements.

Now, we cannot dismiss this subject, however, by merely fussing with non-attending or irregularly-attending church members. Those responsible for the services must do everything humanly possible to make church services inspiring and helpful. We are facing fierce competition from a secular world. We have grown accustomed to expect little from church services.

At the beginning of this new year, how appropriate it will be for preachers, choir directors, ushers and all who lead the service to get together and study seriously how they can improve the services of the church, making them richer and more meaningful for all who come. When members and leaders give their best to this important matter it may not

be too much to expect church attendance to climb until it will compare more favorably with records now being made by civic clubs.

The Evangelistic Mission During the Months Ahead

The next few months are tremendously important for North Carolina Methodism. Both of our Conferences have a big and comprehensive program including virtually every interest of the church. In addition, special projects are being launched, chief of which is the evangelistic mission which will be brought to a climax in the Spring.

The evangelistic emphasis is the Number One need of Methodism today. Unfortunately, evangelism has been de-emphasized in many Methodist churches. Many of us have been content to bring in a fair-sized class of children—the children of our present members—once a year. Some churches have gone out to win a handful of adults by visitation. Bringing in children and reaching adults by visitation, of course, are absolutely necessary. But they by no means exhaust the whole program of evangelism.

We need to rekindle evangelistic fires in our hearts, to rediscover a passion for lost souls. Church members need to feel once more a deep and abiding concern for every person out of the fold of Christ. To achieve this many of us will have to go to our knees, to rediscover Christ anew for ourselves. The passion for lost souls has ebbed away largely because we have crowded Christ out of our own hearts. Recover Christ, and the secret of winning others will come. Therefore, each pastor and layman can begin profitably this period of evangelistic preparation by self-examination, by seeking a more vital experience with Christ.

There are signs that North Carolina Methodists are in earnest about the evangelistic emphasis. Meetings have already been held in both Conferences. Committees are being formed and the necessary machinery for getting the job done is being created. Now is the time for local churches to make their plans. The church that plans carefully, works hardest and prays most earnestly will reap the largest harvest not only in new members but in reawakening and revitalizing the entire membership.

During the months ahead the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* will be filled with vital information and inspiring articles on both missions in North Carolina. Realizing this, many pastors and official boards are planning to make the *Advocate* available to every family in the initial stages of the mission.

Called To Be An Evangelist

By John R. Church, D.D.

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I was converted in an old-fashioned Methodist revival in the old Salem Methodist Church of Winston-Salem. There has never been any doubt in my own heart and mind about my conversion. I was only nine years of age at the time it took place, but I know Christ came to me, and that my sins were forgiven. Some years after my conversion I backslid and lived in sin until after I was married. I still attended church and taught a Sunday School class, but was living in sin. When I was about nineteen years of age I was reclaimed during another revival meeting being held by Rev. C. C. Tothorow. If it had not been for that revival and the experience I received then I would not be in the ministry today.

After I was reclaimed, I sold my business and went to Rutherford College to prepare for the ministry. While at Rutherford College I was led to see that it was my privilege, as a child of God, to receive baptism with the Holy Spirit. I sought earnestly for over five months for the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and then on March 19, 1920, at about one o'clock in the morning, God for Christ's sake filled me with His Holy Spirit. It was the greatest experience I have ever had. In fact, if I have had any success in the ministry it has been due largely to the fact that I sought and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This experience has meant more to my life and ministry than I will ever be able to tell. I shall never cease to thank God for those who were instrumental in leading me into the light.

Serves Pastorates 14 years

After a short stay at Rutherford College I went into the pastorate. At first I served as a supply pastor, and then the members of the Western North Carolina Conference were good enough to grant me admission in the membership of this great Conference. I can't begin to tell what this fellowship has meant to me. I rejoice that I am a member of this great brotherhood. I love every member of our Conference.

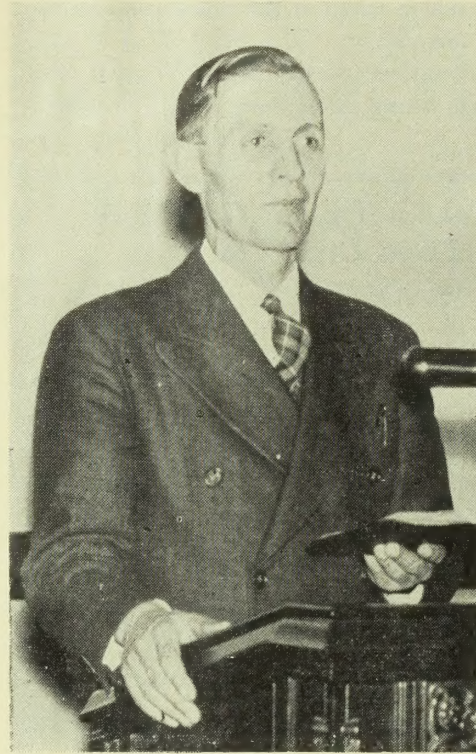
For fourteen years I was a pastor in my Conference, serving five different charges. God gave us some very gracious revivals. While in the pastorate we assisted many of our brethren in their revivals, and God gave us some mighty outpouring of His Spirit. In fact, while in the pastorate we never had less than thirty additions each year on profession of faith.

At the time I was serving the Davidson charge I felt definitely called to give up the pastorate in favor of fulltime evangelism. I felt as definitely called to the field of evangelism as I ever felt the call to preach. In fact, if I had not felt that way about it I never would have given up the pastorate for this work. I have loved the pastorate, and would have liked very much to have continued in this work. I have never regretted the step that I took to go into this work. It has been hard, but it has also been rich and rewarding. I had rather be in this work than anywhere else. It is good to know you are doing what God wants you to do.

For the past eighteen years I have given myself to the work of an evangelist, and have been happy in this work.

478 Revivals in 33 Years

In the 33 years I have been in the ministry, I have assisted in 478 revival meetings, and have preached in four Annual Conferences, and a number of Dis-



Dr. Church

trict Conferences. I have preached in a number of colleges like Asbury, and four State colleges, and two universities. I have found hungry hearts in all of these places, and have seen large numbers of students and even professors, come and kneel at an altar and find God.

In the meetings we have held thus far, we have had 23,945 seekers at our altars. Many of them were saved, others reclaimed from a backslidden condition, and others have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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**In preparation for the great evangelistic missions in our two Conferences next spring, Dr. Church's article, requested by the editor, is particularly timely and encouraging.**  
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When I started out in the ministry, I prayed and asked God to give me at least 100 persons to be called into the ministry. So far as I have been able to find out, there have now been at least 250 called into the ministry, or have gone to the mission field under our ministry. This brings more joy to my heart than anything else that I know of.

We have traveled over 360,000 miles, in 43 different states, and have held meetings in large churches that had as many as 3,600 members, and then we have been in churches that did not have but 32 members. In all of these churches, both large and small, North and South, East and West, we have found hungry hearts, and have seen many people find God.

Some Definite Conclusions

After 33 years experience in this work I have come to some very definite conclusions.

I am convinced that the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, to all who believe. I am convinced that we do not need a different Gospel, but we do need to preach the one we have. The Gospel that produced the church will work today. It is the only Gospel that will work in this day. The message Paul preached to the church at Rome is the Gospel that produced the church. It was the Gospel that brought about the Reformation. It was the Gospel that brought The Methodist Church into the world, and it was this Gospel that made Methodism what she is today. If we will be true to this Gospel it will bring another reformation, and will stem the tide of communism. We need a dynamic gospel for an atomic age, and we have it in the New Testament.

I have always believed in evangelism, and believe in it more today than ever. I also believe in all types of evangelism. While I have given my life to mass evangelism, I have always believed in and have tried to practice personal evangelism. I believe in visitation evangelism. I believe in church school evangelism. I believe the church ought to be evangelistic 365 days in the year. It ought not to be unusual for people to be saved in the church school, in the Sunday morning service, the Sunday night service, and even the Wednesday night service. This ought to be the normal experience of the church. This is our task at all times.

After saying this, however, I want to add that every church needs a real revival from time to time. We have many people in our churches, who have no real vital Christian experience. In fact, the greatest problem of the church is right at this point. Unless those people are reached then they will prove to be a liability instead of an asset. Many of our church members are a spiritual problem when they ought to be a power. We need some rugged preaching of the Gospel that will awaken and arouse and bring them to see their need of Christ and that will bring them to a complete surrender of themselves to God.

God has said, "If my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land."

Some Encouraging Signs

I have lived long enough now to have seen some decided changes take place in theology. When I was a young man, modernism had the field with many of the popular thinkers. Then we had two World Wars, and many of the fine-spun theories of modernism were blown sky-high. We have come to see that the world is sick, at heart. Sin is an awful reality, and we must offer the world a remedy for sin.

Thank God the signs are pointing to a return to the Gospel of the New Testament. Dr. Daniel Day Williams in his most recent book, "What Present Day Theologians Are Thinking," makes some startling statements. "Since the publication of Karl Barth's Commentary on the Romans in 1918, there has been a renaissance in theology." On pages 12 and 13 he says: "One obvious sign of the new spirit in theology is that such Biblical words as Creation, Redemption, Resurrection, and Last Things have come to appear as more indispensable for us than was recognized in the modern period. The distinctive vocabulary of the Bible has reasserted itself for many who thought its terms

could be replaced. No other words seem able to bear the freight of meaning which Sin, Reconciliation, and Atonement have."

Such statements as these, coming from a man of his position and learning, are heartening to me. Then when you read such books as, "God Was In Christ," by Baillie, and many other of like nature it makes one feel that we are getting back to rock bottom.

Dr. Williams says, "The German crisis

showed that the Bible in spite of its pre-scientific world view can be shown to point unequivocally to the Holy God through its essential content, Jesus Christ. The Bible cannot be treated merely as a relic of past beliefs and outgrown religious thinking. The truth which it proclaims has become the last line of defense against modern lies and inhumanity."

The great truths of the Bible must not

only be accepted with the head, but they must grip our hearts until they burn like fire in our bones. We must preach them with a passion until all the world will believe we are serious about this matter of evangelism. Christianity is not just one religion among many. It is the truth of God that will save the world from sin. Unless we believe this and act upon it we will never turn the tides and save the world from chaos and ruin.

Doctrine And Evangelism

By Vincent Taylor

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damentalist finds it. Where does a Methodist, or indeed any Evangelical Christian, find it?

All kinds of questions crowd upon the mind. What is the image of God in which man was created? What is sin? What is salvation? What is the significance of Christ? Wherein does the wonder of His Incarnation consist? What is the meaning of His atoning death? What is His ministry on high? Who is the Holy Spirit and what is His work? What is the importance of the Trinity? What are repentance, faith, grace, justification, sanctification, the Church, the sacraments, and the life everlasting? All these are evangelical topics; they have electric power, so that in considering them men are compelled to take a decision as God confronts them in the manifold operations of His grace.

**Evangelism, to be enduring,
must be grounded in sound
Christian doctrine.**

I often wonder what Methodists think of the preaching they so patiently endure. I am sure every preacher needs to abase himself before God. We are too anecdotal, too peripheral, too limited in our range. Alas! the hungry sheep look up and are not fed. We have sorrowfully to confess that some at least have ceased to hear us because they get so little from us. How different it might be if we would preach the faith!

The other day I went to hear an old student of mine. He conducted the service with all the dignity and the beauty which the Colleges of to-day demand. But what would the sermon be? When he announced his text there fell on the congregation that wistful silence of which every preacher is conscious at times for it was this: "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians ii. 2) I could see the congregation looking up, like plants turning to the sun. And yet the substance was simple, but unmistakably direct. The preacher gave three reasons why Paul came to this decision. And the points went home. I have no doubt that hearers went away with these points stamped upon their minds, facing again the deathless appeal of the Cross. That was doctrinal preaching, and it was evangelistic preaching, too.

Dare I make practical suggestions?

It would be a good thing if once every three years we wrote as preachers a short essay for no eye save our own on "My Gospel." How clearly this would mark our growth in thirty years! And how certainly it would provide a nucleus for our

preaching! I think also we should aim at a terse direct style, blue-pencilling the unessential, and studying the wonder of words. Did not Winston Churchill write his earlier speeches as many as six times? And above all, I think that we should preach our doctrines feelingly, even passionately, and this not as a matter of art (God forbid!), but because we are possessed by them. And will stewards help us? The Presbyterian elder leaves his minister alone ten minutes before the service—alone with God. What a difference it might make if we had time to dwell on some of Charles Wesley's moving lines.

**"Thou art wisdom, power, and love,
And all Thou art is mine."**

I close where I began—with Evangelism. It is a challenging fact that almost all the great evangelical movements in the Church, from the earliest times, have been doctrinal. The exceptions are few, and some of these, on examination, disappear. Was not the message of St. Francis of Assisi charged with doctrine? As surely as the sun rises men will be won—if we preach the Word. Not all indeed, as Isaiah vi. 9 and John xii. 37 remind us; but far more than we think. The seed falling into good earth brings joy thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold.

—The Methodist Recorder (London)

MY FATHER'S CARE

I love to think my heavenly Father,
All the way ahead can see.
He knows the past of all the ages,
And He knows what is to be.

Beyond the range of human vision,
His great eye can see afar;
He who made the rolling oceans,
All the worlds and every star.

I love to think He knows my motives,
And my deepest thoughts can see.
Nothing can from Him be hidden,
Now, or in eternity.

And though He is a great creator,
Yet I know He thinks of me.
Yes, He loves his human creatures,
And He wants to make them free.

Free from anxious thoughts and worries,
Free from worldly strife and care.
And He wants us to trust Him,
All the time and everywhere.

When the road is dark before me,
And the way I cannot see;
If to Him I am committed,
He will give what's best for me.

So by His help I mean to trust Him,
And to follow all the way.
Through the dark as well as sunshine,
And to the land of endless day.

—James A. Gooden, Elizabethtown

What is Evangelism?

It is often defined as if it were a special art, the work of leading men to decide for Christ in response to a fervent appeal. There is truth in this way of putting the matter, but it is a very depressing definition for many. It fixes attention upon what we do, and easily persuades us to say that we have no special gifts for the task and dislike the technique. It is, of course, the Holy Spirit who leads men to decide for Christ. Our part is subordinate to this, but none the less important.

I would prefer to define Evangelism as preaching the Gospel with the aim, through the Spirit, of seeking a response. The desire for a response is vital, since otherwise we are only teaching or lecturing; and it is fully in accord with Apostolic practice, as it is illustrated, for example, in Acts iii. 19, "Repent you therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." It is also significant that this way of understanding Evangelism sets an immediate emphasis on doctrine. Peter's appeal arose naturally out of his doctrinal preaching.

But what is doctrine?

Doctrine, as I understand it, is nothing more or less than the content of the Christian message in the thought of our day. Paul and John are doctrinal just because they present the Gospel in this manner. To us their teaching sometimes seems archaic—the Pauline use of legal terminology and the Johannine use of the term **Logos**, the Word; but only a little study shows us that they spoke the language of their time. I am not sure that I should like to separate too sharply doctrine from theology. But the two are not quite the same. Theology is the **ordered** treatment of doctrine; it raises the more ultimate aspects of the faith and invites us to study the history of Christian thought. I do not believe that our congregations mind an occasional excursion into the realms of theology, but I am sure they will welcome expositions of doctrine—not tedious arguments, but telling testimonies about the nature of Christian truth. They want to know what the faith is, and it is the business of preachers to tell them, plainly, tersely, effectively.

Consider, first, belief in God. Why do we believe in Him? Can we tell someone who questions us in the office or workshop to-morrow? Have we any reply to the blatant atheism of our day? As preachers we are simply damp squibs unless we have definite teaching to give on this matter. It is not a question of repeating the hoary arguments of the Middle Ages, which I am far from admitting to be useless, but of explaining the compelling reasons which lead us to believe in God. I would say the same concerning the question of authority in Christian belief. We know where a Roman Catholic looks for his authority and where a Fun-

Church Members Covenant; Methodists Increase Members, Giving; Children Aided

WASHINGTON SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION GETS 35,307 PLEDGES

The Methodist Church's eight-day Spiritual Life Mission, which ended December 5 in the Washington, D. C. area, inspired a total of 35,307 persons to pledge themselves to the practice of certain "holy habits."

Though designed primarily to reclaim "inactive and indifferent church members," 1,529 new members were gained during the mission as the result of an intensive visitation program. Of this number, 934 joined the church on "profession of faith" and 595 by transfer.

With 322 churches participating, the mission was termed by **The Washington Post** as "the most ambitious Methodist undertaking since the merger of the northern and southern churches in 1939."

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., directed the mission, which he described as "a new experiment in evangelism." Favorable results of the pilot project, he said, are expected to stimulate similar regional missions across the country.

More than 400 ministers from every state were brought to Washington to team with local pastors and lay leaders of five districts in three annual conferences bordering the national capital. These are: Washington East and West districts, Baltimore Conference; Alexandria district, Virginia Conference; Washington district and the Virginia-Washington district of the Washington Conference.

In the opening address, Resident Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam keyed:

"The spiritual life is a matter of faith. A man may attend church regularly, give to philanthropic causes and carry his full share of committee work gladly; but may refuse to admit that God is relevant to all the activities of men. The forgiveness of God and the love of God cannot be experienced by a man who does not believe in God."

Each morning host and guest pastors met in Hamline Church for a "Period of Power." Speakers included Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa; Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary, General

Board of Evangelism, and Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary, writer and lecturer.

Services in the local churches were conducted by guest pastors on Sunday morning and each evening during the Mission.

Four youth rallies had an attendance of over 3,000.

Visitation teams called on prospects in their homes to encourage them to covenant to practice "holy habits."

A tabulation of covenant cards signed indicated that 23,138 pledged themselves to attend church at least once a week; 23,341 will observe Grace at meals; 14,856 will conduct or take part in family devotions; 21,726 will read the Bible and pray daily; 9,557 will tithe; 24,978 will give regularly of their income for the work of Christ; 16,294 will accept responsibility in the church; 17,311 will attend church school; 18,073 will visit "shut-ins"; 20,285 will invite others to accept Christ, and 23,290 will endeavor to "live for Christ in all relationships."

METHODISTS MEMBERS NUMBER 9,180,428

CHICAGO—Membership in The Methodist Church in the United States and its possessions now stands at 9,180,428, according to Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's statistical office here.

A year ago the membership was 9,065,727, but 1952 reports just compiled from the denomination's domestic annual conferences increased the total membership to 9,180,428. When the figure of 823,225 members overseas is added, the church membership totals 10,003,653.

Contributions for all purposes totaled \$289,791,195 during 1952—a substantial increase over the \$268,623,814 expended in 1951.

More than 83½ million dollars was spent for buildings and improvements, an increase of nearly two million over the 1951 figure. Payments on church debts totaled \$15,070,942—four million dollars more than last year's total payments on debts.

World Service and conference benevolences in the church received \$15,148,833. Giving to the Advance fund totaled \$4,137,046.

Total membership in the denomination's church schools is 6,141,284. Average attendance in Sunday schools is nearly four million.

Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service has increased to 1,694,898, a gain of 64,232 over 1951. The organization raised \$23,791,154 for support of their local churches and their missionary program around the world—more than two million dollars more than last year's giving.

CHILDREN'S HOME RECEIVES \$50,000 BEQUEST

Through the generosity of the late W. Z. Stultz, of Charlotte, the Children's Home at Winston-Salem, has received a bequest of more than \$50,000.

A trust fund set up by Mr. Stultz for his wife's benefit during her lifetime was made available for the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem and the Presbyterian Orphan's Home at Barium Springs, N. C., on an equally shared basis. The bequest to both institutions carries with it a stipulation that it is to be used in the construction of a building bearing the Stultz name.

According to official sources, Mr. Stultz, has left an additional sum to the Methodist Children's Home, and this will amount to about one fifth of his estate of more than \$1,000,000. He also left similar amounts to other church institutions in North Carolina.

BISHOP WELCH HONORED BY REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The highest civilian decoration of the Republic of Korea was conferred upon Bishop Herbert Welch, December 14.

Conducted before the television cameras of New York City's Dumont station, it is estimated that approximately a million persons witnessed the ceremony.

His Excellency, Dr. You Chan Yang, Ambassador from the Republic of Korea to the United States, made the presentation on behalf of President Syngman Rhee. Both President Rhee and Ambassador Yang are Methodists. Dr. Rhee was a delegate to the 1912 General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church and Dr. Yang, a physician, long in Hawaii, is a member of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

The decoration, known as the Republic of Korea Medal, was a recognition of the contribution made by Bishop Welch to the educational, cultural and religious life of that country during his long residence there.



NORTH CAROLINA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE WASHINGTON SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

Front row, left to right: W. K. Goodson, High Point; J. V. Early, Smithfield; M. E. Harbin, Charlotte; J. J. Shepard, Charlotte; J. C. Madison, Concord; R. D. Byrum, Murphy. Second row: C. M. Boggs, Winston-Salem; W. L. Scott, Winston-Salem; H. M. McLamb, Hamlet; H. C. Wilkison, Lexington; D. M. Nifong, Marion; and C. W. Robbins, Greensboro. Absent when picture was taken: E. H. Nease, Atlanta and O. D. Smith, Statesville. (Photo by B. B. Little).

Evangelistic Mission Planned; Church Leaders to Meet at Chattanooga Jan. 6-8

EVANGELISTIC PLANNING CONFERENCE AT ROCKY MOUNT DRAWS 350

Around 350 laymen and pastors from virtually every charge in the North Carolina Conference attended the evangelistic planning conference on December 8 at First church, Rocky Mount. Called together by Bishop Paul N. Garber, the group heard Rev. Eugene Golay of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church who is the director of the evangelistic mission for the Richmond Area outline the program which will culminate in special evangelistic services in all the charges of the Richmond Area April 19-26. Bishop Garber was in charge of the three-hour meeting which began at ten a.m. Pastors of the South Carolina Conference will assist pastors of the North Carolina Conference during this period and pastors of the North Carolina Conference will assist the South Carolina pastors May 17-24.

Conference planning committees were set up with the following chairmen: General chairman, Bishop Garber; executive chairman, Rev. V. E. Queen, Wilmington; spiritual preparation, chairman, Rev. H. K. King, New Bern; mass meeting, chairman, Rev. W. A. Cade, Raleigh; youth rally, chairman, Dr. E. L. Hillman, Durham; finance, chairman, Dr. W. C. Ball, Fayetteville; publicity and promotion, chairman, Rev. J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount; personal and assignment, chairman, Dr. F. S. Love, Elizabeth City.

Chairmen of District committees were selected as follows: Durham, H. B. Lewis, C. D. Barclift, Curtis Gatlin, W. L. Clegg and A. C. Lee; Elizabeth City, D. J. Reid, R. L. Jerome, R. T. Commander, D. L. Fouts and J. K. Ormond; Fayetteville, J. H. Miller, W. S. Potter; F. R. Dail, A. S. Parker and R. G. Dawson; New Bern, M. W. Lawrence, A. J. Hobbs, R. L. Bame,

J. A. Russell and B. D. Critcher; Raleigh, J. V. Early, J. L. Joyce, G. C. Megill, C. S. Hubbard and S. J. Starnes; Rocky Mount, T. M. Grant, L. C. Vereen, R. W. Bradshaw, Ray Bandy and C. J. Andrews; Wilmington, L. L. Parish, A. L. Thompson, K. R. Wheeler, G. W. Crutchfield and T. B. Hough.

Goal for new members in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is 200,000 during the period of evangelistic emphasis.

A free-will offering amounting to \$135.40 was received to apply on expenses of the campaign.

The bishops and district superintendents of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will meet in Chattanooga, Tenn., January 6-8 to work out pastoral assignments for the week of preaching next spring.

BISHOPS AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS TO PLAN EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM

Methodist bishops and district superintendents of nine states will meet January 6-8 in Chattanooga, Tenn., to plan a "united evangelistic campaign" to be held throughout the South in April and May.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., is general chairman of the planning conference. Seven other bishops and 136 district superintendents of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction will attend, he said, as well as several staff members of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism headquarters in Nashville.

Methodist leaders have set a goal of 200,000 new members during the evangelistic mission, to be conducted in two main phases, April 17-26 and May 15-24. "You Need Christ Now" will be the campaign slogan.

At the Chattanooga meeting plans will be made for regional leadership schools to train pastors and laymen. Bishop Short said the group also will discuss an ex-

change of ministers, mass meetings, and techniques of home visitation.

Popularly known as "walkie-talkie" campaigns because of the emphasis on organized visitation by laymen, the South-wide project will be the largest to date in the Methodist Church's current four-year series of evangelistic missions. Previous efforts have been metropolitan or state-wide.

In addition to Bishop Short, the following seven bishops will take part in the planning conference: Clare Purcell, Birmingham, Ala., president of the jurisdictional College of Bishops; Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C.; Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla.; Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; and William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.

The North Carolina delegation will be headed by Bishop Harrell and Bishop Garber. Bishop Harrell supervises the church's Western North Carolina and South Carolina conferences, and Bishop Garber's episcopal area includes the Virginia and North Carolina conferences.

Bishop Harrell is scheduled to address the group January 7. His subject will be "Call the Whole Church to Prayer." On the closing day Bishop Garber will discuss "Anniversaries that Helped to Change the World" in connection with plans for South-wide "victory rallies" on May 24.

North Carolina district superintendents scheduled to attend the planning sessions are:

North Carolina Conference—E. L. Hillman, Durham; F. S. Love, Elizabeth City; Walter C. Ball, Fayetteville; Hiram K. King, New Bern; W. A. Cade, Raleigh; J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount; and V. E. Queen, Wilmington.

Western North Carolina Conference—J. W. Fitzgerald, Asheville; Frank Jordan, Charlotte; C. W. Kirby, Gastonia; Herman F. Duncan, Greensboro; John W. Hoyle, Jr., Marion; J. C. Cornette, Salisbury; Ralph H. Taylor, Statesville; M. Teague Higgs, Thomasville; W. J. Huneycutt, Waynesville, and C. E. Rozzelle, Winston-Salem.

DUKE DIVINITY BULLETIN DEVOTES ISSUE TO SPENCES

DURHAM—The current issue of the Duke University Divinity School is dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. Hersey Everett Spence, both of whom retired from the Duke faculty this year.

Dr. Spence is believed to have been the first professor of religious education ever appointed in a Southern college, and Dr. and Mrs. Spence between them gave more than 65 years service to the Duke faculty.

The bulletin, edited from 1944 to this year by Dr. Spence, includes his Graduation Address to members of the Duke Divinity School last June, as well as formal and informal tributes to the Spences.

"We have been impressed," the new editors write, "by your genuine friendliness to all comers, by your simplicity and entire good will, and by your positive and permanent influence upon both undergraduate and Divinity School students."

To Mrs. Spence they address this tribute, "We shall remember the unstinting giving of yourself to the needs and interests of legions of your own students, and the aid and comfort you offered to those in other fields, 'beyond the call of duty.'"

The bulletin described Dr. Spence, first faculty recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award as "so versatile and lovable a personality as defies ordinary efforts at analysis and appraisal."

"Professor Spence is a stimulating and unusual preacher and public speaker, with a reputation for both humorous and serious platform and pulpit performances."



MAKE PLANS FOR EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN THE N. C. CONFERENCE

Left to right, W. J. Smith, Conference lay leader; Rev. Eugene Golay, director of the mission for the Richmond Area; Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area; Rev. V. E. Queen executive chairman of the mission; Mrs. H. I. Glass, president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. (Photo by Killebrew)

Church Extension Needs in Western North Carolina Conference; Youth Study Vocations

CONFERENCE INITIATED SPECIALS and CHURCH EXTENSION in the WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Every Advance Special has its own particular appeal. Foreign Specials support more than half our overseas missionary enterprise. Home Specials provide the means for carrying on our work in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and among numerous national and racial groups in this country. Conference Initiated Specials are for the purpose of taking care of our urgent church extension needs in the Western North Carolina Conference.

The movement of populations and the development of new communities in North Carolina make necessary a vigorous program of church extension. New churches must be built and old ones must be remodeled. Many of these will need assistance from the Conference, else they cannot build adequately to meet the responsibility and opportunities thrust upon them. The general funds of the church are grossly inadequate to meet this need.

Already churches in the Western North Carolina Conference have come to the rescue of congregations in other parts of the Conference. Who, driving through Soco Gap on the way to Cherokee, does not rejoice to see the handsome stone church the Conference has erected for the Cherokees, standing imposingly by the highway? We have rendered a like service to the church at Highlands, now nearing completion. It stands in one of the most popular summer resorts in the Western North Carolina Mountains, a worthy place of worship for the hundreds of Methodists who spend the summer there. It is hoped that both these will be finished and paid for with the aid of Specials received this year. We need to undertake similar projects in Tryon and Saluda.

Maple Springs church, Winston-Salem, stands on the edge of the new Wake Forest University campus and we must see that a worthy house of worship is erected there. There are not less than a dozen worthy projects over the Conference that need to be undergirded by Conference Initiated Specials in order that urgent building projects may be undertaken. It is good news to learn that not a few churches are being cared for by contributions on the district level.

Many of our churches have already responded to the Conference Initiated Specials appeal. It is requested that in these instances certain priority be given the cause by way of remittance. All contributions should be sent to the Conference Treasurer to be administered by the Conference Board of Missions. If our churches will send in their Conference Initiated Specials contribution within the next two months, we can begin at least one, and maybe two, new building projects by early spring. Conference Initiated Specials are invested in those places where local congregations give vigorous support to the building program.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT VOCATIONS CONFERENCE DRAWS 100

The Statesville District Christian Vocations Conference was held at First church, Hickory, the first week-end of December with nearly 100 young people and their leaders participating. An especially attractive program was provided.

Designed to help high school young people choose their life's work with a Christian conviction, the conference was opened with an inspiring message on Saturday morning by the district superintendent, Rev. Ralph Taylor. Welcome was extended by the host MYF president, Betty Anne Carroll. Miss Margaret Calbeck of Celo helped the young people to get their minds to work on the big choice of a vocation.

Most of the remaining part of the day

Saturday was consumed in fellowship, discussion groups and personal counseling. Eight discussion groups met three times each so that just as many as possible of the young people would get first hand information and assistance on at least three fields of interest. Leaders for the discussion groups included Rev. Horace McSwain, Miss Marion Craig, Rev. Robert H. Stamey, Rev. Joe Taylor, Miss Margaret Stanton, Daniel C. Wise, Miss Rosemary Fowler, Miss Martha Witherspoon, Miss Caroline Gates, Mrs. Alton Parker and Rev. Wilson Nesbitt. The host church served lunch and dinner for the guests Saturday for those who could remain for the entire conference.

The inspiring banquet speaker Saturday night and also Sunday morning was Miss Clarice Bowman, now of High Point College. Rev. Robert H. Stamey, president of Brevard College, brought the closing message Sunday morning. Large delegations came from surrounding churches on Sunday morning.

The conference was sponsored by the local Youth Fellowship and the district committee on Christian Vocations, composed of Miss Martha Witherspoon, Rev. Frank Cook, Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, Rev. J. Elwood Carroll and Miss Elizabeth Callis.

WESLEY COMMEMORATION IN BRITAIN

The Quarter-Millennial commemoration of the birth of John Wesley will be observed in the spring of 1953 by the Methodists of many nations. One of the principal events will be an Aldersgate program at Bristol, England, on May 24. This will be in the "New Room in the Horse Fair," the first and oldest Methodist building in the world, and will feature the music of the Wesleys and an address by Dr. Eric Baker, Secretary of the British Methodist Conference. It will be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company and throughout America and other lands.

Numerous American Methodists desire to visit Great Britain during the notable year of 1953, but arrangements are difficult because the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II has absorbed all travel and hotel facilities. Under the auspices of the World Methodist Council, however, a party will leave this country on April 29th and return on June 11th. Its members will attend the Bristol Commemoration, visit the numerous Methodist historical shrines, and return before the Wesley commemorative convocations which will be held here late in June and early in July.

This party will first visit Paris, Brussels, and Switzerland. Four days will be spent in London before proceeding to Bristol. The Lake District, Scotland, Epworth, Oxford, the Shakespeare Country, Stonehenge, and other famous places will be visited, including the birthplaces of the Wesleys and Asbury, Wesley's Chapel and House in London, and numerous shrines of Methodism.

Places on this tour are limited because of the travel congestion. Since all will be taken almost at once, Methodists who are interested should write immediately for information to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Secretary of the World Methodist Council, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, or to Methodist Tours, c/o Thos. Cook & Son, 587 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, New York.



Dr. B. Joseph Martin, retiring director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., congratulates Rev. D. D. Holt, new director at the recent annual meeting of the Foundation held at Greensboro College. Dr. Martin on January 1, 1953, assumes the presidency of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga. Mr. Holt has just closed a seven-year pastorate at Trinity church, Durham.

How lucky I am! Whenever I make a mistake people are sure to discover it.—Confucius

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

ATLANTIC CIRCUIT is the first mission charge to become self-supporting this year.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH on the Rougemont charge recently pounded their pastor, Rev. W. N. Walton, and family.

BEAUFORT CIRCUIT has completed a lovely new parsonage at Core Creek and the pastor, Rev. V. A. Lewis, and family, have recently moved in.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, GOLDSBORO, A. J. Hobbs, pastor, has put \$1,000 in its budget this year to place the North Carolina Christian Advocate in every church home.

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM of Washington, D. C. is serving on the committee on Religious Observance in connection with the coming inauguration of the new President.

FALLING CREEK CHURCH on the Wayne Circuit, Daniel Schores, Jr., pastor, has voted to send the North Carolina Christian Advocate to every family in the church.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL will preach at West End church, Gastonia, Sunday morning, January 11, and will dedicate the new parsonage which has recently been paid for when the congregation brought \$1,419 to the altar as the final payment. Valued at \$17,000, the new building has been occupied since last February by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Hardee, and family.

STANTONSBURG CHARGE is continuing the program of progress from week to week. Recently a new piano was purchased for the Lebanon church. On December 5 a Schulerich tower music system was installed debt-free in the Stantonburg church. The drought of last summer struck heavily in this Wilson County area, but the people of Stantonburg and vicinity have shown a sacrificial spirit in their giving.

THE ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT is planning a series of All Church institutes as follows: January 12, at Washington; January 13, at Ahoskie; January 14, at First church, Elizabeth City; January 15, at Manteo. All meetings begin at 3 p. m. and close at 9 p. m. The program in each church will consist of a brief worship service, meeting of interest groups, address on "Our Missionary and Advance Program," fellowship meal, interest groups on four commissions in local church, reports and findings and an address on "Our Evangelistic Imperative."

F. ROSS PORTER, superintendent of Duke Hospital, Durham, has been granted a leave of absence to accept a 14-month assignment as hospital administration adviser to the Mutual Security Agency mission to Formosa. Mr. Porter will work with Formosan and Nationalist Chinese hospital administrators in improving standards and quality of medical care. He will organize and direct a program coordinating medical care services between hospitals and health centers, and will act as consultant in teaching officials of Formosa the kind of equipment to buy, how to distribute professional personnel and how to use subsidiary workers. Serving as co-superintendents of Duke Hospital during Mr. Porter's absence are J. Minetree Pyne and Louis Swanson.

January is North Carolina Christian Advocate Month. Make your plans to promote the Advocate now.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Smithfield, on Sunday, December 21, received 18 new members, nine of whom came on profession of faith.

PASTORS: Put the North Carolina Christian Advocate on the mailing list for your church bulletin. The Advocate wants interesting news from local churches.

THE GASTONIA DISTRICT will have during the coming evangelistic mission Dr. Ernest Thomas of the General Board of Evangelism who will be one of the leaders of the "Periods of Power," Dr. G. Ray Jordan of Emory University who will be the speaker for the mass meeting and Dr. N. C. McPherson of St. Johns church, Memphis, Tenn., who will be the speaker for the youth rally.

DR. HAROLD F. CARR, minister of the Lakewood, Ohio, Methodist church, has been elected president of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo., one of The Methodist Church's 10 seminaries for training graduate students for the ministry. Dr. Carr will assume his new duties January 15, filling a position left vacant since the death of President Edward R. Bartlett last April.

SINCE THE INAUGURATION of the Methodist Youth Fund in 1941, Methodist youth have contributed to the fund \$3,014,506. During that period the fund has been instrumental in taking the Christian message to persons in many parts of the world. A cooperative project of the Youth Department of the Board of Education and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, the fund supports educational, medical, rural, and social-evangelistic work; community centers, preparation of leaders and Christian education programs in mission conferences.

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, SMITHFIELD, has recently restored and remodeled the parsonage which was partially burned last May. In addition to extensive repairs, a central, hot water heating system was installed. All of the furniture that could be used again has been refinished, and two new bedroom suites purchased. The work, which makes the Smithfield parsonage a modern, comfortable home, was done during the last few weeks of the recent pastorate of the late Dr. S. A. Maxwell and cost \$10,000. The job was completed in time for the new pastor, Rev. J. V. Early, and family to occupy on November 5.

BISHOP HIRAM ABIFF BOAZ, 86, of Dallas, Texas has recently been made the R. W. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, and is booked to speak for the Consistory in his home city next Maundy Thursday. Like most retired bishops, Bishop Boaz has not let his status interfere with his usefulness. Since 1938, when he retired, he has organized and led a group of Dallas businessmen who have put into the treasure of Southern Methodist University more than a million dollars for current expenses. For relaxation he swings an accurate driver sufficiently well to beat most golfers half his age.

WINGATE METHODISTS occupied their new \$25,000 educational building for the first time on Sunday, December 28.

QUEEN STREET CHURCH, KINSTON, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor, is planning to sponsor a third Methodist church in Kinston.

FIRST CHURCH, CHARLOTTE, will raise \$10,000 in mission special during the Conference year which include projects in Korea, Japan, India, Brazil and the Methodist Church at Cherokee, N. C.

FIVE NATIONAL METHODIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, given by Methodist Student Day funds, have been awarded to Emory University students, including Floyd D. Freeman, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, now serving a student pastorate at Franklin, N. C., and also attending Emory. The scholarship was made possible through Methodist Student Day offerings.

THE EDITORIAL DIVISION of the General Board of Education has announced the publication of a new leadership training text entitled **The Recreation Leader**, written by Rev. E. O. Harbin. The volume shows how to discover and develop recreation leaders in the church and community, how to base a recreation program on a wholesome philosophy of life, and how to evaluate correctly the role of recreation in character training. It contains 128 pages and sells for \$1.50.

ABERNETHY MEMORIAL CHURCH, Newton, had as guest speaker recently Miss Lorena Kelly. This marked the beginning of a stimulating study on Africa which was conducted by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Following a Thanksgiving service Sunday night, November 23rd, the pastor and family were given a very generous pounding. At the suggestion of the women of the church Santa Claus sent a beautiful \$450 refrigerator to the parsonage.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Denton, is making real progress. A Methodist Men's Club has been recently organized. The North Carolina Christian Advocate is being sent to every family. Record attendance is noted both at Church School and the regular worship services. Sunday, December 21, was designated as Building Fund Sunday and the people laid \$14,952.41 on the altar for the new building construction on which will begin next Spring providing one half of the funds are raised by that time. Rev. D. L. Stubbs, in his first year as pastor, is quite happy over the spirit of cooperation of the people and the prospects for continued achievement.

METHODIST CHURCH members in five annual conferences in South and Central America have increased by 21% and the number of Methodist ministers has increased by 41% during the past three years, it was reported to the Central Conference of Latin America, meeting recently in Santiago, Chile. These conferences cover Methodist missionary work in Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Panama, and Costa Rica. The report shows that there are 317 Methodist churches and preaching points in these countries; 206 ordained preachers and deaconesses; 260 local preachers; 18,124 church members and probationers; 267 Sunday schools, with 12,443 students.

Tribute to Rev. R. E. Brown; Youth Begin Evangelistic Emphasis; Retired Pastor Dies

MY APPRECIATION OF
ROBERT E. BROWN

By O. W. Dowd

He made a most favorable impression on me the first time I met him in a committee room at the Annual Conference at Fayetteville. I said I do not care to ask him any questions. I felt sure he would make a good minister in the North Carolina Conference.

He made religion attractive, contagious. You felt he had an experience of Christ you would like to have. The gospel he preached, he practiced. It seemed to spring up as a living fountain. The gospel he proclaimed was not in the abstract, theological, doctrinal terms, but in human relations. It carried hope, inspiration, encouragement for the lost, the least, the last. All classes heard him gladly,—the children, young people, the aged. He had a message for everyone.

Speaking of his special gifts, here is one: he knew how to make use of the commonplace events and experiences of life to illustrate the meaning of the gospel he preached. Excellent story teller, illustrator.

Another thing which gave power to his messages was his sense of rich humor; the nobility of spirit and moral earnestness. There was also a sense of mission. He was a sent man. In him in a very true sense the word again became flesh and dwelt among us, and even in man we beheld the glory of God in a radiant Christian leader.

The deeper secret of his most useful pulpit and pastoral ministry was this: St. Paul was aware of this great power: "God who said in the beginning, Let light shine out of darkness has shined into my heart to give the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." We believe the light of the Eternal shined into the heart of this faithful servant, and therein lay the secret of his power and his sense of mission. He followed the gleam and left a luminous trail.

Wherever he served as pastor, he radiated the Spirit of the Christ, manifesting the spiritual glow, the light of the eternal. He leaves behind him a gracious influence that will not soon pass away. I think of this influence as a luminous trail, an after-glow. There is a spiritual beauty in a life like this that will not pass away.

An Envious Record

He made an enviable record in all the churches he served. In every relationship in the North Carolina Conference as pastor, preacher, district superintendent, his ministry was unique and of a high order. He numbered his friends by the hundreds.

His special gift was that of evangelist. I dare say he held more revivals than any pastor of our North Carolina Conference. He could not accept all of the invitations.

He bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus. The mark that most resembled his Lord was his love. Here we found a love with large dimensions,—length, height, depth, and breadth. He could love the unlovable, was kind to the unthankful and evil, and he kept on loving to the end. He wore out his heart loving. By this shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another. This was one of his rare gifts. But it was not the only one. He had the gift of giving. He really loved to give. He gave largely of his substance, himself, his service. He might be living today if he had only said no to some of the calls for service. He



Rev. R. E. Brown

let his light so shine—to glorify God, not himself.

He was a great man of God without knowing it. He had a great capacity for friendship with no charges attached. He did a great many charitable works without any publicity. In that way he bore burdens for others. I knew him for more than a quarter of a century, and most of that time we were serving adjacent charges. I never knew him to do a small thing. He thought, lived, loved and served that way. "Have you a kindness, pass it on." That was his disposition, his nature.

He never hurt me but once, and he could not help that. That was the night he left us all in tears. He slipped away so suddenly into that house of many mansions. And we all KNOW where to find him. No. He did not want to hurt, but to help. His chief business here on earth was to help. What an inspiration he was in the pulpit, in the homes visited, in the councils of the church! So eminently useful to the end.

Followed Paul and Wesley

Our dear friend was a follower of Saint Paul and John Wesley. First, he did everything in decency and in order. You only had to see how well and up to date all his public and private records and correspondence were left. He kept the records straight. He was truly methodical in all his work. All this was but a symbol or parable of his deeper life. There again he kept the records straight and was up to date. Indeed, we can say there was nothing against him. And I believe when he appeared before the great white throne, the Judge of all the earth said: "Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The hundreds of telegrams and letters to Sister Brown bespeak the loving esteem in which he was held by those who knew him and loved him.

I remarked in the beginning of this article about my first impression in meeting this radiant young minister at night

in Hay Street Methodist Church. The last time we met was in our home on Fairview Road on Wednesday night before he passed away so suddenly on the following Thursday night. We shall meet again but not at night.

Mrs. Dowd and I went out to Montlawn Cemetery to see the beautiful flowers at the grave of our dear friend. As I turned away I said, "Goodby, till we meet again—in that land that is fairer than day, where flowers never fade, where the stars forever shine." I feel like I must be a better man for having known and loved Bob Brown.

YOUTH TO OPEN FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM WITH WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

NASHVILLE, TENN.—On New Year's Eve, in large and small churches all across America, Methodist youth will kneel together in a special watchnight service. The service will mark the opening of a four-year, church-wide youth emphasis.

Last week, from Board of Education headquarters in Nashville, Youth Department director, Harold W. Ewing issued a call to the 1,500,000 young people of Methodism to "dedicate themselves in a special midnight communion service to our common goal of winning others to Christ and to a four-year program of Christian action."

Evangelism will be the chief youth project in 1953, geared to the church's world-wide evangelistic mission. Plans also call for week-end projects during Lent and special youth rallies in connection with regional evangelistic campaigns.

The four-year youth emphasis stems from Methodism's General Conference which spotlighted youth work as a major church-wide concern for the current quadrennium. "Six million American youth are members of Protestant churches . . . but 20,000,000 belong to no church or synagogue, and left without Christian teaching, they may become the seedbed of communism, fascism, secularism, and atheism," warned the church's legislative body at its May 1952 session in San Francisco.

The emphasis is to have three major purposes: (1) To win youth to Christ, (2) to strengthen faith and (3) to improve the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Youth leaders have been careful to point out that the emphasis is not something added to the MYF program. It is the program, but with a new effort to add enthusiasm and force to the MYF through special events and materials that will highlight youth's commitment and service to the church.

REV. STEPHEN NELSON BUMGARNER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Rev. Stephen Nelson Bumgarner, 81, died on December 15 at the Wilkes General Hospital, North Wilkesboro, following a period of declining health. Funeral services were held December 16 at Friendship church near Millers Creek with Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner in charge.

Born in Wilkes County, Mr. Bumgarner served 25 years in the Western North Carolina Conference before his retirement in 1939. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Kannupp Bumgarner; three sons, Jeter Bumgarner of Millers Creek, Spencer Bumgarner of Wilkesboro and Wiley Bumgarner of North Wilkesboro, RFD 1; two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Durie of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Joe Thompson of North Wilkesboro.

Raleigh Women Hear Miss Steele; Greenville Students Aid Koreans; News from Africa

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Our Father, as we remember thy manifold grace as we have experienced it, make us more sensitive to the needs of others. Lay the burden of thy children upon our hearts, and so fill us with thy love that we may remember it is our joy always to help them and to show them an expression of thy love through us. Give us a renewed sense of our responsibility during the new year both to thy children here at home and those across the sea. And, oh, Father, give us the strength to be faithful in our stewardship! May we come into the new year conscious of thy presence always with us. Amen.

MISS STEELE AT EDENTON STREET

"So much of our days before Christmas are oriented to the secular world rather than to our faith, that we do well to stop and re-orient ourselves to our faith," Miss Lucy Steele told members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Methodist Church at a joint dinner meeting on December 8.

Miss Steele, Bible teacher at Peace College used as her subject "Good Tidings of Great Joy."

Emphasizing the birth of Jesus as the Saviour of the world, the Speaker said: "Christians see in the glory of the Christmas story the glory of God. The glory of God is a revealing light to us, and to see that glory brings to us a sense of awe and fear. That is the first step in religion. Christianity not only bows its knee in awe to God, but delights itself in the Saviour. Jesus came to save us from our sins and to save us away from our sins. We must find him afresh each Christmas."

"The good tidings are for all people. They are first made known to us that they may be made known through us. A Christian at Christmas has good news of great joy, and I urge you to share it this Christmas."

Miss Steele was introduced by Mrs. H. O. Lineberger.

Miss Carinna Sanders, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, announced that Mrs. W. Allen Kindel, Miss Lalla Betts and Mrs. R. B. Midgett would serve as the nominating committee for officers for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Daisy Green was presented a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, gift of the Mary Pescud Circle. Miss Lalla Betts gave the devotional. Edward Blanchard, accompanied by Mrs. W. D. Miller, sang "Jesu Bambino." Several Christmas carols were sung by the group. Mrs. Van Covington gave the invocation. Miss Georgia Biggs led the closing prayer.

THE BEGGARS' CHURCH

On the edge of Beppu City, a hot springs resort in the island of Kyushu, Japan, is a slum area. It is called "The Beggars' Village." The people living there are outcasts from good Japanese society. "They live in abject poverty and squalor, and their homes are made of packing boxes, oil tins, and other materials discarded by people of better stations in life," says Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, Methodist missionary leader, who recently visited the community. "But these beggars love their homes, and they love their children, and want them to have better opportunities for life than their parents have enjoyed. So they were glad when Miss Cath-

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erine Stevens, missionary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, asked them if they wanted a Sunday School and a church in their village. She said she would supply the lumber if they would build the little church. They agreed, and soon a structure ten by fourteen feet was taking form. Today 'The Beggars' Church' is the center of life of that community. Proud parents accompany their children to the Sunday School and stand outside the windows and listen as the gospel is portrayed in song and prayer and simply phrased sermonettes. Children's kimonas are just a little cleaner and faces a little brighter since the church came to the Beggars' Village."

WESLEY GROUP AT EAST CAROLINA SENT PACKAGE TO KOREA

Christmas greetings from Ewha college in Korea have been received by the Wesley Foundation at East Carolina College since that group sent packages of clothing to the students in the Korean college. A letter of appreciation and greetings of the season has been received from Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha college.

She writes: "You can believe in modern miracles when you hear of the great work carried on in Pusan, Korea, at Ewha Woman's College. Driven from their campus in Seoul in June, 1950, they are established temporarily in Pusan in tent buildings and carrying on with courage and determination in the face of every difficulty."

"During the past quarter quite a few special gifts from friends enabled 55 students to continue in school, besides helping many faculty families to tide over emergencies caused by sickness, loss of housing, and rise of living costs."

"During summer vacation 66 girls worked in 40 different localities teaching Bible, hygiene, songs and stories. Terrific needs are being met by our Ewha Healing Center, with the little with which we have to do."

MISS SALLIE LOU MacKINNON IN AFRICA

In a report of mission work being done in Africa by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, who is visiting the work there, says: "On the continent where The Methodist Church has only two schools of secondary standing, and where the Bible and normal schools are scarcely of high school rank, the development of Christian African leadership to full power must depend now to a large extent on missionaries. If we can now send enough missionaries, African leadership will increase many fold. Please present the need and opportunity to individuals and to groups of young people. "I cannot think of a useful skill that is not needed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Africa. There is not an African doctor in the Elizabethville area, and few trained nurses. Missionaries with preparation and determination to help the women and girls to learn to be Christian homemakers are a primary need. Only one conference has a missionary giving full time to the production of Christian literature. Africans can write

and translate if we have missionaries to help them learn. Kindergartens and primary school classes need African women teachers, but where are the missionaries to train the teachers and to help while they learn? Agriculturists, builders, secondary school teachers, laboratory technicians, medical-social workers, rural workers, evangelistic workers are other missionary needs. But if you know young people of ability and deep devotion whose skills are not mentioned, do not hesitate to tell them of opportunities here."

STUDY STRATEGY FOR URBAN CHURCHES

Methodist leaders from 26 American cities met in Chicago Dec. 15-16 to discuss strategy for providing a more effective ministry to urban people.

Preliminary plans were drafted for a nation-wide Convocation on Urban Life to be held early in 1954. Exact time and place of the meeting will be announced after clearance with the Council of Bishops, which will issue the call to the convocation.

Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary of the church's division of national missions, reported that The Methodist Church is receiving more than 2,000 new members a day.

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Reynolds Building Opened; Children Show Varied Clothing Tastes; News from Ramseur

CHRISTMAS MORNING

This is Christmas morning. Our family is immensely happy. Even the weather man seems to be co-operating with the desires of our boys and girls. Following a late breakfast the youngsters are displaying with much pleasure and satisfaction the Christmas commodities that have come in their possession. At this particular time, a little over an hour before the Christmas dinners are to be served in our dining rooms, some message must get started for appearing in the Advocate next week. While most of the family is celebrating, a few are still busy trying to catch up with the ongoing of things.

SANTA CLAUS TIME

For over a month we have been in consultation with our friends throughout the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference in an endeavor to guide them in their sharing with our big family. As has been stated from time to time, all our youngsters have sponsors, meaning that a given amount of financial help is forwarded to The Children's Home for securing wearing apparel for the youngster sponsored by a given group. In addition to this clothing sponsorship, most of the sponsors have forwarded something to the sponsored child tending to make him or her greatly enjoy the possession of it. So the packages have been coming in, duly recorded and then placed in storage for distribution around the cottage Christmas trees. Forty of our older boys and girls served well last night as Santa Clauses. All about over the place the youngsters delivered packages, everything being kept in such shape as to be duly recorded with no losses in mind.

PRE-SCHOOLERS

After six months of renovating and added construction we have been enabled to open the W. N. Reynolds Building, better known to us as the baby cottage. This building, all too small for the service it was rendering, continued to be an interest of Mr. Reynolds and sometime before his death he provided \$50,000 for its enlargement and renovation. The building now provides for ample indoor play facilities, a kindergarten room, a kitchen and dining room and ample dormitory facilities, with all conveniences so arranged as to accommodate very young children. Our Reynolds Building is providing for the welfare of our pre-schoolers in a very fine way.

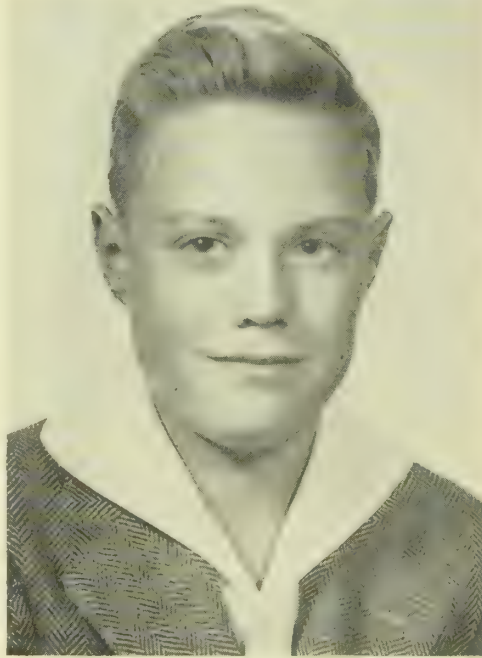
THOSE OVERCOATS

Pursuant to a visit of one of our boys at Thanksgiving time with his sponsors, the question arose as to whether the lad could bring back with him to The Children's Home an overcoat. When an overcoat was offered the boy, he replied that the boys do not wear overcoats here at The Children's Home and he would probably feel conspicuous and probably embarrassed. This information caused some comment on the part of the good women sponsoring the lad and they made inquiry as to whether their particular lad could have an overcoat. Of course, we agreed to that, since it would serve well in cold weather. At the same time, we reminded ourselves that our boys for some twenty years had not been wearing overcoats, preferring to have jerseys, jackets, sweaters and the like. When the boy received his overcoat evidently a smoldering desire for such wearing apparel burst out with

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Jerry Only Laughs When It's Funny

a number of boys. There being no ban on overcoats except inability to buy, through inquiry with friends overcoats appeared in goodly numbers. Now we have some boys wearing overcoats in warm weather and other boys going to school in their shirt sleeves in cold weather. This is one of the ways early adolescents can function.

BOYS' BLUE JEANS

Our youngsters have a given quota of wearing apparel. Certain garments are for use on Sunday, others for school through the week and still other garments are provided for work days, all of this arrangement being so catalogued as to assure every youngster of sufficient clothing for his needs. In recent months we have noted that our boys have preferred to wear blue jeans rather than the more dressy school apparel. It seemed not to matter to the boys whether the blue jeans had stopped being blue and turned into various faded colors. The boys voted to wear blue jeans, it not being a matter of concern to them as to whether they are faded, or patched or turned up at the bottom.

BOBBY SOCKS

While The Children's Home furnishes an ample amount of clothing for youngsters here with us, it is not our policy to provide for clothing fads. Since the youngsters are provided with a given amount of money through our honorarium system, they are privileged to buy some commodities as is pleasing to them. Bobby socks have been with us for several years. We have noted that sometimes the girls

want the socks so fixed around the ankles as to cause a good deal of displaying attraction. More recently the girls seem to have discarded the bulge in order to pull the socks farther above the shoes, thus providing a fad that he girls seem to be anxious to associate with. This matter of "Keeping up with Lizzie" seems to start at a rather early age.

TOM'S COLOR SCHEME

During our effort at giving some information as to type of clothing our teenagers wear, notice has been made that thirteen-year-old Tommy is walking down the road with brilliant red trousers and a deep colored yellow windbreaker. Tom is out on display. This being Christmas day, we have the feeling that Tom should use a bit of his peacock desire for some strutting. It may be that later we can have a discussion with Tom so as to help him decide on what to wear for personal display. Tommy is full of color today.

JERRY'S PICTURE

The picture herewith presented is that of Jerry Carter, thirteen years old and in the sixth grade. Jerry has grown a bit faster in size than he has in his school rating, though it must be remembered that prior to coming to The Children's Home his opportunity for going to school was interfered with quite a bit. Young Greer is strong in physique, decided in his preferences and assuring to us and to himself that he has a good deal of dependability. Jerry is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Martin's Chapel, on the Newdale charge, Mrs. Flora B Robinson being the correspondent.

RAMSEUR FRIENDS

On a number of occasions we have been asked as to whether the reduced askings for The Children's Home will work a hardship on our family's welfare. Our usual answer to this inquiry is that we have every cause to believe that our friends will look after the actual needs of our big family. In this regard we call attention to what our Ramseur friends have recently done, Ramseur being one of the two congregations on the Ramseur-Franklinville charge. T. Edward Parks, secretary-treasurer of the Ramseur Sunday School, writes as follows: "Enclosed find check for \$505.50 from our Sunday school, this covering the total amount of our Annual Work Day Offering for our Children's Home. As has been our church custom for many years, we desire that this Thanksgiving offering be applied on our allotment of \$314 for this conference year. This shows up a surplus payment of \$191.50 to which has been, and will continue to be, added the amount of our fifth Sunday and class sponsored offerings."

It will be remembered that the Ramseur-Franklinville friends have for many years been very liberal in their support of our big family, year after year leading all the other pastoral charges in the percentage of payment on The Children's Home askings.

THE INFIRMARY REPORT

While the overwhelming majority of our boys and girls are out enjoying this beautiful Christmas day in their display of gifts that have come to them, a visit has been made to our infirmary where ten little youngsters are enjoying their display of Santa Claus contributions on the clean spreads that have been provided for them. In no instance is any little youngster very sick except one girl, who had to be taken over to the nearby hospital for needed treatment. So our family is not only happy but is healthy, and this Christmas day becomes very meaningful to all of us.

What Are the Roots of Character?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Matthew 15:1-11, 18-20

At first sight a part of our lesson seems far removed from any practical situation of our own day, for men do not now regard it important to have their hands ceremonially cleansed before eating, but as is the case with the other teachings of the great Master, we find on deeper thought that the principle underlying the words of Jesus apply to our immediate problems. A great many people today would, for instance, be more shocked if a guest violated some rule of table etiquette than they would be if he gossiped uncharitably about the neighbors. But the rules of table etiquette are often quite artificial, while sneering at the neighbors is fundamentally unchristian.

To live a genuinely Christian life requires a passionate concentration on the central requirements of loving God with all our hearts, and our neighbor as ourselves; and any stress on the conventional proprieties that keeps us from enthusiastic and whole-hearted devotion to carrying out the law of love is immoral. We would have no patience with a doctor when we called him to attend a patient in danger of bleeding to death, if he stopped to shine his shoes before coming, and if he were also to take time to shave that would be unforgivable.

Paul's great chapter (1 Corinthians 13) beginning with the words, Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass and a clanging cymbal, is a suggestive commentary on our lesson, for it tells how a man may be impressively religious and yet not at all helpful to his fellow men. Jesus was so strongly opposed to putting stress on nonessentials that he risked his life to oppose it. When he called the people together and said, Hear and understand, not what goes into a man's mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of a man's mouth, that defiles a man. These words so outraged the Pharisees that they gave great momentum to the movement that led to his crucifixion. But unless he had taken that position Christianity could never have become a world religion.

Jesus reinforced the words of the wise man: Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. How are we to keep our hearts? The answer is, We are to keep looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2); and especially to keep reminding ourselves of his supreme sacrifice for us. We are to expect him creatively and continually to purify us and to give us such zeal in his service that we will have no time for trifling side issues. One way is to live adventurously. A Christian who faces opposition in the service of Christ is, by the presence of danger, impelled to lay aside religious performances that have no meaning in the Master's service. Christian soldiers marching into a moral battle are not in the mood for religious chewing gum.

One great safeguard to keep us from foolish foibles is to relate ourselves as closely as possible to the whole brotherhood, and to keep aware of all their needs. Every additional sympathetic contact with a brother man tends to vitalize us, and the answering love that our sympathy draws out will also stimulate us to fullness of life. And especially will we be shamed out of religious foibles and impelled to

strive for great things if we contrive to get into fellowship with men and women who conspicuously embody the vital power and enthusiasm which Jesus came to impart. When a man at the command of Jesus embarks on some enterprise which he well knows he cannot accomplish without the power of Christ, he is strongly impelled to live a life of such constant and believing prayer that all trifling and all hypocrisies are pasteurized out of him.

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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

BLOCKS

By Louise B. Ferguson

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

"I don't know what to do," said a small boy to his grandmother.

"Well, why don't you play with your blocks?" she asked.

"Oh! Mom said she was tired of cleaning around them—'Such a litter,' she complained. So she put them all up in the attic somewhere."

"Oh, that's too bad, but perhaps I can do something about it," consoled his grandmother. "How about putting them in my study? I could fix a place for them by arranging some small wooden boxes. The boxes could be placed on their sides against the wall for a building surface and you could use the lower parts to store extra blocks and their boxes. In that way you could keep them all off the floor and, what is best of all, your buildings could stay up as long as you liked. Then you could add to them or reconstruct them."

This was a very interesting idea to Peter.

Three wooden boxes, each about 10"x16", were found. Two of them were placed on their sides, one on top of the other. The third box was also placed on its side and against the first two. Together they occupied a space of about 10"x32" and the higher of the two levels was 20".

It didn't take Peter long to start his block-building, and he never seemed to tire of thinking up new forms of construction. He would often erect his building on the single box, bringing it to the upper level of the other two boxes and then finishing it with a square pegboard, having a row of pegs on one side for a fence. Then, when more pretentious projects were in order, a larger board, a drawing board, was sometimes added. Eventually the blocks most used were the cubes, bricks, triangles, and pillars of the Froebel "gifts," because they were so very accurate in measurements, lending themselves to truly wonderful constructions. The larger log-cabin sets, of course, could not be used in such a small space; they require a whole room, temporarily, for construction purposes.

In the beginning Peter liked to follow plans suggested to him, but later, when he became more expert, he drew plans of his own buildings on checkered paper—not only floor plans but elevations, too. He would take pleasure in building over and over again from his own plans. The only restriction placed on his activities was that **no blocks must be left on the floor**. As there was plenty of room in the open parts of the boxes for all unused blocks, this was no hardship, and Peter enjoyed feeling the security and durability of his creation.

His grandmother has never regretted devoting that space in her study to her grandson's block-building. It not only solved the disorder problem for his mother and was a constant source of amusement for Peter, but it gave his grandmother the enjoyment of many precious hours of his society. During his very frequent, quiet visits she had, also, the opportunity of watching the steady growth of his creative ability, which had taken

place because of the permanence of this building space.

Peter is now thirteen years old and has gone away to prep school. Before leaving, he said to her, "Shall I put away all the blocks or shall I leave a building for you?"

"Leave it," she answered quickly.

So now she still has one of his beautiful constructions to delight in as she reads or listens to his letters and so follows with confidence his further development.

WHEN WORDS GO UP

By Dolly Ann Morgan

Sometimes when my mother speaks to me Her words go up—and up.

That is the way she talked to me

When I broke her china cup.

I did not mean to let it fall;

It just slipped from my hand.

I hurt inside, more than she did,

My heart a tight, tight band,

While she was saying, "Linda Lou,

Why did you break my china cup?"

Does Mother know just how I feel

When her words go up—and up?

—Biblical Recorder

PUSAN NEEDS CLOTHING, FOOD, MEDICINES

The city of Pusan is reported to be the busiest place in all Korea today, and the Christian Social Center is said to be the busiest spot in that city. For this refugee city is filled with strangers from the North, with hungry and sick people, with orphaned children, with jobless and homeless thousands, and without enough food to go around. And from the Christian Center a small group of people are doing their best to minister to the needy.

"Wherever we go in Pusan, countless numbers of children seem to spring out of nowhere as do the hop-toads after a warm summer shower," says Miss Mollie E. Townsend, R. N., serving at the Center.

"The stream of callers seeking relief requires much of our time and tends to disturb the educational and character-building program at this Center where we are already too crowded. Here we have no storeroom, attic or basement. We have to use the office for a classroom, leaving us only the hallway, in which to receive guests, interview people, and fit them out with clothing. So Miss Kang and I are looking for a place, a room close by one of the refugee areas, where we can store our relief goods, serve the many who seek us out for help, and go out to the more helpless ones who would come to us but know not how or where. **Please be assured that we shall do the best we can to get the material aid, the clothing and supplies you send out, to people in immediate and urgent need.**"

Parcels of clothing and supplies intended for the Pusan Christian Social Center, if weighing not over 22 lbs., should be sent to Dr. Charles A. Sauer or Miss Mollie E. Townsend, c/o Methodist Mission, P. O. Box 112, Pusan, Korea. This is international parcel post and cost 14 cents per pound. For larger shipments, send the bundles and packages to the nearest Church World Service Center (New York City; Windsor, Md.; Oakland, Cal.; or St. Louis, Mo.) with a separate mailing of from 8 cents to 10 cents per pound for overseas shipping charges. Church World Service is the agency used by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief for such shipments. **Money** for food and medicines should be sent through MCOR at 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

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J. B. KNOX MAKES FIRST DONATION TO BISHOP GARBER'S CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

At the session of our North Carolina Annual Conference at Burlington I stated that I knew our laymen would support and underwrite by their gifts a new era of church extension in our North Carolina Conference. The growing and changing population of Eastern North Carolina demands that we start many new congregations and erect many new sanctuaries of worship if we Methodists are to render our true service within the bounds of our North Carolina Conference.

The Annual Conference endorsed the church extension plan and our goal is to secure 500 laymen and lay women who will contribute \$100 during this Conference year for church extension.

I am happy to report that the first donation to the church extension fund has been made even before the literature has been sent to our laymen. Our good pastor at Saxapahaw, Brother J. C. P. Brown, told one of his laymen, Brother J. B. Knox, of the great need of church extension, and Brother Knox immediately sent his gift. He becomes the first of 500 laymen and lay women who will during the next few months provide the sum of \$50,000 for use during this year in securing new sites and in the starting of new sanctuaries of worship. I deeply appreciate the gift made by Brother Knox and I know that hundreds of other good laymen will join him in making possible the new era of church extension in our beloved Methodism within the North Carolina Conference.

Paul N. Garber

WHICKER TO BE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AT HIGH POINT COLLEGE

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the release of Rev. G. H. Whicker as pastor of Jenkins Memorial church, Raleigh, to become promotional secretary of High Point College. Rev. Harmon Lee Smith, Jr., a student in the Divinity School of Duke University, has been appointed supply pastor of Jenkins Memorial. These appointments are to become effective January 5, 1953.

W. A. Cade, D. S.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Harrell and myself have been recipients of hundreds of Christmas cards, and among them a large number from friends, both clerical and lay, in the Western North Carolina Conference. It is quite impossible for us to acknowledge each one individually. Through the pages of the Advocate, however, we say to our many friends that we deeply appreciate the Christmas cheer which their thought of us has brought to our hearts.

COSTEN J. HARRELL

OUR READERS SAY . . .

(Continued from page two)

the many friends for the numerous acts of kindness during the past weeks. The cards, flowers, gifts, thoughts and prayers have been a source of comfort and strength to us.

The work of the church had been carried on admirably by the renewed loyalty of the lay members and by the volunteer-

ed assistance of the Rockingham County Methodist Ministerial Association. At the regular meeting, the group adopted a schedule and by rotation they are filling my pulpit. This fine Christian gesture not only touched my heart, but the entire church has been moved by this brotherly deed.

Upon my return home, the members and friends of the First Methodist Church of Draper presented us with a Television set for inspiration and enjoyment during my "shut-in" days. The kind thought behind this deed is deeply appreciated.

Last but not least, I wish to thank the entire staff of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital for their many kindnesses. Dr. Hiatt is doing a fine work there. Dr. Taylor, who had charge of my case there, is a fine Christian doctor and was a source of inspiration and courage to me. The hospital is well organized with everyone doing a fine Christian service. We ministers as well as laymen should rally to the support of our hospital as it is a worthy institution.

Draper

C. O. Plyler

THE NEW REVISED VERSION

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the fine editorial "Critics Win Friends For New Translation of the Bible." It is quite timely and will help many persons who have been disturbed by such newspaper accounts as that concerning Rev. M. L. Hux.

Gastonia

J. H. Carper

Dear Editor:

Reading the editorial of Dec. 4, 1952, it looks like some think Mr. Hux has taken the wrong road on the new Standard Revised Version.

I would like to say that I do not want to burn any Bible, but I do challenge the accuracy of this new Revised Bible.

The context demands the young woman, a sign from God which is promised in this verse must be a miracle or it is no sign.

For a young woman to conceive is natural; for a virgin to conceive is a miracle.

The seventy Jewish scholars who translated the Septuagint (the old Greek) nearly three centuries before Christ knowing perfectly both languages, rendered the Hebrew Word *Alerah* in Isaiah 7:14 by the Greek word *Parthenos* which means virgin.

Matthew, a scholar of Hebrew and Greek, and more important, inspired by the Holy Spirit to say just what is infalli-

bly correct, quoted Isaiah 7:14 in Matthew 1:23 and translated *Alerah* by the Greek word *Parthenos* which means virgin. Even the new version can not get around this fact.

What is the real reason for this change other than modernism? Where did the scholars get the word "young woman" instead of "virgin?"

I wonder if those modern scholars have put any foundation on this fact. If you can get this information, please answer it in the Advocate so many confused people will be helped by the facts.

Star Route

Van Wood

Roanoke Rapids

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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of other races and beliefs around us, and join the creators of good will.

Herod's was a method of paternalism. He did many things for the people of Palestine. He rebuilt several of their cities, he erected great amphitheaters for their games, he developed their defenses. So much did he do that he won the title Herod the Great. But he did all that he did in a spirit of paternalism and condescension. He was a despot doing things FOR people and not a partner doing things WITH them.

We remember how a Mussolini whipped a chaotic nation into working shape. He MADE trains run on time. He MADE the wheels of industry click. But did he make MEN by such dominating methods? That is the basic question.

Let us not be beguiled by the bullying "strong man" theory of government. The Herods and Caesars and Hitlers did not develop vigorous characters among their followers. But Christ does. He puts responsibility on men until they rise to it. He developed MEN.

I send you my New Year's Greetings from the capital of India. In the Orient, as in America, it is the character of men which will determine the trends of 1953. (Copyright 1952, General Features Corp.)

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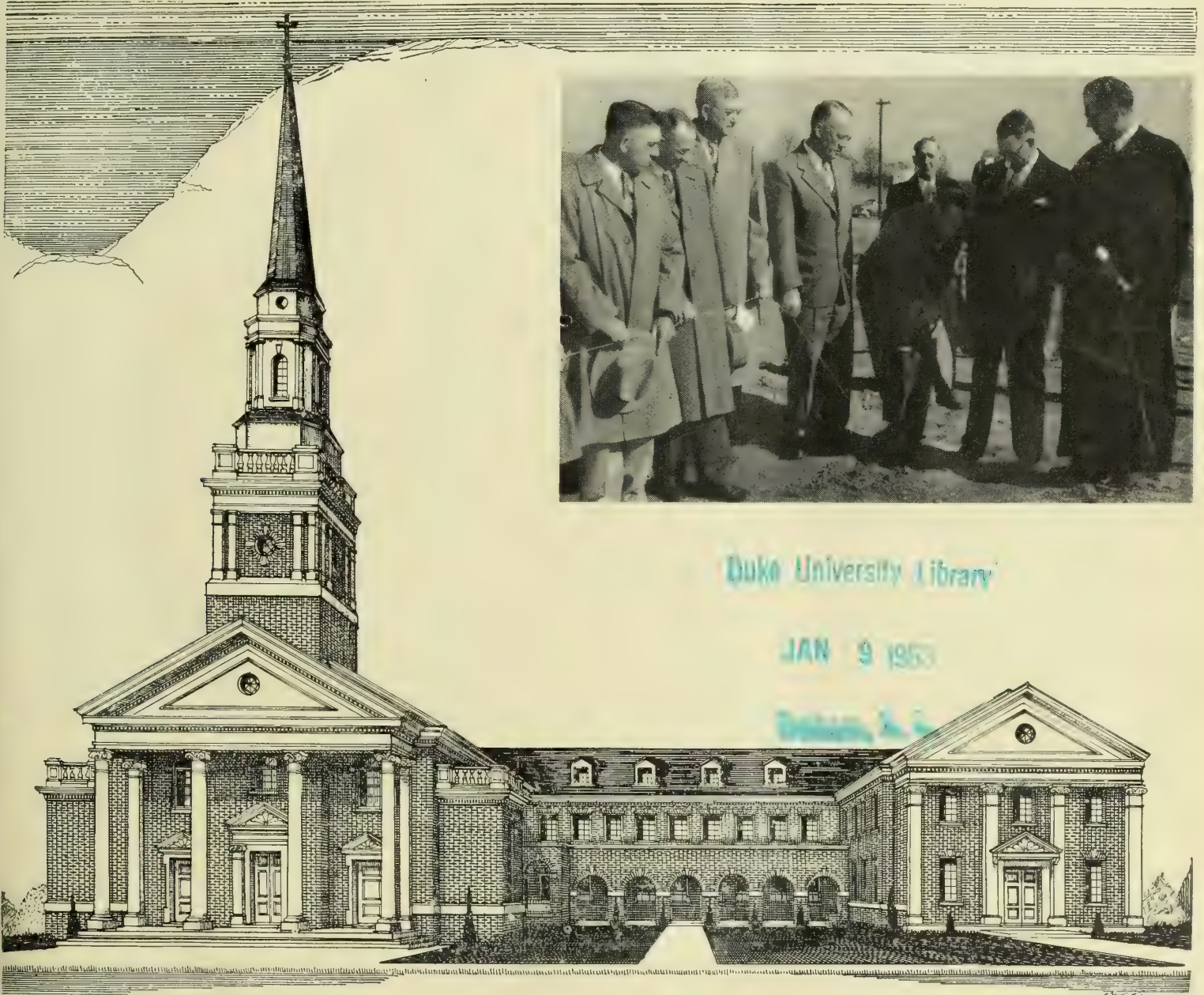
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KANNAPOLIS CONGREGATION BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON NEW CHURCH EDIFICE

The congregation of Trinity church, Kannapolis, began construction recently on their new \$400,000 church building. Impressive ground-breaking services which drew 500 were held to launch the construction program. Plans call for a sanctuary seating 750, an air-conditioned chapel, an educational building accommodating 1,200, and other facilities. Linthicum and Linthicum of Raleigh are the architects. In ground-breaking ceremony shown above are: Left to right, Clyde Goodman, Leon Smith, S. S. McCoy, J. L. Smith, J. Carlyle Rutledge, chairman of building committee; M. M. Payne and Rev. J. G. Winkler, pastor. In the background is J. I. Williams, superintendent of construction. Members of the executive board of the building committee are Messrs. Rutledge, Payne, W. J. Bullock, R. M. Cochran, W. W. Hartsell, and Clarence Davis.

A Thought for the Week

IN THESE THREE GO FORWARD

And the Lord said unto Moses, "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Exodus 14:15.

God spoke these words to Moses at a critical period in Israel's life. The Israelites were on their way to the Promised Land. They were facing great obstacles and testings. Many wanted to return to Egypt where they had been in bondage 400 years. Their faith was faltering. For multitudes the backward look seemed to offer more than the forward look. In that dark hour God spoke, urging the people to go forward.

In some respects, God's people stand at the crossroads today. Some of us are afraid; others are dismayed. But God is calling upon us to go forward. There are three areas particularly in which Methodists in North Carolina need to go forward this year.

We need to go forward, first, in our personal spiritual living. Many of us lack sufficient interior resources to meet the terrific problems and responsibilities that lie before us. We can never win against the enemies that face us daily until we lay hold of deep spiritual resources. As means to spritual growth let us follow these simple rules during the months ahead: Let us go to church regularly, read the Bible daily, practice personal and family devotions each day and pray often. Follow these, and we shall discover the power to meet any problem or responsibility that confronts us.

Again, we need to go forward in our practice of stewardship. Too much of our giving is done spasmodically, intermittently, when we are cornered. We need to realize that all of our material treasure is a trust from God, to be used not only for ourselves but for God's glory and for the extension of his Kingdom. We do not really begin to experience the joy of giving until we learn to lay aside a portion, and the tenth is a minimum standard, to be used exclusively for God's work. To pledge to the church liberally and to meet that pledge regularly and systematically will bring satisfaction and genuine joy which we could not otherwise experience. How we need to go forward in our sense of stewardship!

Finally, we need to go forward in our witnessing. Our church is preparing for a great evangelistic mission. We are about to engage in the work that lies nearest to the heart of Christ—telling others the good news of the Gospel. There are many about us who need to hear this story. Prepare your own mind and heart for it. Volunteer to be a Christian witness not only during the mission, but throughout the year. The field is white unto harvest. Join the thousands who will go out to win the lost to Christ. What a joy it will bring to our hearts! What a glorious day it will be for Methodism!

O God, at the outset of this new year we do want to go forward. We want to go forward in our spiritual living, in our stewardship and in our witnessing. Open the way for us. Use us mightily in the months ahead. Make us a blessing to thee and to thy church—this year and always. Amen.

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME

While the year is yet young, may I ask each of you to say silently to God something which the Psalmist said? It is this: "My times are in thy hand."

At the turn of the year we are especially conscious of time. Of course, we modern Americans seem always to be time-conscious. Our eyes are ever on the clock. We strive strenuously to figure out time-saving devices. Whatever our hand findeth to do, we keep looking at our wrists to see how long it takes to do it.

Yet fussily conscious as we are of time-schedules, we are not all so aware of time-sequence. We count the minutes and the hours, but we do not always stop to figure out what they are adding up to.

I do not know how many of you keep a diary. It is one of the good habits which I do not have. But the mere keeping of a diary does not matter so much as the nature of it. It aids the memory to register a daily list of the things we do, the places we visit, the people we see. Do we put down some of our reflections on the things that happen? That is the way to keep a real diary which registers our growth through the years.

Some time ago a man wrote his autobiography. A critic in appraising it said, "He has faithfully rendered his emotions without collecting his thought." Just to jump from engagement to engagement without stopping to reflect tends to beget a "busy-ness" without real effectiveness.

The late Glenn Frank once described a futile flustered busybody in these words: "Like a turnstile, he is in everybody's way, but stops nobody; he talks a great deal, but says little; looks into everything but sees nothing; and has a hundred irons in the fire, but very few of them are hot, and with these few that are, he burns his fingers."

Well, the Psalmist was not harried by our hurried schedules. He carried no wrist watch, and, I venture to believe, kept no engagement book. He measured the passing of the hours by the shadows on the eternal hills. But he had patience to reflect on what his days and years were adding up to. And he looked up to God with this conclusion: "My times are in thy hand."

Elsewhere the Psalmist said, "We spend our years as a tale that is told." But life is a story with a plot and a purpose and not a "tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." In a sense each of our lives seems a mystery story. Look at what and where you are now and ask yourself whether twenty years ago you could have foreseen such an outcome.

Yes, there is mystery in our lives but our life-story is not as mysterious as one of a recent thriller, which described as having its plot so well concealed that even the author did not discover until the last page who committed the murder. Not so with the mystery of your life and mine. The Divine Author knows how we are going to turn out, he knows what we shall be doing at the end of 1953. But God's foreknowledge, in my opinion at least, does not foreshorten our freedom. God has to leave us free of will so that we can grow up into manhood.

The development of each individual depends on how well he gears his on-going

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Our Readers Say . . .

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in the Advocate to say a hearty **Thank You** to my many, many friends in North Carolina for the great number of "Get Well" cards and Christmas messages which have come to me during the last three weeks. The messages were cheering and comforting. It is always so good to know that somebody cares.

On November 29 my doctor rushed me to a hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful, and I was in the hospital for eleven days, and have now been at home a little over two weeks. In the meantime, dozens of cards with expressions of sympathy and good will have come to cheer me on the way. I would be delighted to answer every one of them personally, but I haven't the strength for it this time. So I am taking this means to reach just as many as possible to let you know that I do greatly appreciate your thought of me.

I am slowly improving and hope to be my normal self soon.

May the dear Lord bless and keep each one of you close folded in His love, and may peace and joy be yours during the New Year.

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A. G. Dixon

THERE IS A BETTER WAY

O, give unto our world this year,

If possible, dear God, Thy peace!

That we may live by faith—not fear;

That warfare everywhere may cease;

Let building be our worthy aim—

Not tearing down what men have wrought

Through time, to glorify Thy name:

What foolish waste our sins have brought!

There is a better way to live

Than that of greed, and waste, and hate:

O, give to us, dear Father, give

The attitudes that make men great!

Give us unselfish aim and love;

Help us to find a brighter day:

So dark our path, O God, above—

Unless we turn and go thy way!

—Ernest C. Durham

Raleigh

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"These Comprise My Real Possessions"

North Carolina Methodists were well acquainted with the many benefactions of James A. Gray who died unexpectedly on October 29, 1952, at his home in Winston-Salem. Every Methodist cause in this State greatly benefitted by his generosity. Moreover, his liberality went far beyond the borders of North Carolina to aid and to bless Methodism's far-flung benevolent enterprises.

But there was one side of Mr. Gray's life about which many of us did not know but which was made clear in his Will. Here are his own words:

I desire to testify and give thanks for the goodness of God, who has blessed me far beyond my merit; for the constant devotion of my wife; the steadfast loyalty of my family; the rich fellowship of my friends; the stalwart cooperation of those with whom I have associated in business; the strength for daily toil; the joy of living; the beauty of the world; the inexpressible reward of striving, even in a most imperfect way, to follow Christ; and the glorious certainty of life eternal and abundant—these comprise my real possessions.

Those who were privileged to know Mr. Gray intimately realize that these words reveal, as far as words can, the real James A. Gray. Rich with material blessings, he was far richer in spiritual blessings which made him a blessing to all who associated with him. It is not easy in our day for any man, rich or poor in this world's goods, to possess such keen spiritual discernment, to have such a clear sense of values and to be so humbly grateful. But those who do are rich indeed.

Teamwork Applies to Church Work, Too

Jesse Burditt, Jr., football coach and church school teacher in Hamlin, Texas, states in the *Texas Christian Advocate* that teamwork, whether it be on the gridiron or in the church, is the secret of success. On the football team, he says, one or two men cannot play the game. "Every man is important. This is true in the church," he continues. "The preacher has a responsibility. So do the teachers, the ushers, the choir director, the organist, and others. You have a responsibility in your church, too . . . Every member is important and as we accept our responsibilities, our church will move forward to victory."

Well said, Coach Burditt! Each member of the church should be on the team. We should make each one feel—from the smallest child to the oldest person—that he belongs on the church team. There is nothing that helps us so much

as the assurance that we are important. In this year of evangelism, in this year of increased activity, everybody is needed on the church team. Be sure to make each feel he is on the team.

Every church possesses a vast reservoir of unused talent. So often we call on just a few—the willing, those who are already in the center of the church's life. We need them, to be sure. But we need others who are not now on the team. Find out who they are. Seek them out—the disgruntled, the lazy, the idle, the disinterested. They constitute a great potential. Challenge them. Use them. And the church can go forward with mighty strides.

Uncle Sam Makes Church Giving Easy

Religious News Service recently released some information concerning gifts to religious, charitable and educational institutions which tax-payers can well afford to ponder. Although this information comes to late for most of us in 1952, it is good to have early in 1953 which, at this time, seems bright with economic promise. To begin with, taxpayers can continue to give 20% of their 1953 adjusted gross income to the causes listed above and deduct it from their income in computing their Federal tax. But even better, RNS has figured just how much it costs to contribute to your church or charity on taxable income ranging from \$1,500 upward. Here is the way it works out:

Taxable Income	Cost Per Dollar
\$ 1,500 or less	78c
2,500	75c
5,000	71c
10,000	62c
20,000	41c
30,000	34c
50,000	25c
100,000	12c
200,000	9c
Over 200,000	8c

Corporations are permitted to deduct from corporate income tax returns up to 5% of their net income. Under certain circumstances, corporations may deduct payments made up to March 15, 1953, from their 1952 returns.

We urge every church member to consider seriously the good causes supported by the church—church-related colleges, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged, church extension, missions, temperance, evangelism, world peace, conference claimants, ministerial training, and dozens of other good causes. These causes meet a basic need in society. They are helping to build a Christian world. Their success means the preser-

vation of those things we hold dear. They assure the future of our country. Their continuation makes it certain that government will not have to step in and take from us educational and humanitarian work that rightly belongs to the church. Their continuation is good assurance that we shall continue to be able to earn in a free society.

If the church and its institutions are to continue to do creditable work in all of these fields they must have more adequate financial support. So at the outset of 1953 plan to invest as liberally as possible in the church throughout the year. The government is encouraging us to do just this. Save the figures listed in the table above. They can serve as a guide to increased liberality and thus to increased personal blessings. Best of all, they can show us how we can invest our dollars to yield the largest returns.

Find the Cure for Our Ills in the Church

The *Catholic Digest* has recently released some statistics which may explain to a large degree the tragic plight we are in—why there is so much crime and juvenile delinquency, why there are so many divorces, why there is so much drunkenness in our midst, why there is so much corruption all about us and why the specter of war hangs over us like a terrifying Frankenstein monster. Here are the statistics: 35,000,000 adult Americans never go to church; 38,000,000 go only occasionally; 35,000,000 go to church every week.

Among adult Protestants only 25% attend church regularly; 32% never go; 43% only attend occasionally. Only 12% of those professing the Jewish faith go regularly; 56% never go at all; and the remaining 32% go occasionally.

Church attendance among Roman Catholics, according to the poll made by the *Digest*, is better. Attending regularly are 62%; never attending are 18%; and the remaining 20% attend irregularly.

Interestingly, 33% of the women go to church regularly, compared with only 29% of the men. Young people between the ages of 18 and 24, 34% of whom go regularly, have little better average.

There is, we are persuaded, a striking parallel between church-going and holy living. No person can long neglect his church attendance without suffering morally and spiritually. On the other hand, no one can stay close to the church without being better. America has no ills for which a cure cannot be found in our churches. No individual has a problem for which a solution cannot be found in a house of worship.

THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

A NEW EVANGELISTIC OPPORTUNITY

Local church evangelism now has a new opportunity to go forward at a greater pace than ever before with the aid of the local church Commission on Membership and Evangelism which was formed as a permanent commission by the General Conference.

Commenting on the possibilities of the work which this commission may accomplish for the church, Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville Area said: "If the evangelistic program in any local church is to be successful, there must be a well-organized group of carefully selected persons who will major on this task. The various tasks to be accomplished in any church are accomplished only as some dedicated souls major on them. Hence arises the great importance of an active commission on membership and evangelism in the local church to keep the congregation conscious of its evangelistic task, to plan and execute a continuing, well-functioning program of evangelism, and to cultivate methodically the spiritual life of the membership of the church.

"Moreover, the Commission on Membership and Evangelism is of tremendous significance, not only to the local church but to the church at large. The Methodist Church today has a challenging, carefully planned, workable program of evangelism. It can reach the local church with this program most effectively where it has the full cooperation of an evangelistic pastor and a live, functioning commission on membership and evangelism."

Dr. Ernest M. Dycus, superintendent of the East St. Louis District of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference, who has been actively interested in the work of the Commission said, "The Commission on Membership and Evangelism, as set up by the General Conference, is loaded with dynamite. Truly, the sky is the limit as to what can be accomplished, depending on the attitude of the Commission itself."

Dr. Dycus then quoted one lay leader, who, after receiving the challenge at a Sub-District meeting on the duties of the Commission, said to his local quarterly conference, "We laymen have not been doing our job. You will hear from me from now on."

Continuing, Dr. Dycus said, "This commission can be of great service in keeping church rolls in perfect condition. It can greatly undergird the program of evangelism in the local church, and assist the pastor, but should not run before him, especially if he is aggressive. I'm depending on the commissions in the local church to assist me in promoting new members in my rapidly growing areas."

At West End Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, where the Commission is functioning in a very positive manner, Dr. James W. Henley has this to say: "We are definitely committed to the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. We, at West End church, believe that it offers us an instrument for better service than we have yet been able to perform. Our Commission is organized, having its monthly meetings, and launching a program such as we have never before had. Through the cooperative efforts of the Commission and those whom it enlists from all organizations within the church, we anticipate that we will be able to re-awaken the indifferent within the congregation, reach many others in the name

of Christ and His Church, and assimilate new members into our church family. The 17 members of our Commission believe they have the most important assignment in the church and are undertaking that assignment with appropriate zeal."

It has also been pointed out, by church leaders, that while the Commission shall be composed of not less than two laymen, two women, two young people, elected annually by the Quarterly Conference, and as many additional persons as the Conference may determine, the General Conference has gathered together many of the spiritual leaders of the local church as ex-officio members, whom it has designated must be on the Commission. They include the pastor, the secretary of spiritual life of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the chairman of the Commission on Missions, the church lay leader, the church school superintendent, the president of Methodist Men, the chairman of the Commission on Worship and Evangelism of the Local Methodist Youth Fellowship, and such members of the District Committee on Evangelism as have membership in the local church.

Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr., associate

secretary with the General Board of Evangelism and director of Local Church Evangelism, believes that for the first time in Methodist history we are reaching the entire organization of the church through the commission plan.

"The work of evangelism used to rest mostly on the shoulders of the pastor and a few designated stewards," Dr. Daugherty said. "Missions rested with the women of the church. This new program," he explained, "Mobilizes all of the facilities of the church for programs in evangelism, education, missions and finance."

In conclusion, Dr. Daugherty emphasized, "If this local church Commission does its job, the commission on Education, Missions, and Finance automatically have both wider and deeper resources. They will have more people with whom to work, and the people will be dedicated and willing to accept their responsibility. However, if this commission does not do the work given to it by the General Conference and outlined in the 1952 Discipline, then all of the other commissions and organizations of the local church are automatically limited in the work which they can do," Dr. Daugherty pointed out.

A New Life For The New Year

By Henry H. Crane

Every day is a new life. Every evening is a Day of Judgment. Every morning is a resurrection. One day is all there is to it, and that isn't so much.

We do not have to eat a whole loaf of life—just a slice at a time. We do not have to leap a mile—just a step at a time. Life is lived—just a day at a time.

Life as a whole lump is too much for any of us. It is a burden too heavy for any man's back. But one hour—whatever it holds of gladness or grief—we can stand that—and that is all we have to stand.

Every clock-tick means that life is not one big rush, one grand gamble, where our all is staked upon some one issue, but it is a step-by-step process, and there are as many opportunities every twenty-four hours as there are seconds. That is to say, the situation changes daily 86,400 times.

Every clock stroke says another hour is gone, a new hour is mine, and it may be better than the last. At any rate, whatever we have to do, it is only an hour at a time.

Thus the markings of time have their spiritual significance.

When we lump together all these minor markings and emphasize them—it is New Year's Day. And the gist of such a day is this: whatever our mistakes, humiliations, failures, follies, and stupidities—we can try again, make a new start, begin a new life.

When the New Year dawns, then, let us put on our "morning faces," greet it gladly and without fear.

The past is good or bad according to the attitude we take toward it **today**.

The wounds, bruises and miseries that made us lame and weary yesterday will reach into today and ruin it if we indulge in mere regret, wallow in self-pity, and whine in maudlin remorse.

But suppose I say, "I've done wrong, I'll make it right as best I can. I'll honestly ask forgiveness—and prove I deserve by refusing to repeat the folly, the meanness, or the sin. Thereafter I'll let the dead past bury its dead. I'll quit talking about it. With God's help I'll try again, start afresh—and make good!"

— Thus I shall prove that one's past depends upon his present far more than the present in the past. Thus I shall learn the secret of the New Year's miracle power whereby men may "walk in newness of life."

—Michigan Christian Advocate

Unplowed Furrows

By Wilson Nesbitt

"What shall we do with the three small churches in the western part of the county?" To this question, asked in a church planning conference, a business man replied, "Let us close those churches, for they are too small to keep open. Our cost for serving them amounts to much more than the returns." Thus we have expressed the current attitude in many quarters to the small churches in town and country. Demands for immediate returns, especially in additions to the church roll, tend to substantiate the theory that the small church has served its day.

Desire for immediate returns is by no means of modern origin. The people of Judah became anxious about their economic, social, and political security, and sought to align themselves with the people of some other country such as Egypt and Assyria. A supreme faith in Jehovah was being discarded gradually as pagan gods were developed with each new ally. Jehovah had sustained the children of Israel all the days of their lives, but now they were sowing in Egypt and Assyria rather than in Jehovah. Evidently they felt it expedient to attach themselves to Egypt or Assyria, thinking that such strong allies could protect them from any danger. Is it any wonder that the prophets cried out, "Break up your fallow ground, sow not among the thorns."

Fallow Ground

Fallow ground is land ordinarily used for crops that is allowed to lie idle during the growing season. How foolish it would be for a farmer to let good land lie idle while he attempted to raise crops among the thorns.

American Methodism became famous for its work among the early settlers, for the circuit riders left no furrows unplowed as they sought out and ministered to the frontiersmen. Continuing its pioneering spirit, our Church established itself wherever the people settled. While we are able to report our greatest gains in urban and suburban areas we must not forget nor neglect the small town and country churches, because they are still a very important source of life. For example, in North Carolina, one-third of the people live in urban centers, another third live in the rural non-farm areas, and the other third live on farms. In the western half of the state three-fourths of the Methodist churches

are on circuits. Across the nation, the picture is somewhat the same. We cannot afford to neglect the rural church.

There are three furrows that need to be plowed in the rural church field. Note that I call these furrows and not whole fields. To say that nothing is being done would be untrue, but to assume that we are developing all resources available would be a greater fallacy. However, it is as if we were using a one-horse plow when we should be using a six-row tractor.

Cultivate a Sense of Unity

1. We need to cultivate a sense of unity among our churches. Every Methodist church needs to feel close akin to every other Methodist Church. We are linked together by our form of organization. Our relationship, however, should stem from a realization that this organi-

"Break up your fallow ground, sow not among the thorns."—Jer. 4: 3.

zation will function only through a true sense of comradeship and brotherhood as we seek to minister to the needs of the people and to withstand the evils of our generation. A congregation, however large or small, needs to know, without a doubt, that all surrounding Methodist churches are co-laborers in the Master's fields.

This was done in Surry County, N. C., where a county Board of Missions and Church Extension was developed. After this organization had been at work for a while, a woman from a church of forty-five members said, "We no longer feel that we are an isolated group, struggling to keep alive." The fact that the entire county was surveyed and studied before any changes were made in circuit boundaries helped to develop a sense of togetherness. Geographical, sociological, and other factors that tend to group churches together within a given area were considered carefully in establishing the boundaries of each unit of work.

Within Methodism every church should be led to feel that it is important in the sight of God, and that no church is beneath the dignity of the conference. When one church on a circuit is made a station, the other churches involved should be guaranteed an equal quality of service. This furrow, "a sense of to-

getherness," is so essential to our total well being that it must not go unplowed.

Serve Local Needs

2. We should cultivate the idea that each congregation should serve the needs of the people in its own community. That is, the church must set up its program and measure its accomplishments by the potentialities within its own community, and not by the gains and activities of the churches in other localities. For example, a church located in a farm area cannot be expected to gain in membership like a church located in a newly developed housing area. Of the 44 counties in western North Carolina, 14 of them lost in population between 1940 and 1950. Another 12 of them gained less than 10%. These 26 counties, recognizing that most of their children and young people will move to some other section of the country, face the particular task of winning these young people for Christ and His Church and training them for life.

The fact that there will be little or no gain in the net membership of these churches does not mean that these churches are failing.

A congregation's contributions should be measured by the financial ability of the community and not the giving of some other church. Attendance in the church school should be measured by the potential membership. Activities should be planned according to the needs of the community.

By thus beginning at the "grass roots" to establish the individual church's program we would be plowing furrows in land now lying all too idle.

Methodism in the Hinterlands

3. We must cultivate the idea that Methodism can still render a great service to the hinterlands of America. We must not withdraw from any community in which there is a service to be rendered. Because a church may be small and weak is all the more reason that the best service available should be given to that church.

To consolidate these churches is not always the answer, for often the little run-down church is the last social institution left in the neighborhood. However, I believe firmly in the development of strong centers of church activity in which several smaller outlying churches may participate. Neighborhood chapels should be maintained for preaching services, class meetings, prayer groups, and other neighborhood meetings. On one of our circuits the church most centrally located has become the center of a larger program than can be maintained in any one of the other churches.

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Many Christians of India Are Hungry; Employees Given Bibles; Missionaries Honored

NO PEACE IN A HUNGRY WORLD

By Harry Carney
Jabalpur, India

The day before I left the school to go to the hills for vacation, a man—a Christian man—came to see me.

He was very disturbed. He told me that the night before he had had a fight with his son, who was a student in our 10th standard class. The son and father had a dispute over how much food the boy had eaten during the day. He had taken an extra chapati; he had asked for an extra bit of rice. He had taken pieces of meat out of the curry. The father feared that the other children in the family would suffer. Words brought anger and eventually ended in a fist fight during which the son drew a knife on the father. The police had to be called to stop the fighting. The family did not sleep all night.

The father said: "My son has confidence in you. He knows that you are his friend. I think you can help him. He will listen to you."

I called the boy to my house. When he came in, I saw not simply a hot tempered, impulsive youth. Rather I saw a growing young man, a boy who enjoys playing hockey, who studies hard, a boy who goes to church—but a boy who has hollow cheeks, whose bones have little flesh on them, a boy who is just plain hungry.

Arun felt his parents didn't like him because they wouldn't give him enough to eat. He told me of his hunger and of his fight. We talked and prayed together, and he promised to go home and ask his

parents to forgive him. He said he could realize now how difficult it is to feed a large family. He said he's tried to bring love back into the home.

"But please, sir, please take me into your hostel," he pleaded. "There are too many people in my home and I can neither study there nor can I get enough to eat."

This is the plight of hundreds of Methodist boys in our Conference. I can only help them if you will help them. Arun and I prayed, shook hands and he left.

During this past summer I prayed for Arun. I couldn't take him into the hostel because it was already crowded, but I offered to give him a scholarship to help out. When school started again after vacation, I talked with this young man. He's a good boy and he's Christian. He's happy, and he tells me that there is love in his home now, where before there was hate. He says there is prayer, where before there were bitter words.

DURHAM PAPERS PRESENT EMPLOYEES REVISED VERSION OF BIBLE

One of the most warmly-received features of the annual Christmas Party held Dec. 21 by the Durham Morning Herald and The Durham Sun was the presentation of a new Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible to each employee attending. The much-publicized and difficult-to-get Bibles were obtained through special order placed weeks prior to the recent party.

The reaction to the gift Scriptures was one of wide acclaim among the staff mem-

bers of the two papers. Many said they had attempted to purchase the RSV edition and had not been able to do so or had anticipated getting one later.

The Bibles were presented to the approximately 175 employees as they left the party and caused equally as much favorable comment as the annual bonus checks which were given out at the same time.

SEVEN MISSIONARIES DECORATED

In a recent list of "honorary decorations" given by the Government of the Belgian Congo for distinguished service to the country and people there appear the names of seven missionaries of The Methodist Church, one of them posthumously. Bishop John M. Springer, of Elisabethville, B. C., and of Chicago, Ill., received the medal and scroll of "Officer of the Order of Leopold II"; and Mrs. Springer, deceased, "Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II." Both had earlier received other decorations by the Congo Government. Other missionaries decorated were: William S. Hughlett, M.D., of Minga, B. C. and Petersburg, Va., "Chevalier of the Order of the Crown"; Rev. Henry T. Wheeler, of Tunda, B. C., and Lashmeet, West Virginia, "Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II"; and "Gold Medals of the Order of Leopold II" to Miss O'Toole, R.N., of Minga, B. C. and St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. William William S. Hughlett, and Miss Mary E. Moore, R.N., of Tunda, B. C., and Richmond, Va.

January is North Carolina Christian Advocate Month. Make your plans to promote the Advocate now.



These High Point College students tarried long enough on the steps of First church, High Point, one Sunday morning recently following the worship services for the photographer to get this picture. And judging by the attractiveness of both the young ladies and young men as well as the smiles they seem to have for each other one suspects that their sole reason for going to church was not merely to hear the popular and gifted young pastor, Dr. Ken Goodson. Which reminds us that many a good match has been made on a Methodist College Campus. High Point College students attend various churches in the High Point community.

Death Claims Prominent Pastor; Retired Minister Passes

DR. THOMAS M. GRANT DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Dr. Thomas McMillan Grant, 66, pastor of First church, Rocky Mount, and secretary of the North Carolina Conference, died unexpectedly on December 31 of a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted the following day in the church with Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, and Rev. J. F. Herbert, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, in charge. Burial was in Pineview Cemetery, Rocky Mount.

A native of Wilmington, Dr. Grant was the son of Reuben and Elizabeth McMillan Grant. He received his A.B. degree from Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1909 and was awarded an honorary D.D. degree by High Point College in 1943.

Dr. Grant was received on trial into the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1909, was ordained deacon in 1911 and elder in 1913. His appointments were as follows: Leasburg, 1910; Mangum Street, Durham, 1910; North Gates, 1911-14; Hillsboro, 1915-16; Hookerton, 1917-18; Hertford, 1919-22; Lumberton, 1923-26; Wilson, 1927-31; superintendent, New Bern District, 1932-35; Jarvis Memorial, Greenville, 1936-40; superintendent, Elizabeth City District, 1941; superintendent, Rocky Mount District, 1942-46; First church, Rocky Mount, since 1947.

Dr. Grant served as Conference secretary for 27 years and had been elected recently to serve another quadrennium. He has served on the Duke University board of trustees since 1933 and was also a member of the board of trustees of Louisville College and East Carolina College. He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1930, 1934, 1938, 1940 and 1944. He was a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conferences since 1938. He was a member of the Board of Pension of The Methodist Church during the past quadrennium and has been a member of the North Carolina Conference board of trustees since 1936. He was active in other Conference organizations for many years.

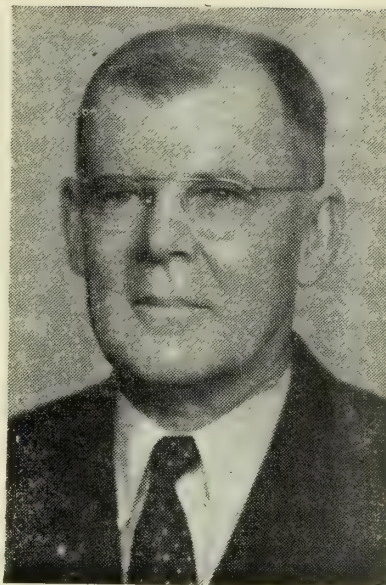
Dr. Grant in 1910 married Miss Malene Harrell, sister of Bishop Costen J. Harrell and to this union were born two daughters, Dr. Isa Costen Grant of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Malene Elizabeth Grant Irons of Greenville, N. C. Mrs. Grant died in 1915 and he married Miss Marie Hooker in 1919. To this union was born another daughter, Ruby Grant Bennett of Rocky Mount. Mrs. Grant and all three daughters survive. Also surviving is one brother, Dr. Harry Clifford Grant of Houston, Texas.

It was estimated that more than 200 fellow-ministers from the North Carolina Conference attended the funeral services, a tribute to the esteem and affection to which the prominent church leader was held. Many laymen from throughout the Conference were also present.

LORD'S QUARTER-SECTION PAYS

When the members of the Hecla (South Dakota) Methodist Church celebrated their sixtieth founders and anniversary last spring, they planted a quarter of a section of land in oats, corn, and flax—the proceeds of the harvest to be given to the church. They cared for the church farm all summer. And when the crops were sold in the fall, they realized \$2,047.54. Ten per cent of this amount will be added to the **World Service and Advance** offerings of the Hecla Church; and the remainder into the local church treasury.

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DR. GRANT

"The men are so pleased with the results," says the pastor, the Rev. Robert O. Bates, "that we hope to repeat this project next year and each year thereafter so that we will have a growing fund for the bigger things of the future."

DR. GEORGE R. BROWN DIES IN MARYLAND

Dr. George R. Brown, 85, prominent, retired Methodist minister, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George A. Armacost, 4700 Thirtieth Street, Mount Rainer, Maryland, on November 14, 1952. He had been in declining health five years and in a serious condition since September.

He was born in Stewart County, Ga., July 6, 1867, the son of George Rowland and Martha Hightower Brown. He received his education at Bowdon College, Bowdon, Ga., and Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

He was actively connected with the former Methodist Protestant Church. His first charge being Owl Rock, Ben Hill, Ga., moving from there to Montgomery, Ala. for three years. Then he moved to Inwood, L. I., New York, for three years, transferring to West Virginia Conference, where he served many churches, for twenty years.

Leaving the West Virginia Conference he became assistant editor of the Methodist Recorder in Pittsburgh, Pa. Following this assignment he became secretary and treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education in Westminster, Md. Later returning to Morgantown, W. Va.

Dr. Brown came to North Carolina in 1917 to serve First Methodist Church, High Point, serving there until 1926. During his pastorate the First Methodist Church was built and occupied. This he considered to be his crowning achievement.

Dr. Brown was long an advocate of church union and in 1939 he was elected a delegate to the Uniting Conference in Kansas City. At that conference he was elected to the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church which position he held until his retirement. Prior to Union and following his pastorate here he moved

to Reidsville, where he served for twelve years. After Union, he was transferred to Liberty, where he served until retirement in 1942. He then returned to this city and resided here until four years ago when he moved to Mount Rainer, Md., to make his home with his daughter.

On February 28, 1889 he was married to Miss Edith Adamson who died February 12, 1945. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George H. Armacost, Mount Rainer, Md., and Mrs. Weaver M. Marr of Atlanta, Ga.; two sons, George R. Brown, Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Robert Brown of Charleston, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Radford, and Miss Tinie Brown, both of Monroe, Ga.; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted November 17 from the First Methodist Church, High Point, by the pastor, Dr. Kenneth Goodson, and Dr. C. W. Bates of Swannanoa. Interment was in Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery.

DR. POTTS ELECTED DEAN OF UPPER ROOM CHAPEL

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Dr. J. Manning Potts has been named dean of the Upper Room Chapel, nearing completion here as the focal point of the new headquarters building of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Potts is editor of **The Upper Room**, daily devotional guide printed in 16 languages. His appointment as dean of the chapel, supplementing his editorial duties, was announced by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the evangelism board.

The chapel, said to be unique in church architecture and expected to become a national Methodist shrine, is due to be completed this spring. Maundy Thursday, April 2, has been set for the Nashville opening to coincide with the Lenton observance of Christ's last supper.

A huge wood carving of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper," to serve as the backdrop of the chapel altar, will be unveiled on that date.

Formal opening of the chapel will be held during the annual meetings of the Board of Evangelism and the General Board of Education, April 7-10. The sessions will be attended by more than 150 lay and clerical officials across the country.

Dr. Potts said the chapel will be the scene of periodic lectures by eminent theologians in the fields of spiritual life, evangelism, the Christian family, and devotional life under the auspices of **The Upper Room**.

Meanwhile, the two-story office wing of the new building has been occupied by the staffs of the publication and the evangelism board. It is located at 1908 Grand Avenue.

My father, who was one of the old type of Christians, singularly narrow, as some men would say, and terrifically strong, was sometimes a little rough in his methods of speech. I say this about him to introduce a reminiscence of my boyhood, the effect of which was startling to me then, and has never passed away. I was standing by his side when a woman asked him, "Do you expect to know your loved ones in heaven?" And in a moment he said, "I certainly don't expect to be a greater fool than I am now." This was . . . a bit rough, but the philosophy of it, in my judgment, is unanswerable.

G. Campbell Morgan in
THIS WAS HIS FAITH
(Revell)

Many New Churches Needed; New Board Seeks Personnel; Nease Family Improving

POPULATION SHIFTS CALL FOR NEW CHURCHES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Rapid population shifts across the country are creating a serious shortage of churches in many areas, a Methodist group reported here December 19.

In a resolution adopted by the Chicago and Nashville administrative staffs of three Methodist boards, the denomination was urged to expand its 1953 building program to meet the needs of "new and neglected communities."

Defense areas, military centers and mushrooming suburbs were cited as examples of primary concern.

"We believe that every child should have a church in which to grow and develop . . . the great need of Methodism in 1953 is the starting of additional churches and church schools in new and neglected communities," the resolution stated in part.

The group praised numerous Methodist episcopal areas and districts which have already organized emergency church-extension programs, but implied that the resources of the whole church are required to meet the cross-country needs.

The meeting was the first joint staff conference sponsored by the three Methodist general boards: Lay Activities, Chicago, Education and Evangelism of Nashville. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss general programs of the boards, and to coordinate their activities relating to the local church.

Meeting probably twice a year, the joint staffs also will serve as an advisory group to the new Interboard Commission on the Local Church.

Created by the 1953 Methodist General Conference to act as the co-ordinator of policies and activities of the three agencies, the commission is to be formally organized during the annual meetings of the education and evangelism boards, April 7-10, in Nashville. The lay board's executive committee will meet here at the same time.

BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS SELECTS HEADQUARTERS

The new board of social and economic relations of The Methodist Church has voted to establish its national headquarters in the Methodist building at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, about May 1, 1953.

Meeting in Chicago Dec. 16, the 46-member board also issued an announcement asking for nominations for its executive secretary, adopted by-laws to supplement General Conference legislation in the 1952 Discipline (Par. 1555 ff.), and made known its plan to seek top-flight counsel from both management and labor as it tackles its task.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh, chairman of the board, presided at the meeting, which was characterized by observers as "most harmonious" despite the fact that the board's personnel runs the gamut of economic viewpoints.

A new executive secretary will be elected at the board's next meeting May 5 and 6 in Chicago. In the meantime, candidates will be screened or interviewed by the executive committee.

The board issued an invitation for any interested person who would like to place someone in nomination as executive secretary to send the suggestions and recommendations to Bishop Wicke at the Methodist Center, Smithfield at Seventh, Pitts-

burgh 19, Pa. These nominations should be in the bishop's hands by Jan. 20.

The new board is an official agency of the denomination, leaders pointed out, and is not to be confused with the Methodist Federation for Social Action, an unofficial organization with headquarters in New York City, which is supported by voluntary membership fees and contributions and does not have the official sanction or support of the General Conference.

Plans call for asking top-flight leaders of labor and management to appear at the May meeting to confer with the board and offer suggestions about its future program. The group also asked that a disinterested expert in industrial relations, perhaps a university professor in that field, be designated as an adviser to the board.

THIRTEEN METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLS REPORT 1,000 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen Methodist church schools have reported 1,000 or more average attendance at Sunday school with maximum attendance running above the 2,000 level, during the past conference year.

Tyler Street Church, Dallas, Texas, had the largest average attendance—1621. Second largest was Highland Park, also in Dallas, 1614. Ranking third was Polk Street, Amarillo, Texas, with 1466. In fourth place was Boston Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 1285.

The remainder of the thirteen churches had average attendance, as follows: First Church, Dallas, 1144; First Church, Orlando, Florida, 1127; First Church, Houston, Texas, 1120; First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1091; East Lake Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 1088; St. Luke, Memphis, Tennessee, 1057; First Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1032; First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1028; First Church, Decatur, Georgia, 1006.

Average attendance at Sunday school for the church as a whole, for the year ending November 5, was 3,086,424, representing a gain of 74,354 over the total for the same period the year preceding.

WANTED: THREE "PASTOR'S ASSISTANTS"

The Methodist Church is proposing to send three young laymen to serve as "pastor's assistants" in three areas where emergency and defense projects have add-

ed great numbers of people to earlier populations. These areas are Portsmouth, Ohio; Paducah, Kentucky; and the Savannah River Project in South Carolina.

The young laymen would be assigned by the pastors of these churches to calling upon the newcomers to the community, to survey the needs for church and religious education, to work with youth, and with various organizations of the church. They would be appointed for two years of service as "special home missionaries." Applicants must be college graduates and must have records of participation in church work as students.

Persons interested in these three appointments should write to Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., personnel department, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE AND FAMILY RECOVERING FROM AUTO ACCIDENT INJURIES

Friends of Dr. Edgar H. Nease will be glad to learn that he is improving satisfactorily at Oconee Hospital, Seneca, S. C., following critical injuries sustained in an automobile accident on December 30 near that city. Also recovering from the accident are Mrs. Nease and Dr. and Mrs. Nease's daughter, Mabel Ruth, both of whom suffered less serious injuries.

Dr. Nease, according to relatives, suffered a fractured skull, fractures of both legs and other injuries. Mrs. Nease sustained cuts and bruises and Miss Nease suffered a broken leg and other injuries.

It is understood that the other automobile was being driven at a high rate of speed and failed to make a curve, colliding with the Nease automobile. Dr. Nease and family were returning to their home in Atlanta following a visit with their son, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., and family of Asheville.

Dr. Nease, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, since last October 1 has been serving as executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, giving special attention to the evangelistic mission now in progress in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Prior to this assignment he was superintendent of the Charlotte District.

BISHOPS CLARIFY NEW PLAN FOR MEMBERSHIP REPORTING

Pastors reporting to annual conferences should include in the church membership figure both those persons who previously have been classified as "active" and those who have been carried as "inactive." Separate categories are no longer required.

The parsonage of the Wingate Methodist church was dedicated Sunday, December 11, by Rev. Frank B. Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte District, assisted by Rev. Robert P. Crawley, pastor. Built in 1950, all indebtedness was paid by October 1951. Valued at approximately \$12,000, the new parsonage was furnished with modern conveniences throughout by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the charge.



The building committee was composed of G. Max Long chairman; Robert J. Horne and Tom McCollum. (Photo by Edwin L. Lowery).

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. MALLOY OWEN, senior in the Duke Divinity School, was the Watchnight speaker in a special Watchnight service at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, New Year's Eve.

REV. AND MRS. DAVID CHARLTON, JR., of Mineral Springs, announce the birth of a daughter, Joy Carol, on December 18, 1952, in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

TRUSTEES OF THE ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE, INC. will hold their eleventh annual meeting January 13, at 2:30 p.m., in Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Mount Airy, college young people were in charge of the service Sunday morning, December 28, with the message delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Waggoner. The MYF banquet was held that evening with Rev. W. J. Miller of High Point as speaker.

MR. AND MRS. A. S. ARNOLD of Greensboro, directors of Our Religious Heritage Foundation, Inc., at Christmas presented to the Cherokee Methodist Church a beautiful copy of the Holy Bible which was made in England. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold gave their program two years ago in the Methodist church of Cherokee.

BISHOP DONALD HARVEY TIPPETT of the San Francisco Area will spend the three-month period between Christmas and Easter on a tightly-scheduled official visitation of the denomination's mission work in Africa. He will be accompanied on the tour by Mrs. Tippet. Going as the official representative of the church's Council of Bishops, the San Francisco leader left the West Coast on Dec. 26 and will return to the States in early April.

REV. D. F. LOWRY of Pembroke is one of the leaders to present before the next Legislature of North Carolina a bill to change the tribal name of the "Cherokee Indians of Robeson County" to "Lumbee Indians of North Carolina." Mr. Lowry has also been one of the leaders in the establishment in recent months of the Lumbee Brotherhood which meets regularly in twelve groups and has kept the movement for the name change alive.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY'S 1953 budget will total \$3,166,000, the largest in its history, according to Rev. Dr. Eric North, general secretary. The budget was voted recently by the Society's advisory council at its annual meeting in New York where 46 of the 51 major Protestant denominations which support the Society's work were represented. The Society, founded 136 years ago, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment. It also translates, distributes and encourages the use of Bibles. Increased distribution among the armed forces of this country and United Nations' servicemen in Korea was the principal reason for the larger budget, Dr. North explained. At the same time, the council urged the chiefs of chaplains to recommend the continuance of distribution of Scriptures made possible by church gifts rather than by any plan to supply Scriptures with government funds. Pointing out the importance of the continued distribution of free Scriptures through chaplains the council declared that the Bible is a "Vital link" between the church at home and the serviceman or woman at the front or in the hospitals.



DR. THOMAS C. AMICK, above, head of the Department of Mathematics at Louisburg College since 1935, will retire at the end of the present semester which ends in January. Dr. Amick, who was born near Greensboro in 1869, has been an active Methodist 71 years and has taught in church colleges more than 60 years. Christian Education Magazine recently described Dr. Amick as follows: "... Thomas Cicero Amick displays that inner light of the true Christian and teacher that appear only in the consecrated worker ... Having retired from another Christian college and whose days of active teaching he thought to be closing, he has attended to his college duties with a punctuality that is envied by his younger colleagues. The success of his students in senior colleges speak eloquently for his teaching and ability." Dr. and Mrs. Amick were recently honored at a reception given by the college.

BENNETT COLLEGE students are participating in off-campus work in hospitals, libraries, churches, community centers, and other community training. Students also are participating in community-college sewing, cooking, and play schools under the field studies program. Placements are being made for them in local radio stations, nursery schools, and Salvation Army work. At the present time, some 15 various local religious, social-civic, economic, and industrial organizations offer about 100 openings for training of Bennett students in community work.

WORLD SERVICE receipts for November 1952 amounted to \$709,254.17, compared with \$682,065.48 for the same month a year ago, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, treasurer of The Methodist Church. Receipts so far for the fiscal year total \$3,063,037.82, an increase of 9.19% over the same period a year ago. Total World Service apportionments amount to \$9,660,000 for the year. World Service Specials in November were \$5,696. This fund has decreased 27.39% compared with a year ago. The General Advance Fund which had collected \$1,413,322 through November was also 5.07% below last year's receipts through the same period. Week of Dedication offerings, which totaled \$676,759 through September 30, were 23.34% under the same period a year ago. Fellowship of Suffering and Service receipts were \$268,294 through November 30, a drop of 1.41% compared with the previous year.

LILLINGTON METHODIST COLLEGE students were in charge of the service at the morning hour on December 28. The service closed with all college students gathered around the altar for dedication with the pastor, Rev. W. L. Loy, in charge.

DR. HENRY M. BULLOCK, pastor of Capital Street church, Jackson, Miss., has been elected editor of church school publications of The Methodist Church, succeeding Dr. C. A. Bowen, who retired recently. Mr. Bullock assumed his duties January 2.

REV. MURRELL K. GLOVER went on active duty as a chaplain in the U. S. Army with the rank of captain. Chaplain Glover is stationed at Fort Bragg and his address is Headquarters, 66th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N. C. His home address is 905 Exum St., Durham, N. C.

MAJ. GEN. IVAN L. BENNETT, chief of Army chaplains, will be the speaker on Friday evening, January 9, at 6:15 o'clock at a dinner meeting of the Men's Fellowship Club of West Market Street church, Greensboro. Chaplain Bennett is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has been a chaplain 33 years and was made chief of chaplains last Spring.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE recently received accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary School, according to Dr. Samuel M. Holton, president of the college. Credit received at Louisburg College will now be accepted by all colleges which are members of the Southern Association. All Methodist colleges in North Carolina now have been accredited by the Southern Association.

FIRST CHURCH LINCOLNTON'S Church School shared with others at Christmas by contributing to both local and foreign relief. The White Christmas offering afforded an opportunity for the different departments to pack ten boxes of Christmas-cheer for needy families in the community. The Woman's Society of Christian Service packed 16 boxes to send to service men from the church. They packed and carried Christmas boxes to 30 patients at the County Nursing Home, and 40 boxes to shut-ins of the church. They also visited members who are sick and carried flowers to them. Adult and youth classes contributed money toward overseas relief and children gave money for the purchase of blankets for Korea.

HIGGINS MEMORIAL CHURCH, Burnsville, recently completed a parsonage renovation job. In November 1951 a coal furnace and stoker were installed, along with a complete installation and weather-stripping job. To make it even more complete and comfortable, an electric rewiring job with wall switches for every room, accompanied by an adequate supply of wall reciprocals. Three new closets, painting of most of the interior, and a new modern kitchen make the parsonage a modern and comfortable home for their preacher. The WSCS and W. Service Guild have renovated some of the furniture, have purchased a new davenport, along with a new bedroom suite and mattress, venetian blinds and drapes. The men and women of the Burnsville church are still on the march, writes the pastor, Rev. D. B. Alderman.

Plan Subdistrict Institutes; 600 Attend Series in Durham District; Goldsboro Meet Set

SUBDISTRICT INSTITUTES FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

The district staffs of the various districts have planned subdistrict institutes for Christian Workers to be held in January and February. In some of the districts these institutes will deal with the total program of the church and will feature the work of the four Commissions: Membership and Evangelism, Education, Missions, and Finance. In other districts they will feature only the program of Christian education. One of the purposes of all of these institutes is to **assist Church School Workers in learning new ways and skills of doing a better job in their respective tasks**, whether as teachers, officers, class president, or as a member of the new Commission on Education.

Who Should Attend?

Teachers of children, teachers and counselors of youth, teachers of adults, presidents of adult classes, Church School superintendents, assistant superintendents, members of the Commission on Education, pastors, and other interested parents and workers.

In those districts featuring the total program of the church the following additional persons should attend: members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, members of the Commission on Missions, members of the Commission on Finance, stewards, and officers of the W.S.C.S. and W.S.G.

Schedule and Program Elizabeth City District:

3:00-3:15 p.m.—Devotional, Dr. F. S. Love
3:30-4:30—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children, Mrs. R. T. Commander; Workers with Intermediates, Rev. Henry Bizzell; Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. R. T. Commander; Workers with Adults, Rev. A. L. Chaplin; Church School Superintendents and Officers, Rev. D. L. Fouts; W.S.C.S., Mrs. N. L. Mixon.

4:40-5:30—Worship Service led by Rev. J. Kern Ormond; Missionary Sermon by Rev. O. L. Hathaway

5:30-6:45—Picnic Supper and Fellowship
7:00-8:00—Commission Workshops: Membership and Evangelism, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt; Education, Rev. D. L. Fouts; Missions, Rev. J. Kern Ormond; Finance, Mr. H. L. Swain.

8:00-9:00—Worship Service led by Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Evangelistic Sermon: Rev. Carl J. Sanders, Pastor Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.

Dates and Places:

Monday, January 12, First Church, Washington

Tuesday, January 13, Ahoskie Methodist Church, Ahoskie

Wednesday, January 14, First Church, Elizabeth City

Thursday, January 15, First Church, Manteo

(Note: The Manteo Institute will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. with a picnic lunch at 12:00 noon.)

Fayetteville District:

7:30 p.m.—Devotional by Dr. W. C. Ball
7:45-8:10—Skit, "What Are We Up to in the Church School?"

8:10-9:10—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children, Mrs. F. R. Dail; Workers with Intermediates, Rev. Robert Regan; Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. James Auman; Workers with Adults, Rev. F. R. Dail; Church School

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9:10-9:30—Inspirational closing, "The Growing Teacher," Rev. F. R. Dail

Dates and Places:

Tuesday, January 13, Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville

Wednesday, January 14, Steele Street Church, Sanford

Tuesday, January 20, First Church, Hamlet

Wednesday, January 21, Trinity Church, Troy

New Bern District:

7:00-7:10—Devotional, Rev. H. K. King
7:10-7:45—Skit, "The Commission on Education at Work"

7:55-9:00—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children, Miss Mary Hester Hunt; Workers with Intermediates, Rev. W. N. McDonald; Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. R. L. Bame; Workers with Adults, Rev. Haywood Harrell; Church School Superintendents and Officers, Rev. Paul R. Maness.

9:10-9:30—Inspirational Closing (Visual-Aid Program)

Dates and Places:

Tuesday, January 13, Ann Street Church, Beaufort

Wednesday, January 14, Centenary Church, New Bern

Thursday, January 15, Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville

Monday, January 19, Queen Street Church, Kinston

Tuesday, January 20, St. Paul Church, Goldsboro

Rocky Mount District:

7:30-7:40—Devotional by Rev. J. F. Herbert

7:40-8:00—Skit, "What Are We Up to in the Church School?"

8:00-9:00—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children, Miss Olive Cook; Workers with Intermediates, Rev. C. W. Barbee; Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. J. T. Maides; Workers with Adults, Rev. E. R. Shuller; Church School Superintendents and Officers, Rev. B. F. Musser.

9:00-9:15—Filmstrip, "The Growing Teacher."

Dates and Places:

Monday, January 26, Littleton Methodist Church

Tuesday, January 27, Jackson Methodist Church

Wednesday, January 28, Elm City Methodist Church

Thursday, January 29, Tarboro Methodist Church

Raleigh District:

6:00-6:45—Picnic Supper

6:45-7:30—Missions Emphasis led by Rev. J. W. Lineberger

7:30-8:30—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children, Mrs. J. E. Dickens; Workers with Intermediates, Miss Peggy

Jean Thomason; Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. Thomas Collins; Workers with Adults, Rev. H. F. Leatherman; Church School Superintendents and Officers, Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr.

8:40-9:30—Emphasis on Evangelism led by Rev. J. V. Early

Dates and Places:

Monday, February 2, Bailey Methodist Church

Tuesday, February 3, Fairmont Church, Raleigh

Wednesday, February 4, Benson Methodist Church

Thursday, February 5, First Church, Henderson

Wilmington District:

7:30 p.m.—Devotional by Rev. V. E. Queen

7:40 p.m.—Missions Emphasis led by Rev. W. R. Stevens

8:00 p.m.—Group Workshop Meetings: Workers with Children (to be announced); Workers with Intermediates (to be announced); Workers with Seniors and Older Youth, Rev. C. H. Mercer; Workers with Adults, Rev. J. D. A. Autry; Church School Superintendents and Officers, Rev. C. F. Heath.

9:00 p.m.—Emphasis on Evangelism led by Rev. C. G. McCarver

Dates and Places:

Tuesday, February 3, Trinity Church, Wilmington

Wednesday, February 4, Whiteville Methodist Church

Thursday, February 5, Lumberton Methodist Church

Tuesday, February 10, Clinton Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 11, Jacksonville Methodist Church

DURHAM DISTRICT HOLDS INSTITUTES

Subdistrict Institutes in the Durham District were held in November and December at Davis Street Church, Burlington; Hillsboro Methodist Church; Calvary Church, Durham; Long Memorial Church, Roxboro; Pittsboro Methodist Church; and Yanceyville Methodist Church.

These Institutes were led by the following: Dr. E. L. Hillman, D. S., Rev. T. J. Whitehead, District Secretary of Evangelism; Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., District Missionary Secretary; Rev. J. C. P. Brown, D. D. General Church School Work; Rev. Kelly Wilson, D. D. Adult Work; Rev. W. K. Babington, D. D. Youth Work; Mrs. J. H. Lanning, D. D. Intermediate Work; Miss Elizabeth D. Johnson, D. D. Children's Work; Mrs. J. R. Poe, District Promotion Secretary WSCS; and Mr. L. Stacey Weaver, District Lay Leader.

Approximately 600 people attended these institutes. They were considered to be most successful and helpful.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

A number of Christian Workers' Schools are being planned for the next three months. A schedule of these schools will be given later. All subdistrict chairmen desiring to plan a school for this year should get in touch with the executive secretary at once.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S WORK TO MEET

The District Directors of Children Work will hold an important meeting at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, on Thursday, January 8, at 12:00 noon. The executive secretary is calling this meeting for the purpose of planning the work to be undertaken in the districts this conference year.

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Korean Needs Cited; Social Studies Listed; Women Help Rural Worker in Yancey County

FACING THE NEW YEAR

We pledge ourselves
To follow through the coming year
The light which God gives us:
The light of Truth, wherever it may lead;
The light of Freedom, revealing new opportunities for individual development and social service;
The light of Faith, opening new visions of the better world to be;
The light of Love, daily binding brother to brother and man to God in ever closer bonds of friendship and affection.
Guided by this light,
We shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence.

—Author Unknown

MISS ALPHARETTA LEEPER SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Miss Alpharetta Leeper, director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, since 1946, is now a secretary of missionary personnel for the Methodist Board of Missions. Her duties will include visiting colleges and universities to recruit young people for Christian Service, particularly in the home missions projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Miss Leeper will be remembered by those attending the Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions at Lake Junaluska last July and the fine contributions she made in the group discussions. Miss Leeper is a native of Kansas and received her A.B. and M.A. degrees from Scarritt College.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS—DON'T WAIT! DO IT NOW!

Korea's bitter winter is taking its toll of many men, women and children clothed only in rags. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, director of M. C. O. R., makes this plea to all Americans:

"Clean out your closets and give what you don't need to Korea. Don't wait! Do it now! Everyday you put it off is measured in lives snuffed out by exposure to freezing temperatures."

While bulk quantities of clothing from Methodist and other churches are sent overseas through Church World Service (of which M.C.O.R. is a principal member), Methodists can also send clothing direct to Korea direct to two missionary representatives assigned to relief work. They are: Rev. Charles A. Sauer, c/o Methodist Mission, P. O. Box 112, Pusan, Korea; and Dr. William A. Shaw, c/o Methodist Mission, 34 Chung Dong, Seoul, Korea. This costs 14 cents per pound, parcel post, and is limited to 22 pounds.

Bundles of clothing (larger than 22 pounds) should be sent through Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. Eight to ten cents per pound should be sent for shipping costs.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

The December issue of The Methodist Woman carries some helpful material we are sure Christian Social Relations secretaries will welcome. It states its "Platform" as—Peace On Earth Good Will To Men—and some of the issues under Foreign Policy are—All-Out Support of the United Nations, Technical Assistance, Immigration Policy, Reduction of Armaments, and Reciprocal Trade Policy. Under Domestic Legislation are Alcohol, Adequate Standard of Living, Tax Dollar, Civil Rights, Home Rule for Washington, Fair Employment Practices Commission.

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Migrant Labor, Statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, Health, Peacetime Conscription Federal Aid to Education, Representative to Vatican, Ethical Standards in Government, and Narcotics. These should be studied carefully and prayerfully and form a vital part of the study on "Home Missions and Human Rights."

"SHINING AS STARS FOREVER"

This was the topic of the December program and we predict it will be reported at the end of the year as the most outstanding program. It is thirty biographical sketches of women who have been outstanding leaders in the Christian world. This is material worth filing and keeping for future reference.

DISTRICT MEMBERS

Have you seen the new leaflet, District Members? It is aimed to give help to district officers, district superintendents, members of local societies near "unorganized" churches, and such other individuals or groups as may have opportunity to secure District Members. This is available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

We have many "unorganized" churches in our Conference and the problem of giving them help and encouragement frequently is discussed. This leaflet will be of invaluable help.

CHILDREN'S WORK

As Methodist children study about the missionary work of their church during January, February and March, they will be bringing to the church school their regular offerings for World Service, and where additional sessions are held, to the Children's Service Fund. To help become alive to the children some of the wonderful things that are done through these offerings, the secretary of Children's Work and other leaders will profit by having for each child a copy of the 8-page folder of pictures entitled "When Children Give, 1952-53." (They are in dozen lots of 8 cents each, 15 cents single copy.)

Throughout the countries in Africa missionaries are busily at work with children in schools, homes, churches, hospitals, and clinics. They need supplies of many kinds. Send gifts of \$3.00, \$5.00 or more for work with African children through the regular channels for the following missionaries: Miss Lorena Kelly, M.M.C.C., Lodja, Congo Belge, Africa; Miss Catherine Parham, P. B. 522, Elizabethville, Congo Belge, Africa; Miss Clara Bartling, Gikuki, Caixa 41, Inhambane, Portuguese East Africa; Miss Sallie Lewis Browne, Methodist Mission, Monrovia, Liberia. These gifts and the ones that follow, unless otherwise indicated, should be sent as Cash for Supply Work by the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

For Children in Korea, India, and Pakistan send gifts of money for food, clothing, and medicine directly to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York. Send gifts of warm clothing for Korea directly to Church World Service, New

Windsor, Maryland.

For Work Among American Indians—Deaconesses and home missionaries render loving and skilled service among Indian children. They use and need supplies of many kinds.

Send gifts of \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 or more through the treasurer of the Woman's Society for these workers: Miss Virginia Louke, Box 224, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Rev. W. P. Bass, Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Reahard, Yuma Methodist Mission, Box 844, Yuma, Arizona.

MARGARET CALBECK EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Miss Margaret Calbeck, rural worker in Yancey County, expresses her deep appreciation for the gifts that have been sent to her from various groups throughout our Conference. A check for the movie projector has been sent to her from the Woman's Division, which is the gift of the Greensboro District. Collections of books and magazines are from Miss Lathan Richardson, Ogburn Memorial Guild, Winston-Salem; Hendersonville and Oak Hill Guilds, and from Circle No. 5 of First Church, Lexington. Money for books was sent by Miss Lilian Walker of Charlotte, the Woman's Society of Murphy and the Guild of Central Church, Shelby. Large collections of teaching pictures were sent by the Glen Alpine and Abernethy Memorial Guilds. All of these supplies have gone to Margaret through the Supply department.

In addition, the Conference Woman's Society sent \$150 which makes possible six scholarships for Camp Tekoa and Assemblies at Lake Junaluska, as well as help for their Yancey County camp and Vacation Church Schools.

Margaret says her greatest need now is a small lending library of religious stories for children and young people. This should include stories based on Biblical material and biographies of religious leaders written especially for young people. Additional teaching pictures could also be put to good use.

Margaret says: "It is very satisfying to feel the support of all these women and I wish to express my gratitude to all of them."

Margaret is doing excellent work in Yancey County and merits the support of all our Societies and Guilds.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The other day someone asked about our Christmas program at the Methodist Orphanage. The reply by one of our workers was that our Christmas season is already 14 days deep. The meaning of that statement was a short description of the many activities that we have had and the multitude of things that have been done for us.

Some of these activities were mentioned in our Advocate page recently. One of the highlights since that publication was "Operation Christmas" conducted by the Air Force Personnel of Pope Field.

On December 18, Santa Claus arrived by helicopter at Braswell Field. Our family of 277 were waiting on the football field, scanning the sky for his arrival. When the helicopter landed, Santa, a handsomely dressed member of the Air Force walked about 30 feet from the plane and sitting down in a crouched position with arms outstretched beckoned the children to him. There was a half-second pause, and then Santa Claus himself was almost to the point of being smothered by the ones that rushed to him.

Santa brought with him individual presents for each boy and girl. Many of our children and young people had written stating their wishes, and consequently received the gift for which they asked. It was an occasion that will be long remembered.

The Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, gave a Christmas party to the 24 members of the Citizens Honor Roll for the second six weeks in the school year. This party was presented in the social room of the Poindexter building. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation by Mrs. Fussell of \$5 to any member of the Citizens Honor Roll who could quote the Christmas Poem "The Night Before Christmas." Four of the young ladies were successful in this. The evening came to a close by delightful refreshments which amounted almost to a full meal.

GLEE CLUB VISITS STEELE STREET CHURCH

On the evening of December 14, our glee club, consisting of 30 young men and women, gave a concert of Christmas music at Steele Street church, Sanford. The glee club is conducted by Mrs. Louise Wilson. The accompanist is Donald Griffin.

One of the highlights of the evening was the turkey dinner that was served by the ladies of the church, to their young people as well as to members of our glee club.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR STAFF

Christmas for our staff members occurred on Monday night, December 22 when all the members met in Superintendent Hedden's home for a Christmas party.

The home beautifully decorated gave a holiday atmosphere, and after the guests had arrived Mr. Hedden started the activities when he led the group in singing Christmas Carols.

Santa soon appeared and distributed gifts to each member present.

After gifts were exchanged, Mrs. Hedden, assisted by several members from the staff, served most attractive and appetizing refreshments. Each guest received a plate gaily lighted with a red candle.

Two of the Christmas season features which will be long remembered include the gifts by the Woodsmen of the World

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who completely outfitted the recreation room, and the "wishes" by the various circles of the Edenton Street Methodist Church.

The Woodmen have purchased a 21 inch Motorola television set and are having booths installed and floors refinished as their Christmas gift to the Orphanage.

For many years it has been the custom of the various circles of the Edenton Street church to have our children and young people send in two wishes, and one of these are selected and given to the children on Christmas Day. This custom was first started by Mrs. Ivan M. Proctor, and is certainly a "Red Letter Day" for our children.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The annual football banquet of the school was held Friday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. Guests of honor, from our family, were the football team, Coach Jim Brown and football cheerleaders. Special guests of honor, from off the campus, were the Board of Governors of the Orphanage Bowl Game, the officers who directed the 1952 Orphanage Bowl Game, and the Potentate of Sudan Temple.

Welcome was extended by Professor Robert Martin, and invocation was given by Superintendent Forrest Hedden. Representing the present Potentate, who was unable to attend, was Noble Lester Gilliken who will be the Potentate of Sudan Temple for next year. He was introduced by Noble D. W. Griffin.

Following remarks by Noble Gilliken, a movie of the 1952 Orphanage Bowl Game was shown. The evening ended with the presentation of gold footballs to each player and to Coach Brown by Noble Herbert Ruffin, general chairman of the bowl game.

Our children and young people, and staff, are especially grateful to the Shriners present at this banquet, and also to Sudan Temple for the many things that we are able to have and do as a result of the revenue obtained from our share of bowl game receipts. Our entire recreational and physical development program is greatly enriched and enlarged because of this. Our thanks go to the Methodists in our Conference who cooperate with the Shriners in the bowl activities.

FASHION SHOW

A fall fashion show in the form of a skit called "Daisy Mae Scraggs Comes To Town," was recently presented by the Home Economic II girls and the tenth grade. The characters were: Betty Jean Sutton as Daisy Mae; Bill Hobson as Lil Abner; and Betsy Blake as the shopkeeper. The home economics girls modeled the dresses which they have made this year. Girls who modeled dresses were: Frances Ellis, Mildred Rogers, Betty Jane Carraway, Alice Mason, Colleen Murray, Barbara Ann Pierce, Natalie Willett, and Peggy Patton.

Following the skit the audience sang Christmas songs and Betty Jane Carraway read the Christmas story.

SENIOR CLASS SUPERLATIVES 1953

The Senior Class has selected the following Superlatives: "Mr. & Miss M.O.," Frank Daniels and Natalie Willett; most athletic, Robert Taylor and Peggy Patton; most likely to succeed, John Clark; best dressed, James Pace and Mildred Rogers; best looking couple, Betty Jean Turnage and Marvin King; flirtiest, James Pace; cutest, Hazel Newton; most intellectual, Pat Chinnis; most talented, Frances Ellis, wittiest, Colleen Murray.

RICHMOND THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR WINS ABINGDON-COKESBURY AWARD

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A Richmond, Va., professor, Dr. John Bright, is the 1952 winner of the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press' \$7,500 manuscript award for his first work tentatively entitled "The Kingdom of God," it was announced here November 21.

The Nashville publishing firm said his manuscript was selected by a six-man board of judges, comprising eminent theologians and professors.

A native of Chattanooga and an ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Bright has been on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary at Richmond since 1942 except for three years' service as an army chaplain.

The winning manuscript was described by Abingdon-Cokesbury officials as "a history of the Biblical idea of 'the people of God' as related to Christianity today." Publication date, probably in the fall of 1953, will be announced later.

In their report to the publishers, the judges praised Dr. Bright's "readable style and scholarly treatment of Biblical history." The book will be of interest to laymen and clergymen alike, they predicted, and lauded the manuscript as "notable for its broad sweep of history and penetrating study of the Bible as two acts of a single drama."

Judges included—Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, New York, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and president of the National Council of Churches; Dr. George Arthur Buttrick, pastor of New York's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and editor-in-chief of the 12-volume "Interpreter's Bible"; Prof. W. E. Garrison of the University of Houston and literary editor of *Christian Century*; Prof. Halford E. Luccock, Yale University Divinity School; Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Nolan B. Harmon, editor of Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

Considered one of the top literary prizes in the religious field, the Abingdon-Cokesbury award was established in 1948 to "encourage distinguished writing in the broad field of evangelical Christianity."

Previous winners are Prof. Roland H. Bainton of Yale University for his life of Martin Luther, "Here I Stand"; Prof. Georgia Harkness of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., for "Prayer and the Common Life," and Prof. John Wick Bowman, San Francisco Theological Seminary, for "The Religion of Maturity."

Before joining the faculty of the Richmond seminary, Dr. Bright served pastorates in Durham, N. C., and Baltimore, Md. He received his A.B. and D.D. degrees from Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., the B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and the Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

How Face Suffering?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 16:13-25

Jesus said to his disciples, who do men say that I the Son of man am? It is good in making up our minds concerning Jesus to consider what our fellow men have thought of Him, for even some of the most inadequate views of Jesus have in them elements of suggestive truth. Note that Jesus called himself the Son of Man. Although he was a divine Saviour He was also utterly human, and hence can seem very close to us as an inspiring example and friend.

The disciples answered, Some say you are John the Baptist. Possibly like Herod, who had beheaded John, some thought he had risen from the dead. At any rate they sensed in Jesus a prophetic fire like that of John. Others saw in Jesus the majesty of character and the audacity of grand old Elijah, and they thought he must be the fulfillment of the prophecy that Elijah would come again (Micah 4:5). And some, sensing in Jesus the heroism and the emphasis on the need of inner morality which characterized Jeremiah, said that he was another Jeremiah. Others who had been impressed by the characteristics of some other prophet, and found these same qualities in Jesus, identified Jesus with that prophet. Men in general found in Jesus the qualities that they most admired in their prophetic heroes.

Then Jesus puts to them the question which he also puts to every one of us, Who say you that I Am? And he does not mean by that, who do you say I am when you repeat the creed, but who, by your thinking and life attitude, do you say that I am?

Peter answered, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. He gave to Jesus the most exalted title that he knew. And note that he called him not merely the Son of God, but the Son of the **Living** God. When we really accept Christ as Lord He always makes God seem living and real. And Jesus said, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah; for you are not echoing popular opinion, but have responded to the teaching of my Father who is in heaven. You were named Peter, a rock, and in proportion as you consistently act on this faith you will be a rock on which I will build my church, for it is founded on all those who are inspired by the Holy Spirit to recognize me as the Christ to know the conditions for entering into the kingdom.

But, said Jesus, tell no man that I am the Christ, for that word in the popular mind means a military leader who will bring in the kingdom by force. But I, on the contrary, must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders and the chief priests, and be killed; and on the third day be raised again. But Peter said, This be far from you, Lord. Peter's tender solicitude was a temptation to Jesus to turn aside from the path that led to the cross. So with surgical severity Jesus said, Get behind me, Satan; you are not on the side of God but men.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, Not only must I go up to be killed, but if any man will come after me he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For if a man selfishly seeks ease and pleasure they will flee from him, and his life will end in darkness. But if he loves me to the sacrificial limit, and thus receives from me great added power to love, his life will be brighter and brighter, and in the end he will hear the words,

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

NO TIME FOR GOD

No time for God?

What fools we are, to clutter up Our lives with common things

And leave without heart's gate The Lord of life and Life itself— Our God.

No time for God

As soon to say, no time To eat or sleep or love or die.

Take time for God.

Or you shall dwarf your soul, And when the angel death

Comes knocking at your door, A poor misshapen thing you'll be To step into eternity.

No time for God?

That day when sickness comes

Or trouble finds you out

And you cry out for God?

Will He have time for you?

No time for God?

Some day you'll put aside

This mortal self and make your way

To worlds unknown.

And when you meet Him face to face

Will He—Should He

Have time for you?

—Norman L. Trott

Idleness is the key of beggary, and the root of all evil.—Spurgeon.

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NO MAGNIFYING GLASSES

By Lucia Mallory

Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

"Mother, Tom and Freda went off to town without me!" There was a stormy look on the face of my small niece as she spoke those words. She had come running through the yard and across the porch to the living room, where her mother, my sister Doris, and I sat sewing.

"They looked everywhere for you before they left, Joan," her mother replied soberly. "I'm sorry you weren't here to go with them."

"But they knew I wanted to go!" Joan protested. "I was just across the road at Maida Swanson's house looking at some new puppies. I was coming right back. They could have waited for me. They always treat me like that, and it isn't fair!"

The little girl was starting to walk away to sulk by herself, when her mother's firm voice recalled her. "Wait a minute, please, Joan! Let's do some clearer thinking. Didn't you hear us talking about the trip into town at breakfast time?"

"Yes, Mother," Joan answered reluctantly.

"Do you remember why Tom was going?" Doris persisted.

"Daddy needed something to mend his tractor. He wanted Tom to hurry," Joan admitted.

"The clouds seem to promise rain today," Doris explained. "Your father hopes his tractor can be fixed in time to get some work done with it before a storm comes. What did Tom tell you and Freda about being ready to go with him?"

"Tom said he'd start just as soon as he had fed his calves," Joan replied. "I was going to watch for him with Freda, but when Maida came to tell me about the puppies I went over to see them. They were so cunning, Mother; darling fuzzy brown balls with sleepy eyes. I guess I looked at them too long."

"I'm sorry you did not remember to note the time," Doris consoled her little daughter, "but there will be other days for you to go into town. Perhaps your Aunt Lucia and I will go one afternoon while she is visiting us, and we'll take you with us. I wonder if Aunt Lucia might enjoy seeing the colored pictures we took on our week-end trip to Payette Lakes last fall. Would you like to fetch them and show them to her?"

"Oh, yes, Mother, I'd like to show Aunt Lucia those pretty trees." My small niece's face brightened as she skipped out of the room.

"You really will enjoy seeing the pictures of the tamarack trees in their autumn coloring, Lucia," my sister told me. "They were like huge yellow candles in a great outdoor cathedral. It will make Joan as happy to show those beautiful pictures to you as it did to look upon the actual tamaracks."

"You want Joan to recall something pleasant instead of dwelling on her hurt feelings and being sorry for herself, don't you?" I questioned.

"Yes," my sister agreed. "But I needed first to help her understand that she herself was responsible for her disappointment. Even if Tom and Freda had been at

fault, I wouldn't want her to magnify the hurt. Too many people seem to apply magnifying glasses to every trivial real or fancied slight. They make themselves and everybody around them needlessly unhappy."

As a smiling little girl came back into the room with the treasured pictures, I wished that all children who were apt to indulge in the habit of self-pity could be guided away from that childish folly in as direct and successful a way as Joan had been guided.

"WEE LITTLE VOICE"

As I wandered along the path one day,
A wee little voice came close to say:

"The way is beautiful, so watch and pray,
Because I come by here each day,

To see you, and let you know
And guide the way for you to go.

The world is so beautiful and happy and gay

And people like you help to keep it this way.

It is such a peaceful and wonderful place to be,

Where everyone can worship, and their friends they will see.

So help us watch, and look, and pray, to keep this place as of today."

—Mrs. Charles Styron, Jr.

Winston-Salem

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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actions with God's on-going life. For remember every day each of us is writing his autobiography and so is God writing his.

Also when at New Years we say, "I'll turn over a new leaf," it is more than turning a page in a tablet and starting to write our record on a clean sheet. When we turn over a new leaf in time's calendar, it is to read what God is writing as well as to write our own record.

The New Year's season is not a time for making light resolutions as if all depended on our good intentions and will power. This new year of 1953 is going to bring us some glad days as well as some bad days.

We mortals are prone to plead for God's help in handling our bad times. But we seem to assume that we can look after our good times without the Lord's help. This is a childish view unfair to God and unfortunate for ourselves.

We need God to help us handle our good times. Character is more severely tested by success than by defeat. And life's losses come when we are not prepared for the best as well as when we are not prepared for the worst. In 1953 let us expect great things of God and attempt great things for God. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Announcements

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The 1952 Western North Carolina Conference Journal has been printed and is being mailed. Pastors have also been billed for all copies over two shipped to them. Please make your remittance to Herbert M. Wayne, Treasurer, Box 1273, Charlotte, as soon as possible.

Charles D. White, secretary

BISHOP HARRELL'S ITINERARY

- Jan. 4 —11:00 a.m., Communion, First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
- Jan. 6-8—Southeastern Evangelistic Conference, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Jan. 11 —11:00 a.m., Maple Springs Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Jan. 12 —Charlotte City Mission Board
- Jan. 14 —Western North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism, Charlotte, N. C.
- Jan. 16-19—Woman's Division, Board of Missions, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
- Jan. 17 —Board of Church Extension, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
- Jan. 20-23—Board of Missions, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
- Jan. 24-25—Advance Committee, Buck Hills Falls, Pa.
- Feb. 3-5—Ministers' Conference, Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.
- Feb. 15-22—Preaching Mission, Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PAGE

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Since we do not have a Conference Director of Children's Work the district directors are being relied upon to carry the Children's Work forward. We are expecting to have a conference director by this fall.

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS TO MEET

The Conference Commission on Christian Vocations will meet at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, on Thursday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. G. S. Eubank is chairman of the Commission. Rev. C. P. Morris is Vice-chairman, and Rev. Curtis Gatlin is Secretary. All members are urged to be present.

UNPLOWED FURROWS

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To retreat from the hinterlands of America will eventually bring us to a non-progressive situation. The effects of retreat are beginning to be felt in the rural counties where only the county seat church is left. The sources of new life are cut off.

Maintenance of Methodism's pioneering spirit will guarantee the plowing of many furrows in land now being left idle.

Though immediate results must claim much of our attention as we labor in the Master's field, we must not forget that the same field will be expected to bear fruits even centuries from now. By plowing the furrows of developing a sense of unity, measuring a church's program by its potentialities, and cultivating the desire to serve all areas, Methodism will break up its fallow ground and will es-

tablish itself for time and eternity that it might serve faithfully in the Master's fields.

When we spend as much on missionaries as we spend on brave Marines; when you and I give as much for brotherhood as for battleships; when we spend as much on Bibles as on bombs; when we are as alive to spread the Gospel of Christ as the Communist is to spread his cause; when we put first things first, then God will relieve us of this burden, and we will be on our way.

Louis H. Evans in
THE KINGDOM IS
YOURS (Revell)

In Memoriam

MRS. SALLIE KEARNS BYRD

MOUNT GILEAD—Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from us, the Methodist church of Mount Gilead, our beloved and faithful member, Mrs. Sallie Kearns Byrd, who for more than fifty years served faithfully her church in an official capacity, she was a loyal member of the WSCS, serving as its leader a number of times; and Whereas, the church misses her presence, her prayers, her interest in, and support of the church in its whole program; and Whereas, the community has been bereft of a loyal friend and servant, her family has lost a devoted loved one whose thoughtful courtesy and tireless energy made a beautiful and happy home. Be it resolved: That we, members of the WSCS accept this dispensation of God's providence as an evidence of his love by which our sister has been called to a higher and fuller service. That we express our sympathy and our sense of personal loss to the bereaved family. That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the records of the quarterly conference and that copies be sent to each member of the family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. C. M. Capel
Mrs. Eugenia Taft
Mrs. J. B. Ingram

MRS. ALICE SWINDELL

SWAN QUARTER—We, the members of Soule Ladies Aid, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our oldest member, Mrs. Alice Swindell, who died November 8, 1952.

She will be greatly missed in her home, church and community, for by her unselfish life she won a warm place in our hearts.

Though we miss her, may we ever cherish her memory. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to her family, and our prayer is that our Heavenly Father will comfort them in their sad bereavement.

Mrs. J. E. Bonner
Mrs. John H. Swindell
Miss Lona Bonner

MISS KATE BROWN

MOCKSVILLE—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Mocksville, wishes to pay tribute to a faithful member, Miss Kate Brown, who passed away on October 31, 1952. She was the daughter of Burton Brown and Hetty Bivins Brown, and was born on December 29, 1863. She had been a loyal member of the Mocksville Methodist Church for 76 years, being a regular attendant at Sunday School and church. Bible study was one of her greatest joys, and she was an able teacher in Sunday School. Her devotion to her family, her friends and her church was outstanding. Many of us will long remember her tokens of friendship, dainty needlework, potted plants, and her bright greetings. The Sunday before her death she was present at the morning services. She is now "where the Sabbath ne'er shall close."

Mrs. Phil Johnson
Miss Martha Call
Miss Mary Heitman

MRS. NANNIE WATERS

MOUNT OLIVE—Mrs. Nannie Waters Grady died Friday, November 14, 1952, at the home of her son, Ben W. Grady, in Duplin County. Services were held the following afternoon at her home and burial was in the family cemetery nearby beside her husband, Lewis H. Grady, who died May 6, 1940. The memory of Mr. and Mrs. Grady is of devotedly sacred service to their church, their home and their community. They have left to carry on this sacred tradition four daughters, six sons, 43 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives stood quietly for the interment service. They thought how lovingly, tenderly and devotedly she had cared for the graves of her loved ones here.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Methodist church, Mount Olive church, was organized in 1928. It was named the Nannie Grady Missionary Society in her honor. Mrs. Grady always gave un-

sparingly of her money and untiringly of her time to her church and her family.

May Christ who strengthened her through her long and useful life supply the needed comfort and strength to her beloved family in these hours of sorrow.

We the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethel Methodist church, Mount Olive charge, ask that in appreciation of her consecrated life this tribute of love and respect be recorded in our Minutes, a copy be sent to her family, one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to the Mount Olive Tribune.

Resolutions Committee
Mrs. C. C. Ivey, Sr.
Miss Helen Sullivan

MRS. OMER ODUS ROLLINS

LAWNDALE—Mrs. Omer Odus Rollins, "Mrs. Cordia" was born in Burke County on April 25, 1865, and passed away at her home in Lawndale, on the night of November 28, 1952. Her husband passed away on December 9, 1901, thus leaving eleven children for whom Mrs. Rollins was to be father and mother. Her husband was brother of Rev. B. G. Rollins, deceased. Of the eight living children of this family, our conference is proud to claim a son, Rev. W. A. Rollins, who is pastor of First Methodist Church of Newton. One son, F. L. Rollins, Lawndale, N. C. is a county commissioner of Cleveland County. Mrs. John Eaker, Lawndale, is the oldest one of the worthy children of this family.

Funeral service was conducted in Palm Tree church on Sunday afternoon, November 30, by her pastor, assisted by Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the Statesville District. The church was full to overflowing with people of all walks of life, including many leading citizens from various sections of the country.

Mrs. Rollins reared her family in the Christian way. She did not depend upon others to rear the family; she worked, she prayed, she taught and lived as an example before her family, and in the community, to bring credit upon all. She respected her pastor and had her children to think about the pastor as being the leading citizen of the community. Preachers could learn how to live by visiting Mrs. Rollins. Much could be said about this great character but suffice it to say, "Her children rise up to call her blessed." This is a better world because Mrs. Cordia Rollins lived among us. May our heavenly Father comfort the children and all her people.

M. C. Ellerbe, pastor

MRS. ROBERT GLOVER

BAILEY—We, the members of the Mount Pleasant Woman's Society wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to our recently departed member, Mrs. Robert Glover. She was a faithful mother and loyal wife, an outstanding citizen of her community, a noble Christian and loyal member and worker in the Mount Pleasant Methodist church.

The inspiration of her life will not be forgotten by those whom she lived among.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and pray God's blessings upon them.

Mrs. Bobby Glover
Mrs. Thomas House

JAMES A. GRAY

In the sudden death on October 29, 1952, of Mr. James A. Gray of Winston-Salem the Divinity School of Duke University has suffered the loss of a staunch friend and generous benefactor.

Mr. Gray was modest and self-effacing in all of his many benefactions. He contributed not only his means but his consecrated leadership to educational and charitable causes, especially to those of The Methodist Church. His interest was personal because of his devotion to his church and his regard for its ministry. Duke University honored itself in June, 1952, by awarding to him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

As a part of the Methodist College Advance, he established the James A. Gray Fund in 1946. This fund now provides for the James A. Gray Lectures, the Duke Divinity School Seminars, scholarship aid to Divinity School students, and assistants to supply pastors of The Methodist Church attending the annual School for Approved Supply Pastors. Mr. Gray was also instrumental in the establishment by Centenary Methodist Church of Winston-Salem of a work scholarship for a Divinity School student. Again during the summer of 1952 he made the first, and a generous, response to a published appeal for a Foreign Student Scholarship Fund in the Divinity School.

The Divinity School Seminars are now in their fifth year and have given inspiration and instruction to several hundred ministers in North Carolina. The James A. Gray Lectureship has been held by Ralph W. Sockman, Paul M. Scherer, and Liston Pope. Lecturers for 1953 and 1954 will be, respectively Charles W. Gilkey and W. Douglas Horton. These lectures will reach the public in published form and the lectureship will doubtless become one of the most distinguished in the United States.

The Faculty of the Divinity School enters this tribute in its Minutes to record its sincere appreciation of the substantial and personal interest taken in its work by Mr. Gray and directs that copies be sent to his family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and to the Divinity School Bulletin.

James Cannon
Kenneth W. Clark
James T. Cleland

THIS THE CHURCHES ARE DOING IN KOREA

By Henry D. Appenzeller
Director, Church World Service, Korea

Church World Service—from America—distributed clothing and supplies to more than 500,000 civilian Koreans in 1951. For nine months of 1952 it has helped over 900,000 Koreans; with the actual figures for the last six months being 790,456 persons, grouped in 185,482 families.

The total number of persons receiving material aid since February 1951 comes to around 1,400,000. In terms of financial aid these persons received supplies from a total of 7,950 bales and boxes of goods valued at \$479,893; so that the direct relief does not come to more than 35 cents per person.

UNCACK, in collaboration with UNKRA, has recently worked out a system whereby voluntary agencies are allowed to import up to a total of 500 tons a month, for all agencies combined, provided the agencies are registered with

UNCACK and submit a request to import prior to shipment.

Church World Service is registered with UNCACK, and all supplies on the way have already been approved. Furthermore, at a recent meeting with officials of UNKRA, that organization explained its plan of assistance with overseas shipping charges.

In February, 1952, a revolving loan fund was established to aid agricultural projects and other business ventures.

In March, a branch office of CWS was opened in Seoul.

In the same month, a Day Nursery was started in Pusan, with the purchase of a building to house it.

The Misihoi, the sewing guild for widows and dependents of preachers, has expanded until it now employs 60 women, working in various lines of needlework.

In collaboration with the Salvation Army, a home for indigent women is being opened in Seoul.

A new project for amputees, under the

leadership of Dr. Reuben A. Torrey, Jr., has been initiated and bids fair to expand into an independent organization that will minister to the tens of thousands of war victims and bring them back as useful citizens in society.

The seventh project is literally on its way, from Japan. CWS purchased there, last summer, a whole spinning and weaving factory, and it is to be set up in Taejon where it will give employment to some 250 persons, producing much-needed cloth for the public.

In the field of nutrition and health, CWS has been importing vitamin pills.

Church World Service assists as it is able in research problems which are investigated by various foundations in the United States and elsewhere. It shipped specimens of earth and soil from Korea to a biochemical laboratory in New Jersey. It has been asked to test a new drug called "Cotinazin" for the treatment of tuberculosis, and one of our mission doctors and the Maryknoll Sisters' Clinic are undertaking this task.

JANUARY IS NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE MONTH

Our Two Bishops Urge Support of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE Campaign

The North Carolina Christian Advocate is indispensable in the work of The Methodist Church in this area. It knocks at the door of every Methodist home, but is not admitted into all of them. It is laden with news of what is happening throughout the length and breadth of the Church, and in the North Carolina Conferences in particular. What gain it would be to every phase of our work if it were read by all our people! To increase its circulation is to advance our work. I commend the current campaign to all ministers and lay leaders, and express the hope that they will further it in their respective charges with all diligence.

COSTEN J. HARRELL
Resident Bishop
Charlotte Area

It has often been said that an informed Methodist will be an active Methodist. I know from observation and experience that this is a correct statement.

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A Thought for the Week

FIRST BRING LOVED ONES TO CHRIST

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone. John 1:40-42.

This incident from the first chapter of John should have special meaning for us during these months of evangelistic emphasis. We shall be concerned about introducing others to Christ. A good place to begin is with our own family. There may be some loved one who has not accepted Christ as Saviour. Perhaps we shall be inclined to overlook members of our own family. We may show more interest in those we do not even know than we do in those who are closest to us. For one thing, we are inclined to take our loved ones for granted. Again, there may be defects in our lives which our families know about all too well. Perhaps we hesitate to talk to a loved one about Christ because we recognize that we are poor representatives of Christian devotion.

It may be that we shall need to begin by getting rid of some of the unChristian elements of our own lives, by seeking a deeper experience of Christ for ourselves. Is it possible that some member of our household holds back because he does not see in us Christlike qualities which a Christian should have?

What a wonderful thing it would be if each of us could begin the period of evangelism by bringing to the altar of the church some loved one or close friend whom we have won to Christ. Then we would be ready to go out and seek others whom we do not know so well.

It is possible that even in our own household is some person who might become, like Andrew's brother Peter, a tremendous power for good. There is no way of telling what Christ can do with our loved ones if we shall only open the way.

O Christ, we would lead our loved ones to thee. We would live in such a way that our example and a few words spoken in love may be the means of bringing them to thee. Remove from our lives anything that hinders and make us worthy to stand with them before thee. May this evangelistic mission begin in our homes. Amen.

AS I GROW OLD

God, keep my heart attuned to laughter
When youth is done,
When all the days are gray days, coming after
The warmth, the sun.
God, keep me then from bitterness,
from grieving,
When life seems cold,
God, keep me always loving and believing
As I grow old.

—Author Unknown

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHEN WE ARE LOST

We dislike to lose things. A trifling loss may torment us for days. From a dropped glove or a misplaced book up to a vanished fortune or a ruined reputation, losses are distressing.

But if we were told that we were lost, how much would that disturb us? Of course, that would depend on the situation.

There are times when to be lost means the prospect of physical death.

Admiral Richard Byrd had such an experience during his first stay in Little America as he was exploring the region around the South Pole. One night he left his cave to look at some meteorological instruments and to get some exercise. Since the danger of getting lost in that Antarctic darkness was real and also likely to be speedily fatal, he took the precaution to set up a line of sticks in the snow to guide him. But on this particular night he walked beyond the line before he realized it. Suddenly he discovered his situation and could find no trace of a way back to his cave.

He records that there came over him a sinking, sickening sensation, and he whispered to himself, "Now you're lost." Fortunately he did find his way back before it was too late. But it is hard for us in our warm homes to imagine the full terror of being lost in polar snow with inevitable death by freezing only a few moments ahead.

There was a time when the preacher in the pulpit could stir in his hearers something of this same terrifying feeling by telling them that they were lost souls. When Jonathan Edwards in his sermons pictured sinners in the hands of an angry God on the very brink of hell, his listeners fairly rose from their seats in fear. Such "hell-fire preaching" still stirs congregations in some places, but it would hardly be effective with those who read these lines.

Let us consider the lost sheep. It is not strange that sheep have served to shape so much the pattern of Scriptural thought and language. Sheep-herding was about the leading business of Palestine. And the shepherd's care of his sheep—patiently going after the stray ones, tenderly carrying the lambs in his bosom, guarding with his body at the gate of the sheepfold during the night all this was a fit symbol of the Heavenly Father's care. It is no wonder that Psalmist sang, "The Lord is my shepherd."

Then, too, sheep in their moods are so much like people. The lambs so lovable and so helpless, just like little children. The sheep are so likable and yet so stupid, just like so many people. They go nibbling along with their nose to the ground, greedily devouring the blades of grass nearest to them, so seldom lifting their eyes to get their bearings, and thus they wander away from the flock or stray near some dangerous cliff.

Oh, it may be that the figure of the lost sheep does not seem to fit us, who think we are modern and smart. We think we know our way around pretty well. But Dr. Arthur Holt says, "a man is lost when he cannot define his present nor plan his future."

When life has no pattern of meaning for us, it becomes almost intolerable. We may

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Our Readers Say . . .

LIKED ARTICLE BY DR. CHURCH

You sure started the year off right. I appreciated very much the article by Dr. Church. He is one of the greatest preachers of our day. As a boy about four years of age, I remember when my dear father and Dr. Church attended school at Rutherford College.

Denton

John Oakley

MORE ABOUT THE REVISED VERSION

Dear Editor:

I did not see your editorial, "Critics Win Friends for New Translation of the Bible," but undoubtedly the title indicates your approval of the New Translation.

Laying aside for the moment the more controversial substitution of the words "young woman" instead of "Virgin" I wish to call attention to two passages which are, if possible, a more flagrant violation of the St. James version than the above mentioned.

I Timothy 3:16 says with the burning heart of the writer: "Great is the mystery of Godliness" I have not time to quote the rest of that verse. It is beautiful. The New Version says: "Great is the mystery of our religion." Do the translators not know that every heathen, Mohammedan, Buddhist, and all have their "religion" but to quote John Oxenham's beautiful poem "Credo," in part, he says: "Not What but Whom I do believe" What is any religion without Christ?

The second reference which places the translators definitely in the category of those who "take away from the words of the Book," and call down upon themselves the penalty of Revelation 22:19, is found in Colossians 1:14. St. James says: "In whom we have redemption, through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" The new translation deletes the phrase "through His blood" and says: "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Before someone has time or inclination to reply to the above paragraph and say that the prophecy of Revelation is what is meant, the best Bible students say that the whole Bible is meant, and if they say that the new translators take it for granted that people will know that regenera-

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Think Over and Pray About These Statistics

People generally have an impression that Methodism in America is growing rapidly. They assume that since circuit riders in earlier years carried the Methodist message to every frontier in the land and that since The Methodist Church today is the largest Protestant denomination in the country our communion is really on the march.

Well, viewed from some angles, we have been doing a fairly good job in winning new members. But when we look a little closer at statistics perhaps we shall not be too greatly impressed by our record.

For example, in 1800, according to Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Candler School of Theology, Methodists had only 1.2% of the total population of the United States. In 1850 we had 5.1%; in 1900, 5.6%; and in 1950, 5.9%. Dr. Brewer, in a volume entitled "Methodism in the Changing Southeast," expresses alarm over this situation. He says, for instance, that if Methodism had kept the rate of growth it had from 1800-1850 there would be about twice as many Methodists as we now have. Considering the present rate of decline, Dr. Brewer thinks that by the end of the next fifty years Methodism will drop to only 4.4% of the total population.

What about North Carolina Methodism? During the decade 1940-50 our membership increased 18.3% while the total population increased 13.7%. Pretty good, you say. But let's make some comparisons. During the last decade, while we were gaining 18.3%, the Presbyterians of North Carolina gained 29.1%, or at a rate of about 50% faster than we grew. The Baptists increased 32.5% during the same period, or about 80% faster than we grew.

In 1952, according to reports of Conference statisticians, the North Carolina Conference had a net gain of 434 members while the Western North Carolina Conference had a net gain of 3,065, a net increase of 3,499 for the State as a whole. Based on population figures for the last decade, this is a rate of growth equal to about one-half the rate of growth of the population.

Now, we do not cite these statistics because we are jealous of what the Presbyterians or Baptists or other denominations, for that matter, are doing. But we do have a conviction that Methodism has a direct responsibility for doing its share in evangelizing the nation. We definitely feel that we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. Therefore, as we enter upon plans for the

evangelistic mission it might do our souls good to think over and pray about these figures. Knowing where we are can easily be the beginning of progress.

The Church's Stake in Sordid Literature and Bad TV

Objectionable literature and bad television are two character-forming media with which the church must soon come to grips. More than most of us realize, the thinking and habits of literally millions of Americans are being molded by trashy literature and by asinine and debasing television programs.

Concerning objectionable literature, a Congressional committee recently making investigation has found the most flagrant offenses in three types of publications: the pocket-sized books, "cheese-cake" magazines and comics. The pocket-sized books which started out originally as cheap paper-bound reprints of standard works, the committee declares, are "artful appeals to sensuality, immorality, filth, perversion, and degeneracy." Their sales in 1951 perhaps reached 230,000,000 copies. Comics, which are not comics at all in most cases, glorify crime. Intrigue, robbery, sensuality and murder are their constant themes. Comic books, the committee stated, have about 70,000,000 American readers. A casual examination of the average newsstand will reveal the salacious and lascivious nature of the "cheese-cake" magazines on display.

Television, which now claims 70,000,000 viewers, up to this point, is a mixed blessing. Some programs are educational and inspirational in character. Others are downright stupid or putrid. Some television programs feed the highest esthetic instincts; others feed only the baser animal instincts. But that is not all. A correspondent in the *New York Times* puts it this way: "The American public is being insidiously and cynically subjected to a barrage of pressure, influencing them to buy goods they do not need and cannot afford." To this *The Watchman-Examiner*, Baptist periodical, adds editorially: "They are also being solicited for habits that are harmful and dangerous to health. The moral status of millions of people is involved. Let no minister who tries to preach serious sermons to waiting audiences on the Lord's Day be under any illusion. It is not possible to have audiences that can think seriously for any great length of time when they have been spending their leisure periods during the week prostrating their intellects before the morbid, the exciting, and the unclean."

The give-away programs, cultivating

the idea of easy money, come in for special criticism. Again the *Times* correspondent writes with good sense: "It is a psychological fact that such day-dreaming about lucky windfalls as a means to success and riches undermines the moral and ethical structure of our society. It is the antithesis of the philosophy of the men and women who built up our country. They believed in the efficacy of hard work."

Multitudes feed on lurid, sexy, salacious literature and corrupting television largely because they have failed to cultivate an appreciation for good literature and good television. Many succumb to both because they are cheap and easy to obtain. A man with a quarter in his pocket can get a cheap book or a sorry magazine. For ten dollars he can get a television set delivered to his home. Moreover, he is being pressured on every hand to select the cheap and tawdry.

The church cannot stop merely by criticizing objectionable literature and bad television. Confiscate all corrupting books and magazines and ban all questionable video programs and you still have a secular-minded, spiritually insensitive, gullible generation on your hands. The problem goes much deeper. It is the mission of the church to feed the esthetic in man, to awaken the spiritual and moral side of his nature, to make him aware of God, to arouse within him a sense of responsibility to God for his thoughts and actions. Moreover, it is the duty of the church to provide wholesome literature and good clean fellowship. There are many fine books and magazines. The church has good, sound literature. Methodism is particularly fortunate in this respect. Our people are reading. We must see to it that they are encouraged to read Christian literature, headed, of course, by the Bible. We should begin to instill good reading habits in our children. Each Methodist can begin by asking himself: "What kind of literature is displayed in my home?"

Regarding television, we do not yet have the answer. Certainly we should encourage our people to be selective in what they view, choosing the programs that inspire and help them. Television is so expensive that we are not sure the church can afford to sponsor TV programs in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the biggest thing we can do, now at least, is try to influence the type of programs being televised.

The church has a vital stake in what people read or what they see on television. The sooner we get in dead earnest about this matter, the sooner we can begin to reverse the present corrupting trends.

They Are Coming --- To What?

By Dr. W. E. Sangster

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It would have been pleasant if this series of articles in the Year of Preparation for the World Methodist Mission could have concluded on the note of perfect assurance that wonders were going to happen.

But the issues are too grave for anything except the most honest and practical dealing with one another, and the curtain must fall with certain pertinent questions still to be faced.

There is now no reasonable doubt that many people—perhaps many, many thousands of them—who at present do not go to church at all will be constrained to visit a place of worship this year. As the details of prayer and preparation flood in from all parts of the country, it is impossible to believe that outsiders will be so firmly resistant to the variety and multiplicity and cordiality of the invitation that they will not go along at least once to “see what it is all about.”

What will they see when they come? Coming once, will they come again? Visitation Evangelism alone is being organized on a scale unknown in modern Methodism. But the most persuasive and successful efforts to get people to come will all fail miserably if, when they come, they are deeply disappointed; find the service cold or incomprehensible, or utterly unrelated to their need, or so remote from daily life that the occasion, so far from being a great hour of meeting with God, is positively pathetic. It is an awful thought that people might come once, and resolve never to come again.

That could be borne if they took a dislike to us because their conscience had been challenged and they “couldn’t take it.” But suppose the fault was with the church; suppose the particular place of worship grossly misrepresented the Christian community; suppose the mistake was manifestly not in the “outsider” but in those who claimed to be in . . . The consequences of such a possibility are so grave that it would be worth spending what remains of the year, not only in perfecting our methods of getting them in, but of making sure that we have something rich to set before them when they come.

Here are four questions which will help to focus the problem for us.

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Is My Church—So Far as I Can Make It—the Kingdom of God in Miniature?

We claim, as Christians, not only to have the answer to personal problems but to the problems of society as well. Does your church illustrate that? Would an honest and reasonably intelligent man, coming once, feel that the place was full of love and, if he came for a month, would he be **sure** of it? Would he find no cliques, no snobbery, no rancour, no pushing for place, but only (in the phrase beloved of John Wesley) “gentle humble love”? If he discovered differences of opinion on matters of policy (as well he might with earnest people looking at the same thing from different angles) would he know that those differences were still within the orbit of that great encompassing love?

Are you reasonably sure that he would never hear tainted gossip; sharp criticism of one member by another behind his back; special deference paid to the opinions of certain people, not because of their

advanced spirituality but because of their money?

I remember talking to a woman once after she had been in the Church of God for three months. She had come right out of the world but she had come right into the Church. Class meeting, prayer meeting, the Holy Table . . . she took them all with both hands when she took Christ.

She had never been a common harlot but for years she had been promiscuous and, speaking honestly of all the men she knew, she said that she thought all men were hunters. And then she came to God and His Church, and into its intimate life. She just couldn’t get over the wonder of it. “I never knew there were people like this,” she said. “They want nothing from you but your friendship, and they will do anything they can for you. I’m not on the

One of British Methodism’s outstanding preachers asks some pertinent questions of all who are interested in the forthcoming evangelistic mission.

doorstep, either; I’m right in. How they love one another! It’s like being in fairy-land.” The word “fairy-land” struck me as being odd in this connection, but it was the word she used.

How quickly would that lost—and saved—soul have settled down in **your** church? In her odd way of talking, would it have seemed like “fairy-land” to her?

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Is Worship in My Church a Real Meeting With God?

Whether or not people meet with God in any act of worship depends, in large part, on the state of their own heart and mind, but put yourself in the place of one entirely unused to churches . . . how would an ordinary service in **your** church help them to meet God?

In most Methodist churches the preacher has no aid from liturgies. Whether a liturgy is an aid or a hindrance is a moot point among us. Both forms of service can be a glorious aid in meeting God—as both can be tragically mishandled.

But put yourself in a pew in your own church and in the skin of that stranger. Would he know that he had been present at a meeting of earth and heaven? If there were some things he did not understand in the service, would he, at least, have realized that it was all high commerce with God?

Is the service always taken with dignity? Though it be simple and homely—as in a thousand village bethels—is it, nonetheless, clearly in the presence of the Most High? If the worshippers smile together on occasion, is it just the smile of happy children gathered around their Father’s knee, and savouring no more of irreverence than it savours of pomposity and stiffness?

Would the stranger departing be likely to resolve to come again? Would the personal welcome or word of farewell given

him at the door—friendliness without fussiness—make him eager to be back?

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Is the Preaching in My Church Clear and Virile?

Congregations have more to do with the character of the preaching they receive than they know. People who pray for the preacher; people who tell the preacher when they have received help and what it was that helped them; people who listen with alertness, and on whose faces the preacher can see his points register, affect the message of the pulpit in large ways.

Some preachers become unconsciously casual in the preparation of their message because they do not think the people are deeply concerned about preaching either. One kind and keen listener can influence the quality of many sermons.

I met a young minister the other day coming in from a country appointment. “Had a good time?” I asked. “Yes,” he said, “a good time! There were four in the congregation, but I always prepare thoroughly for that place and I always enjoy going. The village schoolmaster is a member with us, and he is always there. He worships with beautiful reverence and, when it is time for the sermon, he looks up with such eagerness, like a man ready for his meal. If I forgot myself enough to disappoint God, the memory of that expectant man would check me. I know he can take the best I can give . . . and more. His eagerness and his encouragement will affect the whole of my ministry.”

Perhaps we preachers **do** get slack. God forgive us! But one way in which congregations can affect our preaching is in their own obvious concern about it—and in their scant respect for the nonsense going round that “preaching doesn’t matter.” A preacher despising his own calling, and making false antitheses between worship and exposition, and blasphemously implying that the “sacrament of the word” is only “a man talking,” is out of place in a Protestant pulpit.

But put yourself again in the skin of the stranger at your church. You have been aiming to get him in. He has come. Is the message, as it is given from your pulpit, likely to be a clear and virile word?

Question in your own mind the sermons you have heard recently by tests like these:—

Is it an **urgent** message? Does it leave an honest man impressed both with its importance with the need to do something about it?

Is it a **plain** message? Could a man unused to church understand it?—or is it normally interlarded with so many unexplained theological terms that you find it difficult (even as an “insider”) to understand it yourself? Is it composed too much of phrases familiar and loved by religious people but Dutch to the folk outside; for example, “heir of salvation,” “washed in the blood,” “saved by grace,” “things of the flesh,” “Throne of mercy,” “cup runneth over,” “bread of life”?

Is it a **practical** message? Does it leave an ordinary man knowing what he has to do about it and where to begin? Is the way to God clear in most sermons?

Preaching matters! To get the people

outside to church and have nothing much to put before them when they come—or nothing much that they can understand—will be a waste of energy and a tragic disappointment all round.

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Is My Church a Door to a Large World?

I have a suspicion that many thoughtful strangers visiting some of our churches would feel that we were too parochial. Even if they heard the clear call to personal consecration, and recognized the primacy and centrality of that, I think it would surprise them if we did not lift their eyes to the world horizons and make

them see the relevance of the Gospel to social and national life. An occasional reference to Overseas Missions and to the work of the Department of Christian Citizenship is not enough.

The Gospel itself—in its very nature—involves the World and Christian Citizenship. These concerns can never be sidelines with us. It states less than the truth to say that the Gospel is relevant to them. They are of the very nature of the Gospel. You cannot really have it and be indifferent to its spread in the world and its triumph in society. To give a thoughtful man or woman of any walk of life the idea that they were coming into a small

world when they came to church would be sad in the extreme. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been called many false things, but to suggest that it is petty and parochial is both ignorant and blasphemous as well.

Well . . . the people outside are coming in. Are they coming for one visit or are they coming to stay?

God help us! God help us in each of the ways I have set down here, and help us also not to push the strangers from seat to seat when they come, overpress them for money, or freeze them in cold, dull, or dirty buildings.

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Contributing To The Country Church

The Lord's Acre Plan

By Dumont Clarke

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The leaders of the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences, in recent succession, Bishop Paul B. Kern, Bishop Clare Purcell, and Bishop Costen J. Harrell, have all expressed a deep concern for the spiritual and material progress of the country church. During Bishop Kern's administration of the Conferences, a study of the life and work of the country church was made by a commission under his supervision.

On a concluding page of the Commission's report were these words, almost verbatim: "Only a working church can vitally influence the state and community in which it is located. Only a church with all its members at work can make the best use of its study material."

It was because Bishop Kern believed in the Lord's Acre plan as an effective means of helping to put all the members of the country church at work for the upbuilding of the church, that he gave the opportunity to the writer of speaking upon the plan at a session of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Lord's Acre plan proposes that each one in the country church and all who receive the benefits of the church shall dedicate to God a worthy portion of a farm crop or of livestock and, at maturity, sell the produce and give the cash proceeds to the church. Both individual and group projects may be worked. Wage earners join with farm workers by dedicating to God the first hour's wage of each week; that is, the first-fruits of earning power. This stewardship method is generally used to supplement weekly giving; especially to gain advance objectives.

The Lord's Acre plan comes to us with background in the Bible and in Christian history. The command came to the Children of Israel, "The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God." Exodus 34:26. And "Thither (to the appointed place) ye shall bring . . . the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks," Deuteronomy 12:6.

Through 23 years, the Lord's Acre plan, in the providence of God, has grown throughout the United States, in Canada, and on many mission fields.

This world-wide growth, with extensive publicity, has come about because the plan, when prayerfully guided and well managed, has the following great values in meeting many vital needs for the cause of Christ:

1. It helps to fulfill requirements of Jesus for Christian discipleship. He charged, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,

and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16. The Lord's Acre plan gives the opportunity and provides the challenge, as no other plan, to enlist young and old in a working Christian stewardship. The work that the plan offers is most adaptable through the use of many different kinds of salable projects.

Ten sound reasons why the Lord's Acre plan continues to grow, by the director of the Religious Department of the Farmers Federation.

2. It has gained, almost countless times, greatly-increased financial support for special objectives of the church, and also additional resources for benevolences. In the office of the promotional center of the Lord's Acre Movement at Asheville, N. C., are innumerable records of churches which have been greatly helped by the Lord's Acre plan. Sums obtained through this plan in single years have ranged from \$6,400 to a large number between \$2,000 and \$3,000, and to many from \$1,000 to \$200 and to smaller sums.

3. It makes many teachings of the Bible, such as, "Be ye always abounding in the

work of the Lord," effective in daily occupations.

4. It develops an inspiring cooperation and fellowship in Christian work.

5. It gives spiritual satisfaction through the completion of helpful projects, and generates incentive for further accomplishment in church work.

6. It gives the dynamic of religious purpose, and provides practical opportunity, to promote improved farming practices.

7. It provides means for giving larger tithes and offerings. A college president, upon seeing boys bring the substantial cash yield from their Lord's Acre pig, said, "Those boys will never again be satisfied to make a small contribution to the church."

8. It enables those without ready cash to make worthy contributions. Many farm people will participate in dedicated projects who could not otherwise give because of lack of, or uncertainty of, income.

9. It gives the opportunity to reach non-members, and to deepen Christian influence in the community.

10. It tends to condition workers for response to the evangelistic appeal and helps to raise up leadership for the Kingdom of God. Worthy participation in the work of the church deepens the sense of

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Corn for the Church Grown under the Lord's Acre Plan

Plans for College Drive Announced; Survey Committee Begins Assignment

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE UCA DRIVE SET

Quotas for the United College Appeal and dates for the campaigns have been set for the seven districts of the North Carolina Conference, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina.

The breakdown by districts follows: Durham, \$80,000, with campaign dates January 25-February 6; Elizabeth City, \$35,000, with campaign in September; Fayetteville, \$65,000, with campaign March 22-30; New Bern, \$55,000, with campaign February 1-13; Raleigh, \$70,000, with campaign in September; Rocky Mount, \$55,000, with campaign March 8-20; Wilmington, \$40,000, with campaign February 15-27.

With \$400,000 as a goal in this special campaign which is to extend over a period of three years, the district quotas were set by Bishop Garber and the seven district superintendents in keeping with Annual Conference action. In turn, district committees were selected composed of the district superintendent, three laymen, three ministers and Mr. Holt of the Foundation to set district goals which were broken down to charge goals.

A part of the current campaign in our two Conferences to raise \$2,500,000 for the Methodist colleges of North Carolina, the churches of the North Carolina Conference are accepting an additional \$600,000 to round out \$1,000,000 to be raised over a ten-year period through the college sustaining fund. This fund has been increased from 3% to 6% of total money raised and is being raised through the local church budget.

BISHOP CUSHMAN APPOINTED TO FIRST CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of Raleigh, has been appointed by Bishop Paul N. Garber to serve the remainder of the Conference year as pastor of First church, Rocky Mount, succeeding Dr. T. M. Grant who died December 31, 1952.

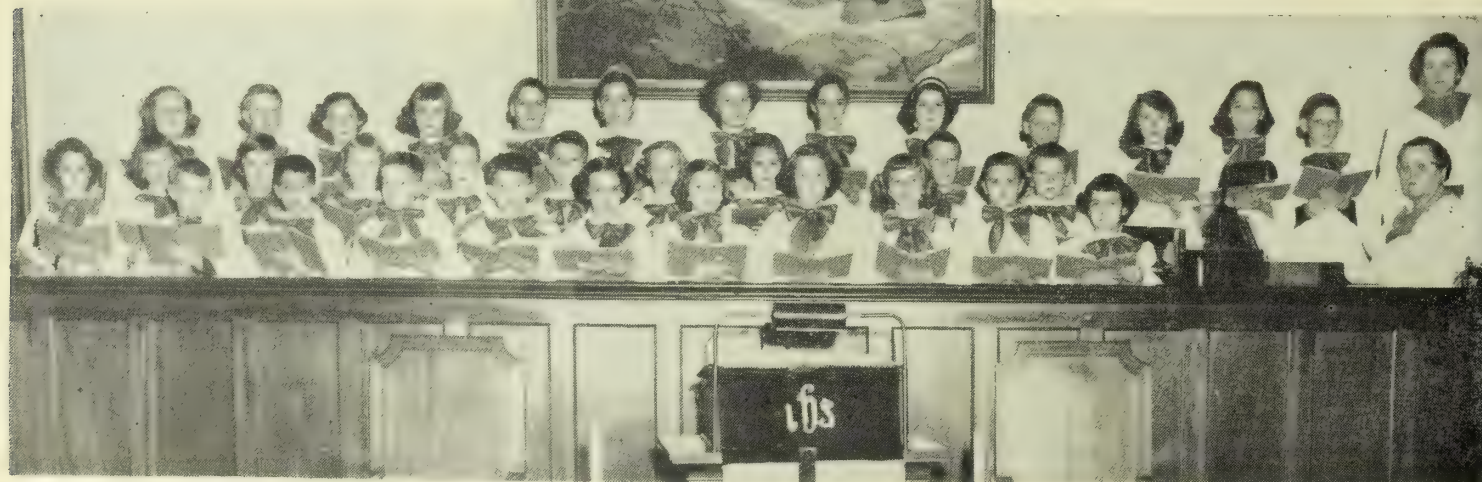
Bishop Cushman, who established his residence in Raleigh last summer following his retirement as bishop of the St. Paul (Minn.) Area, is well known in North Carolina Methodist circles. He ad-



BISHOP RALPH CUSHMAN

ressed both Annual Conferences last fall and has spoken in a number of churches in the State. His son, Dr. Robert E. Cushman, is a member of the Duke Divinity School faculty.

Born in Poultney, Vt., Bishop Cushman held a number of pastorates prior to his elevation to the episcopacy in 1932. He was also in stewardship work at one time. He was presiding bishop of the Denver



JUNIOR CHOIR OF TRINITY CHURCH, TROY

The Junior Choir of the Trinity church, Troy, is composed of 33 members. The group presented a special Christmas program in song, "The Story of the Three Candles." This is a very active group and adds much to the church services. The choir will present a special Easter program in the spring. Mrs. E. J. Macon is the director and Mrs. W. R. Grant, the pianist. First row, left to right, Henry Lowe Nance, Max Kearns, Ricky Holt, Ross Morris, Harriett Deaton, Elizabeth Burnette, Sandra Harris, Cynthia Buie, Jeanette Perry, Paula Sue Russell. Second row, Judy Laughlin, Libby Wallace, Mary Aileen Smitherman, Corne Holt, Billie Kearns, Raymond Holt, Jr., Judy Macon, Judy Wallace, Lee Trogdon, Philip Morrin. Third row, Barbara Beck, Johnny Kearns, Betsy Manning, Catherine Kearns, Larry White, Jimmy Lemons, Patricia Harrell, Sara Lane Owen, Judy Garriss, Charles Saunders, Elizabeth Nance, Susan Smitherman, and Gene Saunde.

Area from 1932-39 and served the St. Paul Area since 1939. A gifted writer, he is author of a number of volumes on stewardship and evangelism and has written books of poetry.

He and Mrs. Cushman will occupy the parsonage of the Rocky Mount church.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SURVEY NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The survey and strategy committee of the North Carolina Conference met at Rocky Mount Monday, January 5, to begin plans for an assignment made by the 1952 session of the Conference. Featured speaker was Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, who discussed Methodist membership trends, particularly with reference to the Southeastern Jurisdiction and North Carolina. Dr. Brewer based his remarks on a volume "Methodism in the Changing Southeast" which he wrote last summer for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council. Dr. Brewer pointed out that according to present-day trends the percentage of Methodists in the total population was gradually decreasing.

A breakdown of subcommittee assignments was made as follows: Membership and evangelism, C. D. Barclift, C. E. Jordan; church extension, Key W. Taylor, F. S. Love; the ministry, Leon Russell, George Wallace; conference institutions, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, C. W. Robbins; conference organization and administration, W. L. Clegg, Mrs. H. I. Glass; financial policy, Gurney P. Hood, W. A. Tew; lay leadership, W. J. Smith, V. E. Queen.

The committee was created by recommendation of the Commission on Town and Country Work and its work is to "make a study in which (1) a careful analysis and diagnosis would be made of the present structure and function of the Annual Conference, and (2) a detailed proposal having the characteristics of genuine statesmanship would be made as to a comprehensive and long range policy program, and strategy, both spiritual and institutional for the Annual Conference."

The report of the committee is to be made at the next session of the Annual Conference and its recommendations are to be suggestive.

Officers are: chairman, C. W. Robbins; vice-chairman, C. D. Barclift; secretary, Key W. Taylor. Additional members of the executive committee are: W. L. Clegg, W. J. Smith and Mrs. H. I. Glass.

Duke Seminars Set; Korean Amputees Aided; Crop Shipment Made; Church Rites Held

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL SEMINARS SET

Plans are complete for the 1953 Duke Divinity School Seminars with many pastors from North Carolina and other states expected to attend the two events which begin Monday, January 19, according to Dr. James Cannon, dean of the Duke Divinity School. The first seminar will be held at West Market Street church, Greensboro, January 19, 20 and the second will be held at Queen Street church, Kinston, January 22, 23. The opening session gets under way at 10:30 a.m.

Featured speakers include Dr. Lynn Harold Hough of the Drew Seminary faculty who will discuss "The Mind of the Preacher—As a Man; as a Christian", and Dr. James T. Cleland of the Duke Divinity School faculty, whose topics will be "The Word of the Preacher—the Written Word; the Spoken Word". Dr. Kenneth W. Clark of the Duke Divinity School faculty will speak on "New Texts from the RSV".

Appearing also on the Greensboro program will be Dr. E. C. Few, pastor-host; Rev. H. F. Duncan, Greensboro; Rev. C. H. King, Salisbury; Rev. L. A. Scott, Winston-Salem; Rev. J. B. Hurley, Liberty; Rev. S. B. Biggers, Randleman. C. W. Phillips, Greensboro, will lead a panel of laymen on "Preaching I Like" with the following participating: Miss Sally Beaver, Dr. Thomas B. Clay, Holt McPherson and Miss Stella Ward.

At Kinston the following will take part: Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor-host; Rev. V. E. Queen, Wilmington; Rev. C. P. Morris, Durham; Rev. W. B. Petteway, Durham; Rev. W. A. Tew, Aberdeen; and Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern will lead the panel of laymen made up of the following: Mrs. Earl W. Brian, Skinner A. Chalk, Jr., S. B. Underwood, Jr., Miss Catherine Wike.

A tribute will be paid the late James A. Gray of Winston-Salem whose financial support made the seminars possible. Dr. Few will give the tribute at Greensboro and Rev. Leon Russell will give the tribute at Kinston.

Dean Cannon will speak at both seminars.

Registrations must reach Dr. Few at Greensboro by January 16 and Rev. M. W. Lawrence at Kinston by January 19. Registration fee is \$4.00 which includes three meals.

ARMY CORPS RAISES \$71,000 FOR KOREAN AMPUTEES

Church World Service has been entrusted by officers and men of the I Army Corps in Korea with the administration of \$71,000 which they have raised for the rehabilitation of amputee children in Korea, it has been announced by Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, executive director.

The check transmitting the funds has just reached New York, Dr. Fairfield said. Church World Service, relief agency of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States, is a central department of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., with headquarters at 120 East 23rd Street, New York City.

This special fund will be administered as a part of the amputee rehabilitation project launched by Church World Service under the direction of Rev. Reuben A. Torrey, an amputee who lost an arm in World War II. It will be supervised by a committee in Korea including representatives of the I Corps as long as it remains



Dr. Lynn Harold Hough

in Korea, the American Military Attache, and representatives of several Protestant and Roman Catholic church commissions in the Seoul area.

The Church World Service amputee budget for 1953, in addition to the special Army fund, is \$50,000, Dr. Fairfield said. Projects such as this are supported wholly or in part by contributions from American denominations, including funds raised by the "One Great Hour of Sharing" united appeal for overseas relief and rehabilitation.

Amputees are cared for in Severance Hospital in Seoul, aided by an amputee rehabilitation team composed of seven specially trained missionaries. Surgical work up to the present has been performed by the hospital staff with voluntary assistance of a number of Army surgeons,



Miss Mary Ella Fowlkes of Pelham, has retired after teaching for 31 consecutive years in the Sunday School of the Pelham Methodist church. During this time she taught the Junior class of boys and girls. In recognition of her faithful service and untiring devotion to her task the Sunday School presented Miss Fowlkes with a silver water pitcher. The picture, which was made at a recent church service, shows the pastor, G. H. Allred, making the presentation, with F. H. Duncan, the Church School superintendent, looking on.

but a full-time orthopedic surgeon is now being sought to join the team, as well as a specialist in the making of artificial limbs.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP SHIPS POWDERED MILK TO KOREA

North Carolina CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) observed New Year's Day by dedicating and shipping 2,000 cases of non-fat spray powdered milk solids to Korea on January 1, according to Rev. Carl R. Key, Durham, State director. Among others participating in the service were Rev. J. Edwin Carter and Rev. J. D. Allgood, Jr., Forsyth County co-chairmen, Winston-Salem; Eston Stokes, Davidson County chairman, Linwood; and Rev. Paul H. Richards, Davie County chairman, Mocksville. These three counties were successful in their canvass for funds with which to purchase the powdered milk for shipment.

The origin of this shipment of milk was the Coble Dairies plant in Lexington. It is consigned to Dr. Henry D. Appenzeller, Pusan, Korea, the largest area for relief activity in Korea. Dr. Appenzeller is the well-known Korean representative of Church World Service, the parent organization of CROP. It will move out of the port of Norfolk on January 20 via "Kobe Pioneer Mail," United States Lines. It will be distributed from Pusan to the most needy refugees and war orphans of that area.

Each case contains 36 small moisture-proof envelopes, enough milk powder to make one quart of reconstituted milk or 72 quarts to the carton. This shipment of milk will provide 144,000 quarts or 576,000 glasses of reconstituted milk. It will provide a glass of milk every day in the year for 1578 people.

Other food shipments from North Carolina CROP this year include three carloads of corn. Duplin and Wayne counties shipped a car together, 1227 bushels. Martin County shipped a 1214 bushel car, and Pitt County also sent a carload. The chairmen are: M. B. Holt, Albemarle; W. P. Grant, Rt. 3, Goldsboro; W. M. Hardison, Rt. 3, Williamston; and Rev. E. G. Cole, Winterville.

FORMAL OPENING OF LEXINGTON CHURCH HELD

Formal opening of Trinity church, Lexington, was held on Sunday, December 14. Since the opening of the new church on November 9, there has been a decided increase in attendance at Sunday school and worship services.

Rev. M. Teague Hipps, superintendent of the Thomasville District, was speaker at the morning worship service. Flowers for the services were placed in the church by friends and members of the church.

At the close of the eleven o'clock hour the ladies adjourned to the basement to spread the luncheon they had prepared while the men held quarterly conference. Then everyone assembled in the recreation room for lunch.

At two o'clock the group gathered again in the auditorium for an informal service. A list of the donors to the building fund was read and brief comments of the history of the church were heard. Rev. H. H. Powell, pastor of the church from 1910 to 1917, made a short talk about the progress of the church.

From three until four o'clock the church was opened for inspection by the congregation and friends.

The opening day of the church was designated as tithing Sunday with the goal set at \$1,000. The total offering received on that day was \$1,040.36.

Report of Charlotte Area Committee on Spiritual Preparation for Evangelistic Mission

I. WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH PEOPLE MAY BE CALLED TO PRAYER FOR UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION, May 15-24:

1. Each church begin to pray definitely for the Mission at morning and evening services:

Midweek prayer meetings.
W.S.C.S. meetings and Circles.
M.Y.F. meetings.
Official Boards and other types of church groups.

2. Organize each local Church for an "Around The Clock" prayer program, having members of Church take a stated time (5 to 15 minutes). The idea of a Prayer Minute or Prayer Hour may be used, stressing the idea that one may pray wherever he or she is. Time: May 1-24.

3. Cottage Prayer Groups in local Church, May 1-24.

May use another title, such as "Prayer Fellowship" or "Group Partners". Designate effective laymen as leaders.

4. Distribute "Prayer Covenant Cards". Pastor may send a mimeographed letter to every member urging signing of Covenant Card and commitment to attend Evangelistic Preaching Services.

II. CONDUCT A "SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION" IN EACH CHURCH.

1. Use the spiritual life chart titled "Strengthen Thy Brethren", which is available from TIDINGS at \$6.00.

2. Time may be set at convenience of local church.

3. Pastors and people to use spiritual examination folders, "Alone With God" and "Alone With The Master".

III. GUIDANCE IN "WHAT TO PRAY FOR":

1. Each one to pray for self—ask forgiveness. Our work **begins** in our own hearts.

2. For the pastor. Let every member pray especially for his or her pastor. Each pastor praying for other pastors. Let's pray earnestly that each pastor may catch the vision; have sympathy, cooperation, understanding, and willingness to work the plan suggested.

3. For **specific individuals** who are unsaved, for those who are careless and slack in their devotion to the church.

4. For the church. Call attention to the church membership vow of supporting the church by our prayers.

IV. OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

1. Relate the whole program of SPIRITUAL PREPARATION in local church to the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Let this group "spark" the effort. If the Commission needs additional "key" persons, arrange for their election.

2. Use the Evangelistic Chart, "Two by Two" (from Tidings at \$12.00) on each charge.

3. Arrange to have Methodist pastors appointed in charge of devotional services on local radio stations, May 1-24.

4. Let district committee on spiritual preparation work closely with district committee on publicity and promotion, and with the district superintendent in planning "Periods of Power".

5. This program of spiritual preparation is to be worked on the district level, under the supervision of the district committee, which consists of the following:

Chairman—appointed by district superintendent.

District secretary of spiritual life of WSCS.

MYF sub-district chairman of worship and evangelism.

One pastor to be appointed by the chairman and district superintendent.

6. Many leaflets and pamphlets are provided by the General Board of Evangelism, as listed in SHEPHERDS. They should be used generously in this important program of spiritual preparation.

J. C. Smiley and C. E. Rozzelle,
Co-Chairmen

Wilson O. Weldon, Secretary

MARTIN'S WORDS HEARD BEHIND "IRON CURTAIN"

Tribute to their fortitude was paid Christians in Soviet satellite countries in shortwave broadcasts in several languages of a Christmas message from the new president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, who was recently installed to this highest office of America's largest religious organization, assured the thousands reached by the **Radio Free Europe** broadcasts of deep sympathy and abiding love in their afflictions.

"Your faith and patience and courage have inspired us with new confidence in the final triumph of the Gospel," Bishop Martin said. "Because we have suffered so little in our own country we do not feel that we have the right to give you any counsel as to how your witness for

Christ can best be borne. We have the promise of Scripture that no degree of suffering, nor even death itself can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord . . . Loyal witness to His truth is never futile."

Bishop Martin declared his confidence that it is God's will "that there should be in our hearts the fullness of His unquenchable joy even when our surroundings are marred with uncertainty, oppression and pain . . . We know that the final reality is not pain and strife and death, but joy and peace and life eternal."

The message closed with prayer that man-made barriers shall not be allowed to separate Christians from each other.

BISHOP HAILS BOY SCOUTS

Scouting develops individual initiative and, at the same time, the ability to cooperate, the president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church believes.

Saluting the 3,250,000 Boy Scouts and leaders on the approach of Scouting's 43rd birthday observance, February 7-13, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson has tuned his formal statement to the spirit of this year's slogan: "Forward on Liberty's Team."

Bishop Corson, who lives in Philadelphia, sees scouting from the standpoint of an educator. He is a former college president, chairman of the board of trustees of Temple University and president of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, to which 125 institutions of higher learning are related.

His tribute to Boy Scouts, thousands of whom are in troops sponsored by Methodist churches, is as follows:

"In the united effort to make better citizens through moral, religious, occupational and recreational emphasis upon youth work, I am glad to express appreciation for the contribution which the Boy Scouts of America have made to this very essential project.

"Based on the true principles of democratic freedom and recognizing the development of individual initiative and cooperation with others as basically essential, the Scout movement is unusually important in this phase of American development.

The emphasis upon a united approach is also greatly needed and the Scout movement deserves commendation."

A Layman Speaks

The North Carolina Christian Advocate is of tremendous value to the entire church in our state. In times past some laymen have been inclined to look upon it as a paper for preachers and women. If this has been true, it is our fault—not the fault of the editor and publishers who desire that the Advocate be made wide use of by the whole church. I am confident that we laymen will relish the opportunity of making use of the Advocate. To this end we expect to begin a series immediately in which the district lay leaders of the Western North Carolina Conference will be given an opportunity to explain the work which the laymen are doing in the various districts. We hope that this series will be interesting, instructive and inspiring.

I have had occasion to examine practically every church publication which is published under the auspices of The Methodist Church in this country and our Advocate compares most favorably with our other church publications. It is a periodical which must be in every Methodist home in the state and I urgently recommend the laymen of our church actively to support the Advocate in every way. The presence of the Advocate in our homes should tend to offset the great flood of sorry literature which most of our children read. We must not be content until the Advocate is in every home.

Paul R. Ervin, Lay Leader
Western North Carolina Conference

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

THE CHARLOTTE PREACHING MISSION will be held January 18-25.

THE BREVARD COLLEGE CHOIR presented a program on Sunday evening, January 11, at Trinity church, Asheville.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Charlotte, recently organized a youth choir of 20 voices. The choir is featured at the Sunday evening services.

WANANISH METHODIST CHURCH recently dedicated the new church organ in memory of the late Nan S. Council. In charge of the service was the interim pastor, Chaplain Richard Braunstein.

MISS BETTY JOHNSON who has just returned from a three-year missionary experience in India was the speaker Sunday, January 4, at First church, Salisbury, for both the morning and evening services. Miss Johnson is a member of the Salisbury church.

CONCORD-MARY'S GROVE charge in Gastonia District opened the New Year with candlelight Communion services with each church on the charge represented. Candles were lighted for every service man or woman who is a member or whose parents belonged to one of the churches. When relatives had lighted the candles, the lights were turned off and the communion ritual carried out.

REV. D. D. HOLT of Greensboro, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, gave the invocation last week at the inauguration of Governor William B. Umstead. Both Governor Umstead and Lieutenant-Governor Luther Hodges are Methodists, Mr. Umstead being a member and official in Trinity church, Durham, and Mr. Hodges being a member and official of First church, Leakesville.

JOHN D. EVERSMAN, recreational director of Ecusta Paper Corporation in Brevard, has been named to head the Public Relations Department at Brevard College, and he assumed this new office on January 1. Mr. Eversman has had wide experience in the field of public relations, entertainment, youth activities, music, community and industrial relations. He will also head the student recruitment program. Mr. Eversman is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Music, and was on the stage for several years as a concert violinist. He has also devoted much time to radio programming and promotional activities.

THE 1952 JOURNAL of the Western North Carolina Conference has been printed and mailed to pastors and others ordering copies. With a printing of 5,200 copies, the Journal was edited by Rev. Charles D. White, of Mount Holly, Conference secretary. Statistical reports were edited by the Conference statistician, Rev. E. Paul Hamilton of Candler. Containing around 320 pages, the Journal is dedicated to Dr. Edgar H. Nease, former Conference secretary and now executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The Journal was printed by the Piedmont Press which is owned and operated by the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference and which, along with the North Carolina Christian Advocate, is a part of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc. R. R. Mitchell, production manager, was in charge of printing the Journal.



DR. ELMER G. HOMRIGHAUSEN, above, professor of Christian Education in the Princeton Theological Seminary, is the featured speaker at the sixteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches which will be held at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, January 20-21. Other speakers include Miss Luella Reckmeyer, director of Christian World Relations of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, who will speak at the fellowship luncheon January 21; and Dr. Robert E. Cushman, professor of Systematic Theology in the Duke Divinity School, who will speak the morning of January 21 on his recent visit to Lund, Sweden, last summer, where he attended the Third World Conference on Faith and Order. Dr. Homrighausen will speak the evening of January 20. Rev. Morton R. Kurtz is executive director of the Council and Dr. Kelsey Regen of Durham is president.

REV. DAN. C. BOONE of Pink Hill attended the Spiritual Life Mission held recently in Washington. D. C. Mr. Boone's name was inadvertently left out of the list of ministers from North Carolina carried in the January 4 issue of the Advocate.

KODACHROME SLIDES on the work of Dr. George W. Harley at Ganta Mission, Liberia, Africa, are available from Rev. Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, Box 1015, Shelby, N. C. There are fifty slides (2" x 2") in the series, with script, for \$1.00 rental. Dr. Harley spoke at eleven of the Conference subdistrict institutes last fall. These slides can be effectively used in relation to the study course, ALONG THE AFRICAN PATH, which describes Ganta Mission, and to the Church School units for all ages which are on Africa for the month of January. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is also studying Africa this year. Please give first, second and third choice of dates.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH members last year averaged contributions of \$194.79 for every adult.

REV. AND MRS. WALTON N. BASS of Rougemont announce the birth on January 5, 1953, at Duke Hospital, Durham, of a daughter, Smithie Elizabeth. Mrs. Bass is the former Emma Deane Simmons of Burgaw.

C. M. WAGGONER of Wabash County, Indiana, father of Dr. C. M. Waggoner, president of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, died in December, 1952. Dr. and Mrs. Waggoner went to Indiana for the funeral. Mr. Waggoner was almost 87 years old when he died.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, former superintendent of the Charlotte District and now executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, continues to improve slowly from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Seneca, S. C. more than two weeks ago. Also improving from less serious injuries in the accident are Mrs. Nease and their daughter, Mabel Ruth. Dr. Nease is at Oconee Hospital, Seneca.

CAMP GROUND CHARGE recently completed a lovely eight-room parsonage and the pastor, Rev. Gene H. Little, and Mrs. Little held an open house for members and friends of the charge. Located in the Charlotte District, Camp Ground charge is composed of Bond's Grove, Pleasant Grove, Wesley's Chapel and Union churches. Members of the parsonage building committee include Frank Hawfield, chairman; Lester Winchester, Roscoe Howey, Earl Howey, James L. Davis, J. B. Boatwright, Herman Therrell and Brown Howey.

REV. R. P. WAUGH of Pleasant Garden writes: "Pastors, want a sound investment? Send the Advocate to every family. Last year the Advocate was sent to every home in our church at Pleasant Garden, and this year the Official Board voted unanimously to continue this plan. It means a great deal to know that at least one piece of religious literature goes into each home in the parish." More than 200 pastors and official boards in North Carolina Methodism feel as Mr. Waugh does. Others are urged to join this growing list.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. LITAKER of Charlotte have recently established at High Point College a new scholarship for ministerial students, an initial sum of \$2,800 having been provided for the purpose. The donors have stated that they are particularly interested "in helping to produce a high-grade minister for every Methodist church" and that a carefully planned education is essential, looking towards this end. Mr. Litaker, who operates an insurance agency in Charlotte, states that the fund he is establishing is to be known as the Mrs. Daniel Milton Litaker Scholarship, named in honor of his mother, who is still living. The recipients must be undergraduate ministerial students from the territory now comprising the Western North Carolina Conference and will be selected on the three-fold basis of personality, campus activities, and classroom work. The Litaker Scholarship is an addition to several other scholarships set up to assist worthy candidates for the Christian ministry and thus indicates a growing trend towards religious emphasis at High Point College.

A Christian Approach to Race Relations; Greensboro District Tops Race Relations Gifts

Editor's Note: Dr. S. O. Holland, Class of '14, Duke University, is a graduate of the College of Osteopathy and Surgery, Kirksville, Missouri. He began his work in Salisbury in 1916. Through the years he has been an active churchman. He has taught in the youth department and served on the official board. For twelve years he was Church School superintendent. He is keenly interested in race problems and is now president of the Salisbury Interracial Council.

IMPROVING RACE RELATIONS

By Dr. S. O. Holland

No more important task faces the Christian people of America than that of teaching and practicing the brotherhood of man as taught by Jesus. If peace is ever to be achieved on this earth the false ideas, attitudes and prejudices which now exist in the minds of many members of all races about other people, whom they consider to be different from themselves, must be removed.

This cannot be done in a more effective way than that suggested by the ancient philosopher who said "You cannot know a man neither can you judge him unless you walk where he walks." For one race to walk where the other walks it must get acquainted with the other race. In this way and only in this way, can we learn the thoughts the other fellow thinks and what his hopes and aspirations are for himself, his family and race.

The Educational Approach

It appears that one of the most effective ways to promote better relations between the races will be to establish well planned courses of study on race relations in all high schools and colleges. There should be organizations in which young people, from all races, may get together and discuss whatever problems they consider to be pertinent to their immediate needs. In addition there should be organizations in which adults of the various races may get together and discuss those problems that are of mutual interest and concern. Such organizations for adults will be of great value in giving a better understanding of race relations and it will go far in implementing the work that is being done for youth. If this educational approach can be made in a Christian spirit, it will promote good that cannot be generated in any other way. Such study and understanding will reveal that there are no superior races but that there are people who have been blessed with superior opportunities and that those so blessed have far the greatest responsibilities in making the world a better place in which to live.

Interracial Commission

In the home city of the writer, a typical southern city, an Interracial Commission was organized some years ago. The membership has never been large but by working patiently at its task it has achieved a great deal in promoting racial understanding and in easing racial tensions. The following are some of the achievements which have been realized either directly or indirectly. In the beginning only two of the eight larger churches would allow Negroes to attend an unsegregated worship service in their sanctuaries. Now all but one permit such services. Then the two races did not have luncheon meetings together while now it is not uncommon. The bus service for Negroes has been greatly improved. There are Negroes on the police force, and there is a Negro on the city school board. The Commission was also directly responsible for securing

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a place for Negro ministers on the schedule of radio devotions.

Approach of Christian Education

Some very gratifying progress has been made with young people in churches, schools, colleges, summer camps and assemblies in all part of the country. Particularly is this true in the southern states where a large part of the citizens are Negroes. This advance is made in part because the various denominations are trying, through their Church School Literature and otherwise, to promote the brotherhood of man as taught by Jesus. Another cause for this improvement is the training in competitive sports and other types of physical education that instills into youth a spirit of fair play and a desire to see the other fellow get what is rightfully his. This training makes it difficult for youth to understand why they should be unkind or unfair to anyone because of his race or religion and it makes a fine foundation for good relations between the races.

Toward the Practice of Brotherhood

The destinies of all people who live in this great country are so inextricably connected that whatever of good or bad comes to one must come to the other. The largest measure of prosperity cannot come to one race while the other lives in poverty. The largest measure of mental and spiritual growth cannot come to one group of people while the other, because of being frustrated by prejudice and discrimination and their attending evils, is stunted in moral and intellectual development. From a purely selfish standpoint we should be intensely interested in the welfare of everyone because we can create for ourselves and our families security, happiness and self-respect only to the extent to which we accord them to others. When we have in our hearts harmful attitudes and prejudices that allow us to

treat anyone unjustly or unkindly, or see anyone so treated without being concerned we so damage our own personality that we fail to find the joy and satisfaction that may be found when we really love our neighbors. If this is not true the scripture is pure fiction. When the social, civil and economic rights of the minority groups are considered, many complex problems of adjustment arise, some of which are extremely difficult to solve by the methods used in such cases. If these problems can be considered in the light of the teachings of the prophets and in the spirit of Jesus when he prayed "Not my will but thine be do" a solution will always be found. The test of a Christian is how he practices his Christianity, because Christianity is neither a set of rules, patterns nor creeds but everlasting and eternal principles to be practiced in our daily living. Those who are genuinely Christian, allowing themselves to be guided by the precepts and examples of Jesus, will do a great deal more than be sorry for those who bear burdens of poverty, discrimination and prejudice from whatever cause. They will make an active effort to aid them. They will remove from their own minds prejudice and harmful attitudes that frustrate and hinder. They will also encourage others to do the same. They will judge them as do other people, according to their worth and character and not their race or color. As far as possible they will aid in creating sentiment that will allow them to find work according to their skill. They will be interested in having better homes, schools and churches provided for all people.

Whoever sincerely endeavors to settle these problems in this light will find in his heart a larger measure of that peace that passeth all understanding.

Additional copies of this article may be secured from the Salisbury Interracial Council, 410 Wallace Building, Salisbury, North Carolina, at 10 copies for \$1.00, 25 copies-\$2.00, 50 copies-\$3.00, and 100 copies-\$5.00. All money received will be used for expense involved in printing and distributing the leaflet.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

February 8, 1953

The second Sunday in February is designated as Race Relations Sunday in every Methodist Church and in most churches of the country. The offering on this occasion is for the support of our Negro colleges. The contribution from WNC Conference is directed to Bennett College. Designate your offering for Race Relations and send it to F. Paul Wiles, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C. Contributions for the past year are listed by Districts below and by churches from the Greensboro District. College Place and Pleasant Grove sent \$15.00 after the books were closed, making a total of \$1037.77 from the District for the Conference Year.

Morehead, \$3.00; Summerfield, \$3.00; Hinchshaw Memorial, \$4.08; Hickory Grove, \$5.00; Madison, \$5.00; Moriah, \$5.00; Highland, \$7.30; Friendship, 8.00; Mayodan, \$8.00; Gethsemane, \$8.87; Main Street, High Point, \$10.00; Bethlehem, \$10.00; Center, \$10.00; Sherwood, \$10.00; Calvary, \$10.00; Vickery, \$10.00; Mt. Pisgah, \$11.43; Glenwood, \$12.00; Lees Chapel, \$13.29; Mt. Pleasant, \$13.41; Hickory Grove (Pelham), \$15.00; Ward Street, \$15.00; Lebanon, \$15.00; Bessemer, \$15.00; Oakview, \$15.09; Ruffin, \$15.24; St. Andrews, \$16.75; Spray, \$17.00; Bethel, 17.68; St. Paul, \$17.50; Stokesdale, \$17.16; Pleasant Garden, \$20.00; Mitchells Grove, \$20.00; Flat Rock Charge, \$24.00; Newlyn Street, \$25.00; Proximity, \$25.00; Rankin Memorial, \$25.00; Main Street, Reidsville, \$26.58;

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Supply Needs Listed; Mrs. Trent Speaks; Executive Group to Meet; Prayer Event Set

JANUARY IS SUPPLY MONTH

The Supply Work askings for the third quarter as announced by Mrs. George Jackson, secretary of Supply Work, are given as follows by Districts: Durham and New Bern District, cash for India to help purchase a jeep for evangelistic and school work in Gulbarga, South India; \$943 is needed to complete our conference askings of \$1,200. Elizabeth City, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount Districts, cash for Colegio Bennett, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to help purchase school furniture for the new primary building; desks and other furniture now in use in an old rented building have seen from 30 to 50 years of use and are far too shabby to be placed in the new building; also, modern pedagogy demands a better type of school furniture; \$1,318.78 is needed to complete our conference asking of \$1,500; \$15.00 will pay for a desk; \$10, for a steel locker; \$25, for a library table. Raleigh and Wilmington Districts is cash for Korea, as much as possible for equipment for Mission Institutions. Many of our mission institutions, schools, social centers and hospitals have been damaged or destroyed. Even when the buildings are still standing, practically all of the equipment has been looted. The need for replacements is very great. Almost an unlimited amount of cash could be used, but we must raise at least \$1,162.53 in order to complete our conference asking of \$1,500.

TRINITY, DURHAM, WSCS

Mrs. Mary Trent, Durham councilwoman and steward in Duke Memorial church, spoke to members of the Trinity Woman's Society of Christian Service on "Cultivating the Truth" at the general meeting Monday morning. She urged members to "be cautious, careful not to measure our country's future by our own fears," and evaluated ways of cultivating truth. A sincere purpose to operate with adequate faith to support that purpose; retention of open-mindedness to present day world problems with conclusions based on fact; and development of a real feeling for humanity Mrs. Trent concluded.

Mrs. Trent was introduced by Mrs. A. L. Pearce, status of women secretary.

Mrs. Norwood Thomas, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Waldo Boone who gave a violin selection. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bert Cunningham.

Mrs. J. J. Geegen, president, announced that on Jan. 27 a campaign dinner will be held at Trinity church for representatives throughout the district to raise funds for N. C. Methodist colleges. Rev. D. D. Holt, former pastor and now executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc. will preside at the dinner. The society will furnish volunteers for serving.

Mrs. H. I. Glass, president of the Conference WSCS was guest of honor at the meeting.

Circle 7, Mrs. A. M. Harris, chairman, sponsored the church nursery during December.

Contributions from the Society were acknowledged by the Salvation Army and the Durham County Home.

Members interested in learning about courts to find ways to help families were asked to sign up. The group plans to attend the court in a body.

Two study courses are to be conducted, the first on Africa, and the second, a Bible study jurisdictional course to be

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taught by Dr. Edmund Perry of Duke University.

Mrs. E. T. Johns reported that the student committee had sent a box of Christmas-wrapped "Faith Booklets" to service-men.

Mrs. W. W. Rankins expressed her family's appreciation for the hymnal dedicated to the memory of her brother, the late Rev. W. A. Lambeth, a former pastor of Trinity church.

Luncheon was served in the Pine Room by members of Circle 5, Mrs. Bernice Rose, chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet in Burwell Cottage, Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, on January 27 and 28. The opening session is at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mrs. H. I. Glass presiding.

Plans for the conference annual meeting in March, which will be held in First church, Rocky Mount, will be one of the items of business. Another item of business will be pledges from the districts to the conference treasury which will be made by District presidents.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The call to prayer comes this year from Africa. In more than 100 countries people of many tribes and nations will lift their hearts to the "Father of Lights" praying that into the darkness of this world His light may shine.

The 66th annual observance of "World Day of Prayer" will be held on February 20 in more than 17,000 communities in the USA with interdenominational religious services, and in some 113 other nations. Begun in 1887 by Presbyterian women, it is now under the auspices of all Protestant women related to the National Council of Churches, the day's offerings will help provide a spiritual and social ministry in migrant camps, in-service training for ministers engaged in church-centered community work among Negroes in rural areas, and make available religious education and social service for American Indians. Overseas it will aid in support of union Christian colleges in the Orient, publication of 21 Christian magazines circulated among women and children in 25 countries, aid to some 30,000 foreign students matriculating at U. S. colleges and universities and work among war and disaster victims.

AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

United Church Women, an organization of most of the active Protestant lay women in the United States, is enlisting its members in personal pledging of work against racial discrimination. It is part of their wider campaign for human rights in the local community and in the world. The pledge signers say: "I will work against all forms of discrimination; will act when another's rights are threatened; will endeavor to interpret to my church the implications of human rights, especially as they apply to the inclusion of all Christian in its life and program; will

strive for the integration of all Christian women, irrespective of race, in all phases of the work of my local council; will be guided in my everyday attitudes and actions by my belief that all persons are children of God."

CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES FOR PUSAN

The city of Pusan is reported to be the busiest place in all Korea today, and the Christian Social Center is said to be the busiest spot in that city. For this refugee city is filled with strangers from the North, with hungry and sick people, with orphaned children, with jobless and homeless thousands, and without enough food to go around. "Wherever we go in Pusan, countless numbers of children seem to spring out of nowhere as do the hoptoads after a warm summer shower," says Miss Mollie E. Townsend, R.N., serving at the Center. Packages not over 22 lbs., should be sent to Dr. Charles A. Sauer or Miss Mollie E. Townsend, c/o Methodist Mission, P. O. Box 112, Pusan, Korea. This is international parcel post and costs 14 cents per pound. For larger shipments, send packages to the nearest Church World Service Center (New York City or New Windsor, Maryland).

WOMEN MISSIONARIES

As quickly as the United Nations and its military commanders will permit, American women missionaries are being added to the church-related forces now serving in Korea. Eight Presbyterian and seven Methodist women missionaries are now on the field (in addition to more than 20 men) and more are in the process of being certified for appointment and sailing. Some of the women are teachers, and others are nurses; others are trained for special ministry among the amputees of the civilian population and for aid in the distribution of relief goods and the caring for orphans and refugees.

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

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belonging, and provides a stewardship training that serves to increase spiritual interest.

Many Methodist leaders give endorsement to the Lord's Acre plan. The writer has been repeatedly invited by Professor John B. Howes to present the plan at Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland; at Duke Divinity School by Dr. A. J. Walton; and at sessions of the summer school at Emory University by Dr. Earl Brewer. Dr. James W. Seils continues to be very active in promoting the Lord's Acre plan through personal addresses and through many articles published in "The Progressive Farmer."

The workability of the Lord's Acre plan has been made increasingly more practical in recent years. This is both because its values are more generally understood, and because of various helps that are provided. The Methodist Church has published a filmstrip showing many Lord's Acre scenes, with accompanying script. This is available at a rental of \$2.00 from any Methodist depository. A 24-page booklet, "Promoting the Lord's Acre Plan in the Country Church," gives full information for the use of the plan by various proven methods. It includes printed services of dedication and thanksgiving and presents the Lord's Acre field signs and the Lord's Hour clock with the movable hand. This booklet may be obtained for 12 cents from the religious department of Farmers Federation, Asheville, N. C.

Basketball Prospects Bright; Children Pledge To Church; December Receipts Up

RAISING CHILDREN

The Children's Home organization is in the business of raising children. Their joys become our joys. Their problems become our problems. It is a constant desire on the part of our staff members to so direct youngsters in such a way as will be helpful to them in the future and give joy to them at the present time. Our range of interest runs all the way from the two-year-olds to those in their late teens. Sometimes we feel as if very little is being accomplished. At other times we find ourselves in happy circumstances as we note the real stamina that is being developed in our youngsters.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Our entire family has had a wonderfully fine lot of Christmas experiences. Our staff of workers began their plans for an enjoyable Christmas for each child here as far back as the middle of November. From that time on until the passing of Christmas day our leaders were carefully working out their plans in such a way as to have no child overlooked. We do not subscribe to the practice of sending our youngsters away at Christmas time for whatever contacts can then be made. We prefer to have a genuine household family of Christmas fervor in every household here on the place. We feel that the happiest time of the year can center around the Christmas spirit as it is reinforced with tinsel, gay lights, a Christmas tree and packages covering the surrounding area. Our children are now writing notes of thanks to their friends who saw to it that their sponsored child was well remembered.

BACK TO SCHOOL

At this writing a number of our older boys and girls are trooping in on the campus as they return from the school day over on another hill in the Richard J. Reynolds high school associations. Our elementary school, enrolling boys and girls from the first grade up through the eighth grade, began school over a week ago, these youngsters returning to school after one week's Christmas celebration. Our high school boys and girls were out two weeks. But now they are back in school and we have hope and expectation that our big family will use each day as it comes in getting educated.

BASKETBALL

Our boys and girls, scores of them, are now much given to basketball playing. Our wonderful Memorial Gymnasium is providing ample accommodations for two squads to be practicing simultaneously. Our girls' varsity team bids fair to be in the Conference running to a right good degree. The boys' varsity team is small, there not being a six-footer in the entire group. The boys, however, have the feeling that what they lack in height they will try to make up in speed. The reserve teams and midget squads are also getting in a good deal of practice. Basketball at this time of the year is very strongly intrenched in the spirit of our youngsters.

CHURCH PLEDGES

Our family of young church members make their pledges by the calendar year rather than the conference year. At the present time each home mother is handing in to us the pledges that their boys or girls have made. It is never difficult for

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the youngsters to make a pledge. It is more difficult for some of them, particularly the older ones, to pay the pledges that they willingly made almost a year ago. Our position in this matter is that every pledge must be paid in full, and the youngsters are getting right well accustomed to that particular way of doing.

CRACKLING TIME

Our farm and truck farm men are very busy these days killing and dressing some very fine porkers that have grown so well during the past summer and fall. Our young boys find a lot of fun getting together a lot of cracklings whose rinds have given away most of their grease. Of course some of our boys will eat too many. But about the only way they can learn what is too many is to try it out. We wish that the cracklings would not be placed in the pockets of their clothing or in the shelves of their lockers. Whenever the cracklings are placed, it is in evidence that they do not stay there very long.

TAMWORTH PIGS

Year after year we have wished that we could secure good Tamworth pigs for growing into the kind of meat we like to have. Being year after year unable to find such pigs, we have had to buy other types of swine, those that produce more fat than lean meat. Yesterday our Mr. Angell, the custodian of our porkers, had twenty-seven Tamworth shoats brought to our place for pork production. Each one

of the Tamworth pigs cost us \$17, meaning that the investment in Tamworths is plenty large. But Tamworth stock will be in daily association with other types of porkers. It is our purpose to have only enough porkers to take care of surpluses from our dining rooms as such feed is mixed with other types for pig growth and fattening.

JIMMIE JOINS

The picture herewith presented is that of Jimmie Holder, who came to The Children's Home last September from a hillside of the Roan mountain area which separates North Carolina and Tennessee. Little Jimmie came in with three older sisters and has exhibited a type of loveliness that has made everybody want to hug the little lad. Jimmie was born November 4, 1949. He is sponsored by the Wesley Fellowship Class of First Methodist Church, Lenoir, Miss Mildred Hailey being the correspondent.

MORE MONEY

Next to the interest we have in our boys and girls comes the interest attached to our money matters. We have been very much pleased to note that the receipts coming to us during last December were larger than those coming to us during the preceding December. To be sure, most of the money that came in December was from our larger congregations. However, there appears to be a vital interest on the part of our friends for providing the necessary funds for the ongoing of our child raising business. We have noted a larger number of individual contributions than has previously been noticed. A number of contributors have requested that their contributions be listed as theirs, without tying in on any church credit. These friends reminded us that their special contribution was over and above what they would contribute through the raising of Children's Home funds in the local congregation.

BELL RINGERS

The new plan for securing funds for The Children's Home does not lend itself to the bell ringing brigade as seemed to be recorded during previous years. As previously stated, we limit the bell ringing to those congregations which have paid all or more of The Children's Home askings for the present conference year. The list we have carries only such congregational payments as will balance or over-balance the total amount of askings from a given pastoral charge. The bell ringers for this particular time are herewith listed with their pastor in charge:

First church, Charlotte, L. F. Tuttle; Maylo, Gastonia, W. A. Rock, Jr.; Bryson City, G. B. Culbreth; Ramseur, Ramseur-Franklinville, D. D. Broome; Forest City, J. W. Fowler, Jr.; Iotla, Franklin circuit, J. D. Pyatt; Elbaville, Advance circuit, W. E. Fitzgerald; Terrell circuit, J. Max Brandon, Jr.; Landis, Landis circuit, R. G. McClamroch; Rhyne Heights, Lincolnton, J. E. Rink; Old Fort circuit, L. W. Hall; Randall, Norwood circuit, C. Y. Ingram; Highland, High Point, J. E. Cochran; Dallas, C. J. Huneycutt; Baltimore, East Bend circuit, F. C. Hubbard; Friendship, Friendship-Shady Grove, M. T. Hinshaw; Shoals circuit, J. W. Combs; First church, Elkin, J. W. Braxton; Gideon Grove, Flat Rock circuit, J. R. Bowman; West Jefferson, M. W. Nesbitt, Jr.; Gethsemane, Greensboro, A. L. Lytle; Smyre, Gastonia, C. E. Williams; Brookstown, Lewisville circuit, G. R. Stafford; Centenary, Mooresville, R. J. Starling; Center, Welcome circuit, J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr.

Visionary or Servant

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Matthew 17:1-8, 14-18

Jesus left the multitude and took with him, Peter, James and John, for a climb up the ascent of lofty Hermon. Sometimes the greatest service we can do our fellow men is to leave them, and seek for the power to help that comes from prolonged communion with God. Why did Jesus choose Peter, James and John, rather than the other disciples? Probably because he knew they would be more eager than the rest for the climb and for the solitude of prayer on the mountain.

There the Saviour was gloriously transfigured in their presence. The transfiguration was the shining through of his own transcendent glory, as in love for humanity he consecrated himself to endure the horrors of the cross. We have all seen joyous, sacrificial lovers of Christ whose faces and personality had about them at times a hint of the transfiguration.

Moses and Elijah also appeared conversing with Jesus concerning his decease that he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. That would prepare the disciples for the terrible tragedy of his crucifixion. It is a blessing for any disciple when, after patient study, Moses and the prophets seem all of them to be looking forward to the suffering of Jesus and the glory that is to follow.

Peter wished to have this wonderful experience prolonged and proposed to erect booths for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Perhaps he thought he could get added light from Moses and Elijah. But a bright cloud overshadowed them; and a voice came saying, This is my beloved Son, hear ye him. As though to suggest that Jesus has the answer to all your questions.

Why did Jesus command the disciples to tell no man of the vision until the Son of man was raised from the dead? He feared that the story of the vision would excite false hope, for the disappointment of false hopes often leads to the giving up of legitimate hopes. Jesus would have them express the faith that comes from the vision, not so much in words as in works of power and healing, and in readiness to face all the disappointments and sufferings that were in store for them. Visions are always to be translated into deeds of love and courage.

At the foot of the mountain the father of an epileptic boy came to Jesus, kneeling and begging him to heal his son. No one who has not had children tragically afflicted can realize the suffering of this father as he saw his only son seized with violent epileptic fits. If you can, says Jesus, all things are possible to him who believes. And the father cried out, I believe; help my unbelief. So Jesus immediately healed the lad. Afterwards the disciples asked Jesus, Why could we not cast it out? And he answered, Because of your little faith; if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move hence to yonder place; and it will move.

Fortunately we can all have faith to accomplish great things. We need only to keep looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith (Hebrews 12:2) who went to the cross out of love for us; and he will continually inspire us with more love, and love gives patient persistence in prayer and work. And then we are to study his teachings to find out definitely what he would have us to attempt, and to be kept from all fanaticism. We can never persistently believe unless we are

conscious of having used our best intelligence to decide what we are to attempt. Then we are to keep on in our good work, no matter how little we seem to accomplish, or how bitterly we are opposed; and eventually beyond all doubt, God will work mightily through us to bless our fellow men.

PILGRIMAGE TO YESTERDAY

By **Ann Holinshead**

We stood beside the humble grave of Rev. Autry C. McDonald in the neatly kept cemetery of Holly Springs, Mississippi, paying tribute to a great man, a man who knew the meaning of brotherly love, and who believed firmly in the great potential of the Negro people as a strengthening force for the nation.

An Ohioan and a college graduate, he searched throughout Mississippi for a site for a school for Negroes in 1866, immediately after the War Between the States and soon after the formation of the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he represented. But no land was to be had; no site was available for McDonald's purpose.

Undismayed, however, he kept on, attempting to negotiate for land in one community after another. Finally he secured the 115 acres in Holly Springs on which Rust College and its farm stand today.

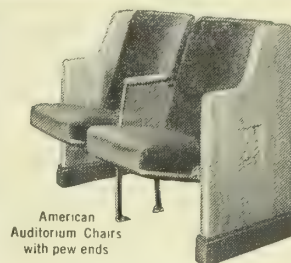
The story goes—and we had it at Mr. McDonald's graveside from the lips of the Rev. Mr. Scarborough, an 84-year-old Negro—the story goes that Mr. McDonald not only founded Rust College but a thriving Negro church as well. This white pioneer literally poured his life into that community as district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church and as president of Rust College, riding about on horseback to accomplish all he had to do in his crowded days.

Then one day in 1877, Mr. Scarborough told us, he fell ill while on his rounds. A young Negro saw him slouch in his saddle, hurried to his side and carried him to his own near-by cabin where Mr. McDonald died, like David Livingstone, in the arm of a Negro whom he had lived to serve. "He was a very great man—a great soul!" Mr. Scarborough concluded.

Burial in the white cemetery was denied this independent thinker. So his Negro friends purchased land just outside it, half way between the Negro cemetery and the white, and accepted as their life-time project the care of his grave. Today—and we find real symbolism in this fact—today white and Negro graves have crowded around him so that it is difficult to identify those of Negroes and those of their white brothers. The Masonic Order many years ago erected a small headstone, carrying his name, birth and death dates and Paul's famous words from Second Timothy, 4:7: "I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith."

We saluted Rev. Autry C. McDonald—sharing his firm conviction that all of America's citizens have a real part to play in the ongoing of our great nation.

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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

"BIG I; LITTLE YOU"

By Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Sr.

Sally had been elected President of her class for two terms now in succession and some of the boys and girls were just roaring mad about it.

"I wonder why it always has to be Sally? It's Sally this, Sally that, all the time," Said Elsa.

"It is because she is one of those 'Big I' people and to her we are just 'little you,' answered Ted.

"If you had seen her report card you wouldn't think that she is such a 'Big I'; she made the lowest mark of anybody in Arithmetic," said Tim.

"Yes, and she has been tardy several times to my knowledge too, but she is still Big I. None of us could get away with anything like that. This is a crosseyed world we have. No justice about it. Yonder she comes now, looking like the Queen of Someplace about to mount her throne. It is a wonder that we don't all have to go and curtsy to her."

Nettie had been listening quietly while these boys and girls berated Sally, but now she spoke up. "Boys and girls," she said, "I think that you are doing Sally a great injustice by saying that she is the Big I type of person who feels that everyone else is far beneath her. Mama's gardener lives right near Sally. His wife has been sick for some time and because they had no one to help them Sally has done their house-work for them. She goes early every morning and cooks the noon-day meal, cleans the house and gets the two little children all ready for the new day. After she is home from school in the afternoon she goes there again and helps the sick mother. The gardener said she won't ever take one penny for pay because she knows the family needs all he makes for their support. Sally's always helping other people in every way that she can, too; she just finds things to do to help people that the rest of us would never think of doing. That's why she gets the majority of the votes when it comes time to elect a new President. Most of us know her good works. I'm sure you've noticed that she always consults us on all matters of importance about the class work. That certainly isn't acting like a Big I. She always wants each one of us to be pleased."

"Well," said Elsa, "I guess we did form a bad opinion of Sally too hastily. We didn't know much of her history."

Tim said, "she makes a most efficient President all right, and since we know her history we don't feel that she is the Big I type any more."

"I think that we should all feel like the 'little you' fellows though, for misjudging her the way we have and not ever trying to find out if we were right about it. My, but I'm glad that I don't have that resentful feeling toward her down in my heart anymore. It is a load off my mind and off my heart too."

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STILL SEARCHING FOR CHRIST

By J. R. Bogle

The peasants of Russia have a curious tradition. It is that an old woman, the Baboushka, was at work in her house when the wise men from the East passed on their way to find the Christ Child.

"Come with us," they said, "we have seen His star in the East, and go to worship Him," "I will come, but not now," she answered; "I have my house to set in order; when that is done, I will follow, and find Him." But when her work was done, the three kings had passed on their way across the desert, and the star shone no more in the darkened heavens. She never saw the Christ Child, but she is living, and searching for Him still. For His sake, she takes care of all His children. It is she who in Russian homes is believed to fill the stockings and dress the tree on Christmas morn. The children are awakened with the cry, "The Baboushka, the Baboushka," and spring up, hoping to see her before she vanishes out of the window.

As the tradition goes, the Baboushka fancies that in each poor little one whom she warms and feeds, she may find the Christ Child whom she neglected ages ago; but she is doomed to eternal disappointment.

A myth—you say. Yes! But also a profound truth. We, too, miss Christ when we put other things first and refuse to follow in search of him. It is important that we follow our religious impulses with the knowledge that religion is basic to our natures. It is like flowers turning to sunlight to long for God. As flowers cannot grow without the sun, so we cannot grow without God.

TIME

Year in and out
Time passes as a continuous motion,
Bringing joy, sorrow, plenty, want;
Testing, trying, and proving our nature,
And like a thunderbolt brings separation.
When trouble crushes us,
Breaking and bleeding our hearts,
Time heals our wounds.
Then at some appointed hour,
It brings us all together again.

—Grace Saunders Kimrey

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

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like our job so well that we never look at the clock. But we do sooner or later look at the calendar, and ask what are these years adding up to.

And if you do not think we of our day have any "lostness," listen to the words of General Omar Bradley speaking at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Nov. 11, 1948: "With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has outstripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science, too few of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience."

Thirteen years ago, King George of England sent a New Year's message to the British Commonwealth. He closed his greeting with these lines: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand

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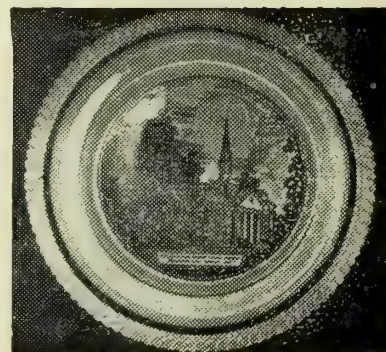
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I am deeply inspired by the response of the laymen of our North Carolina Conference to the appeal to contribute funds for the purpose of organizing new Methodist congregations and the erecting of new Methodist sanctuaries of worship in Eastern North Carolina. Wherever the laymen have been told of the need they have responded.

This week, even before the literature reached them, four loyal laymen of our Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, made their donations of \$100 each to the Church Extension Fund. When their good pastor, Brother J. E. Garlington, told the story to the laymen they immediately replied that it was a privilege to contribute to the worthy cause of church extension. These laymen are: R. L. Harris, former lieutenant-governor of our State; J. A. Long, Jr., Mr. Glenn Stovall and Dr. R. E. Long. Brother Harris is chairman of the pastoral relations committee, while Brother J. E. Long, Jr., Brother Glenn Stovall and Brother R. E. Long are members of the Official Board.

During the past year much progress has been made at Long Memorial church. The budget has been enlarged, the salary of the pastor has been increased and the congregation is now engaged in the raising of \$125,000 for a new educational building. These local needs have not caused the members of Long Memorial Church to overlook the church extension needs of our North Carolina Conference. We are indeed grateful to Brother Garlington and his good laymen for their support of this most worthy cause in our North Carolina Conference.

Paul N. Garber

REAL CHRISTMAS

By H. C. Sprinkle

Another Christmas has come and gone. Real Christmas ought to never be gone.

What is real Christmas? Real Christmas is not the mystery of the birth of Christ; the ancient star in the heavens; the angels' chorus; Santa Claus; eating, drinking and hilarity; swapping gifts.

But the real Christmas is the enthroned Christ in the individual heart, expressing itself 365 days in the year through faith in the eternal; love; the forgiving spirit; unceasing service to others; sharing material things with the needy.

May God give to me and to everyone with a hungering heart just this.

FOR A HAPPY LIFE

Bestow thy youth so that thou mayst have comfort to remember it, when it hath forsaken thee, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof. Whilst thou art young, thou wilt think it will never have an end; but behold the longest day hath his evening, and that thou shalt enjoy it but once, that it never turns again; use it therefore as the springtime, which soon departeth, and wherein thou oughtest to plant and sow all provisions for a long and happy life.

—Sir Walter Raleigh

In Memoriam

MRS. W. D. KISER

MAXTON—We the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Maxton, wish to pay heartfelt and sincere tribute to the memory of Mrs. W. D. Kiser who passed away November 25, 1952. By her passing we have lost one of our most beloved and faithful members.

Mrs. Kiser was completely devoted to the program of her church, society, and the community. She was a woman of deep compassion and humility of spirit, always laboring with zeal and diligence for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. She was known

for her cheerfulness and triumphant Christian faith, a happy witness for God in her community. She will be missed in our church, but her influence will live on in the lives of those who knew her.

We extend to her family our loving sympathy and ask that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy to be recorded in the minutes of our Society and a copy sent to our church paper, the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. F. C. Frostick

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Pastors are requested to mail their reports by March 1 to the Conference Commitment Day Director, Rev. F. E. Howard, Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

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A Thought for the Week

YOU BETRAY YOUR DEVOTION TO CHRIST

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13.

The scene is the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. Peter and John are on trial. Just the day before they had healed a crippled beggar on the steps of the temple, an act which brought mingled reactions. The people, on the whole, approved heartily and gathered around the two disciples to hear their message. But the religious leaders were bitter, hostile. They had arrested Peter and John who now stood before them on trial. "By what power, or by what name have ye done this?" questioned the Jewish leaders. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered. He told them that the crippled beggar had been healed in the name of Christ. He went on to claim that only through faith in Christ can men be saved, declaring: "Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The Scripture tells us that even the religious leaders were impressed . . . "and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus". How could they tell that Peter and John had been with Jesus?

First, by what the disciples said. They spoke up boldly, frankly, unhesitatingly for Christ. Their speech betrayed their devotion to Christ.

A Christian's speech always betrays him. It is pure, clean speech, free from profanity or rancor. The name of Christ appears often in the speech of a Christian. By what we say, the world can know that we belong to Christ.

Again, they could tell that Peter and John had been with Jesus by the way they behaved under testing. Even though they were threatened with a prison sentence or even death, Peter and John stood their ground. They confessed their faith in Christ.

The way we behave under fire in the hour of trial, in sickness and affliction, when adversity and tribulation strike—is the best test of our Christian devotion. It is not hard to stand for Christ when life runs smoothly. The real test comes when we are under pressure.

Finally, they could tell Peter and John had been with Jesus by their appeal to all gathered there to accept Christ as Saviour. The two disciples did not stop simply by confessing their faith in Christ. They asked others to confess him, too.

All of us who really love Christ are not content to keep him to ourselves. We want to share him with others. The world can tell whether or not we have been with him by the efforts we make to win others to him.

O Christ, we are thine. May the world know we belong to thee—by what we say, by the way we behave in the hour of testing and by our efforts to win others to thee. Amen.

Where there is no hope, there can be no endeavor.—Johnson.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THAT GUILTY FEELING

If there is any reader who has no guilty feelings on any score, anyone who has an absolutely clear conscience he may as well turn the page for this message is not for him.

Where do these feelings of guilt come from? Are they because we have done something that our neighbors do not approve of? Well, back in the Genesis story of Eden, Adam and Eve had no neighbors. Yet the record is that after they had eaten of a certain fruit, they heard the voice of the Lord. And when God called, Adam replied: "I heard thy voice . . . and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." And the Lord said, "Who told thee that thou wast naked?"

Yes, who *did* tell the first parents to be ashamed and afraid? In this figurative fashion, the Genesis writer, with deep psychological insight, asserts that guilty feelings follow the indulgence of certain desires even before there is any society to establish moral conventions. In fact, that is the way moral codes get started.

Embedded in the original texture of human nature is something which we call conscience. It can make us feel guilty, whether others see us or not, whether others approve or disapprove what we do. Conscience may make a man go against the conventional codes of his family, his class of his nation, even to disgrace and martyrdom. Conscience may make a person feel in the wrong even when the crowd applauds. Conscience is not merely the echo of the crowd's voice. It is the echo of the Creator's voice. And we can have no real peace of mind or peace of soul until we achieve peace of conscience.

Regarding conscience as merely a social device to make us conform to its approved deeds, we lose respect for it as having any divine significance or consequence. Like the boy who thinks his father is old-fashioned and doesn't understand him, so we may argue that certain things may be wrong for the general run of people but our situation is peculiar to ourselves and this is all right for us to do.

One way of trying to free ourselves from guilt feelings is to flee from them. We may rush around in such a stir that we never give the Lord a chance to lead us beside the "still waters," wherein we see the reflection of our real selves. Sometimes we can take our thoughts off our personal shortcomings by giving ourselves to good causes, thinking that our social service cancels out our private guilt.

Or like Francis Thomson, the English medical student, who wrote "The Hound of Heaven," we may seek to elude the troubling voice of conscience by immersing ourselves in "streams of running laughter" and in the noise of gay pleasures. And when we are told that there are over five million alcoholics in this country, we realize how many are trying to drown their consciences in indulgence.

In still another way do men seek to get rid of guilty feelings. They may try to kill the conscience. Nietzsche, the philosopher who indoctrinated the Prussian group around the Kaiser, advocated a "transvaluation of values," which would make men regard the good as evil and the evil as good. He held that to follow Christ's ethics would make a nation of slaves. Therefore, just reverse the values

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Our Readers Say . . .

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM CUBA

Dear Editor:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the fine character of the Christian Advocate which you are publishing.
Holguin, Cuba Garfield Evans

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to congratulate you on your articles, "A Thought for the Week." These articles are both interesting and informative, and are freighted in their spiritual depth. They are truly what their title implies—something for one to think about.

Greensboro

J. V. Farrington

A CHRIST-BORN LOVE

By William I. Francis

Give me a Christ-born love for men,
In this day of dire need,
No matter what their past has been
Or failure in thought and deed.

Give me a heart that beats for them
As ever His own heart would,
If He walked the city streets again
Intent upon doing good.

Give me compassion for the weak
And comfort for those who mourn,
With understanding let me speak
To the friendless and forlorn.

Give me a passion for the lost
Who strayed into paths of sin.
For I must seek whate'er the cost
To bring the wanderers in.

Give me a glow within my soul
Lit by a flame from above
So men through Him shall be made whole;
O, give me a Christ-born love!

—Michigan Christian Advocate

Until we have prayed, responsibility for failure or success rests with us; after we have truly prayed, responsibility rests with God, and defeat is impossible.

—Gracia L. Fero.

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

A Personal Commitment: Source of Inner Strength

Commitment Day, although ignored by some and scorned by a few Methodists, seems to be firmly established in The Methodist Church. To be observed this year on Sunday, January 25, the 1952 Discipline gives the purpose of Commitment Day as follows: "To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life . . ."

On Commitment Day each person is asked to sign the following pledge: "The Lord Jesus Christ being my helper, I commit myself to sobriety and a good example, by adopting for myself the principle and practice of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages, as a wise way of life."

Moral commitments are not popular with our generation. In fact, the average church member has formed an antipathy toward signing any pledge sponsored by the church. He is willing to sign papers that require rigid monthly payments on the automobile or the television set, but if he signs a pledge to support the church he wants it small enough that he can pay it out of his left-overs. He will commit himself to attend his civic club, but he will likely spurn the card that pledges him to attend church at least once a week. He is accustomed to rebel particularly when he is asked to sign any pledge that may limit his freedom. He wants to do as he pleases. He will put an economic noose around his neck to get something he wants for himself. But he is slow to promise God anything.

This, we believe, is a serious situation. We refuse to make high moral commitments. We hesitate to promise our best to God. This is revealed strikingly in our relation to strong drink. Chafing under Prohibition, we gave a dozen excuses why the Prohibition law should be repealed. But there was one fundamental reason why our generation wanted to get rid of the dry law: we wanted to make liquor easy to get and we wanted to make it respectable. But in making it easy to get and respectable we got some things we didn't bargain for—a ten-billion-dollar-a-year liquor bill, a defiant and power-crazed liquor industry, an astounding increase in divorce, in crime, in highway fatalities, in lost man hours, in blighted lives, in blasted hopes. Strong drink, whether we admit it or not, is America's Number One enemy.

Alcohol is a habit-forming poison. The only safe way to deal with it is to leave it alone. This calls for commitment—not

just a negative commitment, but the dedication of one's whole life to Jesus Christ. It is the safe way. It is the sane way. It is the Christian way. Therefore, commit your life to total abstinence and live up to the commitment. A high moral commitment will be a source of inner strength as you face this evil in social life, as adversity strikes and as disappointment and discouragement pursue. It is surely the best way to deal with this ruthless foe.

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A Program of Spiritual Guidance in the Schools

Students in the Phoenix, Ariz., high schools, if the school council committee of that community has its way, will be hearing more about moral and spiritual values. Recognizing that moral values are already being taught in Phoenix schools, the committee plans expansion along these lines:

1. Giving children training in making moral choices.
2. Teaching students the implications of the idea of "equality of all men before God."
3. Helping young people to see that science and religion need not conflict.
4. Showing students the "right" and the "wrong" in specific situations in the light of religious traditions.
5. Helping students clarify the common elements in heterogeneous ideas about moral action.

This, in our opinion, is a step in the right direction. For too long now we have been shying away from religious instruction in our schools. Some colleges and universities have been indifferent, and in a few cases almost hostile to religion. Our high schools have had to walk a tight rope in religious matters. In order to steer clear of religious controversy and to avoid any program that might conceivably be interpreted as violating the principle of separation of church and state, they have been virtually forced to adopt a hands-off attitude. Some communities have had Bible courses in the school, but the number of students reached is relatively small.

The home and the church, of course, are the chief places where moral and spiritual values are to be communicated. But we are just kidding ourselves if we think that the majority of American children are getting much clear moral direction from either. Most homes have neglected the religious instruction of the children. Even at best, the church has the child only about 30 minutes on Sunday morning. Tragically, about two-thirds of America's children are not in Sunday School on an average Sunday. On the other hand, the schools have our

children more than 30 hours a week. They even exert some control through home assignments and extra-curricular activities during many other hours of the week. All in all, our schools exert perhaps more influence over our children during their most impressionable years than any other institution.

We would not, for a moment, take away any further responsibility from the home and church. On the contrary, we would urge that these two institutions assume much larger responsibility for the moral and spiritual guidance of our youth. One way to do this, it seems clear, is for parents and pastors and other church workers to sit down with school authorities and map out a program that will minister to the spiritual needs of our young people while they are on the school campus. Such a program, participated in generously by the three institutions most interested in our youth, we believe, could be of incalculable value.

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For Church Extension: 500 Laymen With \$50,000

The need for the establishment of new Methodist churches all over America is acute. Shifting populations, expanding communities and an awakening sense of responsibility make it imperative that we act now.

No one in Methodism is more aware of this critical need than is Bishop Paul N. Garber. In both the Virginia and the North Carolina Conferences over which he presides he is sparking the church extension program. In the North Carolina Conference, for example, he is asking 500 laymen to give \$100 a year each during the present quadrennium to aid the Conference Board of Missions and other agencies in their plans to establish dozens of new churches. If this goal is realized—and we feel sure it will be—we shall have an additional \$50,000 a year to invest in church extension in the North Carolina Conference. This will enable the Conference to initiate several additional badly needed churches each year.

We feel sure the laymen will respond to this appeal. In fact, several sent in their contributions even before the literature had been mailed to them. Others are sending in their remittances now or making their pledges. We are persuaded that others who may not feel able to contribute \$100 will add their smaller gifts and that the total sum received will exceed \$50,000. We can think of no better way to invest in the Kingdom of God.

Further information may be had by writing Bishop Paul N. Garber, 404 Methodist Building, Richmond, Va.

Soil Erosion And Soul Erosion

By Clegg W. Avett

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We human beings, especially we Americans, are worshippers of bigness. It colors all of life and impresses us whether it be the largest airplane, the strongest man, or the largest church attendance. We assume that because it is great in size, it is, therefore, great. But do you realize that the things which seem so great must bow before the more gradual, the less spectacular things in life? Large guns seem so powerful, but are insignificant compared with the power of the sun which blesses the earth with fanfare.

It is not the giant floods which we read and hear about, with all their destruction, that do the most damage to our nation's soil. It is the more common, the average wind and rain that depletes the soil and erodes the earth's surface. If there is nothing to protect the soil, gullies may not develop, but the topsoil may wash off in muddy water. This is called sheet erosion. If you had a thousand sheets on a bed and took one off each time it rained, you would not miss those sheets you were losing for a long time, but they would be gone just the same.

The same slow unconscious process works in life. Souls erode as surely do soils and in much the same way. As the writer of the Song of Solomon says, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines." The goodness of the land runs off in muddy water, and if you watch closely it isn't difficult to see a man's soul washing away in muddy language, muddy reading, muddy thoughts, and muddy acts. These things may seem insignificant and harmless, and we may joke about them, but sheet erosion is very definitely taking place.

Soil and Soul Erosion Go Together

Soil erosion and soul erosion go together. We have known for a long time that it is a sin for a man to get drunk or to steal. We have been slow in realizing that it is also a sin for a man to let his land wash away. It is the good earth. We did not put the topsoil there and we have no right to destroy it. If the land is eroded, the homes, the schools and the churches will also be eroded. If we drive through an area where the land has been treated carelessly and see a well kept home that is painted, just mark it down that the owner works in the city or has some other source of income. He does not get his living from the soil around him, at least not directly.

While soil erosion may develop rather rapidly, it does not come overnight. It does not begin suddenly. It may start as sheet erosion or as a very small wash. It may seem small and insignificant but it is very dangerous and not to be trifled with. It will not remain confined to a small area. It will reach out and drain the strength and productivity of the land for acres around it unless they are protected.

I am sure that many laymen and all of us preachers can remember more than one tragic illustration of this principle in soul erosion. As a young man he had impressed his friends with his fine personality. He gave promise of making a grand success in life. Soul erosion might start from any of a number of causes. No doubt strong drink is one of the most common. As a young man he was trustworthy and dependable. He loved his wife and family. He supported his church. His home was well kept. Then he began to drink.

The years passed and the drink habit

got a firmer grip on him. Erosion was taking a heavy toll. Once considerate of his family, he now is one to be ashamed of. His character, his business, his home, everything around him suffers. He was once truthful but now he will lie to get his liquor or about it after he has gotten it. As the years passed this gully claimed more and more of the areas of his life. It began as a little wash and ended with a deep gorge claiming all the acreage of his life.

The fertility of the soil determines its productivity. I remember a county farm agent showing a group of us pictures of a field of alfalfa. At first it produced a good crop but in succeeding years weeds became so thick they threatened to take over. Upon investigation it was found that so much nitrogen had been put on the land and so many tons of hay had been removed and the supply was exhausted. We were told that if nitrogen were put on the land soon enough the alfalfa would again crowd out the weeds and make good hay.

Our land and our lives produce good fruit only as we give them care and attention. I used to be the town's plow boy. How often I had people say, "Don't you think that land looks rich?" It did—coal cinders, coffee grounds and broken glass. "Don't you think it will make beans or corn, etc. without fertilizer?" I guess I usually agreed. It was easier that way, and when it failed to do so well we blamed it on the rain or lack of rain.

The reasoning back of this was that ordinarily one must use some fertilizer, but because it is mine it will produce

without fertilizer. We don't think other people exceptionally smart, but each of us knows he is. The truth is that God does not play favorites with us. Even as smart as we think we are, our lives won't produce the fruits of the Spirit without prayer, Bible reading, worship and all those practices that it takes to produce these fruits in the lives of other people.

Many Eroded Places in the Community

Think of the eroded places in your community—on the land and on men's souls. The God who made the soil also made the soul. Stopping soil erosion and soul erosion is a cooperative undertaking between God and man. Man's ability is limited. He can't do either alone and God has limited Himself so that He does not do either alone. Recently I stood on a hillside where erosion had been making ugly gashes for years. I thought of this place as a parable of life. Here is a community that is sordid and reckless and has carried a bad name for years. Then I noticed a sturdy pine that held back erosion. There was topsoil and grass around it. Had it not been there a barren washed place like those to the right and left would have been there.

I picked up a part of a tree top that had been cut nearby and threw it into a gully. It fell flat but one limb stuck straight up in the air and I saw in it another sermon. We don't help the eroded souls of our family or friends or community by being proud and stuck up like that limb. I broke off that limb and placed it on the needy earth. If we are to bear our witness for Christ in His needy world, we must not look down our noses at those who need our help. We must follow the example of Him who became flesh and dwelt among us.

God's Judgment Or God's Grace?

By A. D. Closson

During World War Two we saw only one motion picture classed as a "war picture." Attending an afternoon showing, we observed a large number of school children present. We were shocked at their outbursts of glee when artillery shells and hand grenades exploded, with the accompaniment of shrieks of the wounded and cries of the dying. We have often wondered how many of the boys in that audience are now fighting in the frigid "foxholes" of Korea, and how many of the girls are to-day wives or widows of casualties.

A few months ago we read in the Sunday morning edition of an Asheville paper that at the 11 o'clock showing of a "horror picture" at a local theatre the night before, a crowd estimated by police at 3,000 to 3,500, crashed the entrance to a structure with a seating capacity of 1,000.

Literally millions of men, women, and children are today witnessing "horror pictures" at firsthand, as the unwilling participants in them. But in our land, untouched by the ravages of war, famine, and revolution, dollar-hungry men manufacture horror for nearly every form of public entertainment. Can we say the products of their minds and pens bear no relation to the increase in crime, violence, drug addiction, lewdness, alcoholism?

What of America with the open Bible

and countless churches? How much longer will God continue to smile on us? Christ declared on one occasion that if the "mighty works" done in Capernaum (headquarters for His ministry) had been done in Sodom, the latter would have existed to His day (Matt. 11:23,24), and therefore Capernaum was under the greater condemnation. The cynic who has entered the new year still protesting that Christmas is a mockery and Christianity a sham, should remember that Bethlehem's Babe grew up, and, becoming through His death and resurrection the Saviour of all mankind, will some day be his Judge as well as ours.

God has "horror pictures," too, but they are for warning and admonition. See, for one group, those in the 6th chapter in the last book in the Bible. Note in verse 16 why men some day will say to the rocks and mountains, "fall on us." "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," declares the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews (10:31). It is not strange, then, that in his one-chapter book (verse 23), Jude maintains that if some are saved at all, it will be through fear of Divine judgment. It is much later than we think, but God is still merciful and gracious, and the invitation is to "whosoever will."

The Church And Chronic Illness

One of America's greatest health problems, if not the greatest, lies in the field of chronic illness. The church cannot pass it by unnoticed. There are probably 28,000,000 persons who are chronically ill in the United States at this time. About 7½ million of these need some form of medical care, and another 2 million or more are bed-ridden cases. Old and young people are affected.

The problem is so great that in 1949 the Commission on Chronic Illness was organized under the auspices of the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association and the American Public Welfare Association. This Commission has been planning and developing procedures to discover the factual need throughout the nation and suggest some remedies to meet that need.

The first actual study is being made in Hunterton County, N. J.. The second will follow immediately in Baltimore, Md. Other studies are to be undertaken as time and funds allow. These studies will be detailed and based on facts obtained from a personal, house-to-house visitation. The first study is made possible under a grant of the Commonwealth Fund of New York.

The National Commission in 1951 sponsored the first National Conference on the problem of chronic illness. The co-sponsors of this meeting were the U. S. Public Health Service and the National Health Council. The primary focus of this Conference was to study the preventive aspects of the disease. It is realized that there are many people who suffer from chronic illness because nothing is done about it at the outset. Early detection is exceedingly important. Prevention is possible in many cases. No longer is it said that because one is chronically ill he must always remain in that condition.

The idea that much chronic illness is preventable is relatively new. This first National Conference sponsored by the National Commission refused to believe that nothing can or should be done about this, a major health problem of the United States.

The Conference was made up of representatives of the general public, medicine, hospital administration, public health, public welfare, education, industry, labor, agriculture, religion and journalism. The various representatives participating came from 43 national organizations. Thus a wide range of private and public agencies concerned with the problem were pooled. The Methodist Church, through its Board of Hospitals and Homes, has membership on the National Commission on Chronic Illness and participated in this first Conference on Chronic Illness. After three days of study, this Conference gave promise of "a golden age of achievement ahead in the prevention of chronic disease."

Findings of the Conference

The influence of Christian faith in the healing of diseases and the preservation of health is now so generally recognized that the church must be at the heart and center of any problem affecting the health of our people, old and young.

Because prevention is more sensible and less expensive than depending upon relief and cure, it is wise to remove the causes before the diseases become deeply set.

Another basic result of this National Conference was emphasis on the necessity

By Karl P. Meister

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of trained personnel such as doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and health educators. Herein is another unlimited opportunity for the church to aid in the program of giving Christian training to students to participate in its healing ministry.

The Conference pointed up a difficulty when it said, "Social science courses in liberal arts colleges usually fail to include instruction in the health and medical care aspects of sociology and economics." It recommended that "Liberal arts colleges and other institutions above the secondary level should give proper emphasis to health facilities in teaching the social sciences so that all students might be more interested in health and preventive medicine." A high ideal was set for young people when the Conference said, "Candidates for the health profession should demonstrate proper motivation, a deep sense of mission and a fundamental liking for people." This is the aim and ideal of the church, but stated here by a non-church commission on better health for 28 million people in the nation.

Above all, the National Conference called for action now in every community. No agency or group can escape a definite share of responsibility in this attack on chronic disease. "Civilian and professional organizations, voluntary and governmental agencies in health, welfare, education, religion, industry and agriculture all

have a stake in the common problems. The people of the community must make sure that representatives in the chronic disease program and their moral and financial support of the undertaking are as broad as the task." This challenges the church because communities can get things done better when working together than various agencies and individuals can when working alone.

The Church Is Challenged

This is another challenge to the church in its advance for Christ. No community is too large and none too small to share in this advance for better health to every home and group. Chronic disease is America's number one health killer. Will the church, with all other agencies interested in the welfare of man, share in the attack to prevent it and eliminate it whenever and wherever possible?

The College of Bishops at the Jurisdictional Conference in Milwaukee in the North Central Jurisdiction in their recent address to the Conference spoke out on this subject when they said, "There is one very outstanding need unmet. This requires a different organization than ordinary hospitalization. Many a Methodist family, as well as others, have a member of the family who is chronically ill, and there is no place to secure fine Christian care and comfort in the affliction. We should have at least one such institution in this Jurisdiction, supported by the whole Jurisdiction perhaps. It should probably be large

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Commitment

By John Q. Schisler

There is more to commitment than a public expression of determination not to drink alcoholic beverages. That is the heart of commitment, but it is not the whole. When one commits himself to abstinence, he thereby takes his stand in regard to all the evils of alcohol in our American life.

He takes his stand against the American practice of permitting drinkers to drive automobiles while drinking, with such cruel results to so many innocent persons.

He takes his stand against the corrupting influence of the liquor business in government, particularly in the counties and their subdivisions.

He takes his stand against the alcohol habit in the individual which leads to moral deterioration and financial and social ruin in so many persons.

He takes his stand against the untrue statements in liquor advertisements which are so often couched in alluring language for the purpose of enticing the unwary to drink.

He takes his stand against serving cocktails in his home or drinking them in a friend's home.

He takes his stand against the annoying and disgusting practice of drinking at football games and other athletic events.

He takes his stand against the unethical practice of some manufacturers in charging huge sums for liquor as part of the cost of their war contracts.

In a word, he takes his stand against everything that is involved in the liquor business from end to end, including all its ramifications. All this is what commitment means. If it doesn't go the whole way, is it of any value? If one does not commit himself completely, has he committed himself at all?

For example, suppose a groom answers the minister by saying: "I take this woman to be my wedded wife—for better, but not for worse; in health, but not in sickness." Do you think he has assumed the marriage vows? A woman would have a right to think that in such a man she was getting less than half a husband. The contracting parties in a marriage must go all the way in order to be married by the will and purpose of God.

I do not hold with those who say that no moral issue is involved in regard to the drinking of liquor. Consequently commitment, as I see it, is a covenant with God as well as a covenant with one's family and his fellows, and as such, it is complete or it is nothing.

Churchmen Spur Evangelistic Plans at Chattanooga; Preparation Meetings Set

LEADERS DRAFT EVANGELISTIC PLANS AT CHATTANOOGA

Meeting January 6-8 in Chattanooga, Tenn., 150 Methodist leaders drafted plans for an intensive eight-state evangelistic campaign to be launched in April throughout the Southeast.

In attendance were the eight bishops and 137 district superintendents of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction, plus representatives of the General Board of Evangelism and other Methodist agencies.

"You Need Christ Now!" will be the slogan of the United Evangelistic Mission. Leaders hope to enroll 200,000 new church members.

The southeastern campaign is said to be the Methodist Church's largest single evangelistic effort to date. Approximately 5,218 local churches will participate in the mission, to be conducted in two main phases, April 17-26 and May 1-8, climaxed by regional "victory mass meetings" on May 24.

The second phase originally was scheduled to open May 15. The change to May 1 was made by the College of Bishops to avoid conflict with the spring series of Methodist annual conferences and other seasonal activities.

The gigantic campaign will tie-in with Methodism's 1953 world-wide program of evangelism.

At Chattanooga the southeastern group perfected organizational details, planned promotion, personnel and training aspects, and studied literature, charts and visual aids to be used in the mission.

Every local church will be urged to take a religious census prior to the mission. Laymen are to be trained in home visitation evangelism. Women, youth groups and teachers of local churches also will have prime roles in the program.

The mission's two phases will feature an exchange of pastors on an annual conference basis. During the first phase the Virginia and North Carolina conferences will be hosts to pastors of the Western North Carolina and South Carolina conferences; South Georgia to Florida; North Georgia to the Holston conference; the two Alabama conferences to the Tennessee and the two Mississippi conferences.

This schedule will be reversed during the second phase.

The three conferences of the Louisville Area held their mission last fall and will not sponsor pulpit evangelism during the spring campaign. Their joint mission, which gained 10,000 members, served as a pilot program for the jurisdictional effort. Louisville Area pastors will constitute a reserve pool to fill pulpits where needed in April and May.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, is general chairman of the southeastern mission.

Dr. Harry Williams of the General Board of Evangelism staff has been named jurisdictional director. Other staff members of the board will serve as area directors, responsible to the bishops.

The annual conferences have already organized special committees for the mission. Next step is organization at the district and local church levels.

In addition to Bishop Short, episcopal leaders of the Chattanooga planning conference were Bishops Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta; Clare Purcell, Birmingham; Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte; William T. Watkins, Louisville; Paul N. Garber, Richmond; John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., and Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.

Each of the bishops addressed the plan-

ning group on specific evangelistic objectives.

In the Charlotte Area Rev. J. F. Lupo, Greenwood, S. C., will serve as executive chairman of the mission. He is also chairman of the jurisdictional publicity committee. Chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference promotion committee is Rev. Frank Jordan, Charlotte. Rev. M. K. Medlock, Columbia, holds a similar post in the South Carolina Conference.

Bishop Harrell has named Rev. Joseph Edwards, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism, as area director.

In the North Carolina Conference Bishop Garber has named Rev. V. E. Queen of Wilmington, executive chairman, and Rev. J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount, chairman of the promotion committee.

He announced that Rev. Eugene Golay, General Board of Evangelism staff, will serve as the Richmond Area, director.

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PREPARATION CONFERENCES FOR EVANGELISTIC MISSION SET

Preparation conferences for the forthcoming evangelistic mission have been announced for the seven districts of the North Carolina Conference. The schedule follows: February 1, 2:30 p.m., Fayetteville District at Aberdeen; February 2, 10 a.m., Wilmington District at Grace, Wilmington; February 2, 7:30 p.m., New Bern District at Centenary, New Bern; February 3, 10 a.m., Elizabeth City District at First, Elizabeth City; February 3, 7:30 p.m., Rocky Mount District at First, Rocky Mount; February 4, 10 a.m., Raleigh District at Edenton Street, Raleigh; Feb-

ruary 4, 7:30 p.m., Durham District at Duke Memorial, Durham.

Those expected to attend include pastors, chairmen of the four local church commissions, members of the commission on membership and evangelism and other interested persons.

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MOREHEAD CITY CHURCH COMMENDS UMSTEAD ON LIQUOR STAND

The Official Board of Franklin Memorial Methodist Church, Morehead City, recently passed the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that we wish to commend the Honorable William B. Umstead, governor of North Carolina, for the stand he has taken on the question of Alcoholic Beverages.

Be it further resolved, that we wish to commend the Honorable William B. Umstead, for the statements on this question which he made in his inaugural address. We agree with him wholeheartedly that it is a moral question, and it should not be decided on the question of taxes received from its sale.

Be it further resolved, that we wish to commend the Honorable William B. Umstead, for his desire to allow this question to be settled by a state wide referendum. We sincerely hope that he will be able to put this question before the people, and we pledge to him our cooperation in doing so.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable William B. Umstead, the Raleigh News & Observer, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Frank Leonard, Chairman of Board
Mrs. Roma Styron, Secretary
Rev. Howard T. Payne, Pastor



FOR VISITORS, CAKE AND GRAPE JUICE

Golay Addresses Publicity Group; Whicker Gets College Post; To Stress Stewardship

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF EVANGELISTIC MISSION MEETS

The publicity committee of the evangelistic mission for the North Carolina Conference met at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, January 12, with the Conference chairman, Rev. J. F. Herbert, presiding. Rev. Eugene Golay, director of the mission for the Richmond Area, was the featured speaker and outlined channels through which publicity for the mission will be released as follows: Newspapers, billboards and posters, radio and TV, newsletters and local church materials, including bulletins, tracts, leaflets, brochures, posters and other means of publicizing the mission.

Date for the mission in the Richmond Area, which includes the North Carolina Conference, is April 17-26. Pastors of the South Carolina Conference will assist pastors in the North Carolina Conference during that period and pastors of the North Carolina Conference will go to South Carolina May 1-10 for the mission in that Conference.

District publicity chairmen present were: Durham, A. C. Lee; Elizabeth City, J. K. Ormond; Fayetteville, R. G. Dawson; New Bern, B. D. Critcher; Raleigh, S. J. Starnes; Rocky Mount, C. J. Andrews; Wilmington, T. B. Hough. Several others who will assist district chairmen were also present.

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REV. GRADY H. WHICKER APPOINTED TO HIGH POINT COLLEGE POSITION

Rev. Grady H. Whicker of Raleigh has been appointed field representative for High Point College, taking over much of the work of Dr. E. J. Coltrane, who, for health reasons, has found it advisable to lighten his load. Dr. Coltrane will, however, continue on a part-time basis as financial representative. This announcement has been made by Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, High Point College president.

Mr. Whicker's duties as field representative will require his presence at numerous high schools on the occasion of their "College Day," a time set aside for college solicitation. He will help to represent High Point College at the two Methodist Conferences each year, especially at the North Carolina Conference. He will have responsibility for arranging student help for

campus jobs and for finding jobs in or near High Point for those worthy students who must have assistance. He will be the chairman of the scholarship committee.

Mr. Whicker is a native of Forsyth County, where his mother and a number of his brothers and sisters still live in the old homeplace. In 1941 he moved to Jacksonville, and in 1945 he was married to Miss Pansy Henderson. In that year Mr. and Mrs. Whicker moved to High Point and became students at High Point College. Both were graduated from the College in 1948, and he promptly became assistant pastor to Dr. H. P. Powell at Edenton Street church, Raleigh. The next year he held the Scott's Hill charge in the Wilmington district. In 1950 he was back in Raleigh as pastor of Jenkins Memorial and began graduate work in the Duke Divinity School. He was pastor at Jenkins Memorial when he received the High Point College appointment.

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HENDERSON CONGREGATION OPENS NEW BUILDING

The new building of Wesley church, Henderson, was opened recently with a message by Dr. A. P. Brantley, pastor of First church, Henderson. In charge of the service was the pastor, Rev. J. R. Regan. Mrs. R. C. Gary, representing the WSCS of First church, Henderson, presented a gift of \$350 toward the building program. Mrs. Gary also personally presented the new congregation a pulpit Bible.

Construction of the new building was begun several months ago, but only the basement is ready for use. Begun several years ago, the congregation of Wesley church now numbers nearly 100. It is hoped that the new building can be completed during the present year.

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MORE THAN 500 METHODIST CHURCHES NAMED "BETHEL"

Nashville, Tenn.—There are over 500 local Methodist churches named Bethel, it was found recently when a check of the 38,000-church-school-superintendents mailing list was made by the Department of General Church School Work of the Board of Education.

There are probably an equal number of First churches. Other names recurring

frequently in the list include Wesley, Bethlehem, Bethany, Asbury, Rehoboth, McKendree.

Because the same names occurred repeatedly on the mailing list, it was found necessary to give each church a code number.

About half of the churches bearing the name Bethel are in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the most of them having been named, probably, during the days of Asbury and McKendree.

Since the word Bethel means a place where God is present, the fact that so many churches have this name reveals the faith so characteristic of the church.

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STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY

A church-wide program of stewardship education called for by the 1952 Methodist General Conference is getting under way.

As one of the initial steps in the program, a coaching conference for area leaders will be held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 26-27. Bishops, general board secretaries, and a designated representative from each episcopal area are expected to attend. In most cases the official representative will be a district superintendent named by his bishop.

Purpose of the coaching conference will be to provide information on the stewardship of possessions which can be conveyed to the meetings of annual conference Commissions on Promotion and Cultivation as well as the sessions of the annual conferences.

The area representatives who meet in Buck Hill Falls will also spearhead the training program in the annual conferences of their areas, giving instruction to conference lay leaders, executive secretaries of conference Boards of Education, presidents of conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service, and chairmen or designated representatives of the conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

Planning meetings of the church's new Joint Stewardship Council have already been held to draft a tentative strategy for the cultivation of Christian stewardship during the 1952-56 quadrennium. The coaching conference is their first project.

Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, is chairman of the council, which, by General Conference action, includes representatives of his board, the Board of Education, and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.



CHARTER NIGHT FOR DENTON METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men's Club of Central church, Denton, held its charter night recently with 27 present, but with 35 eligible to become charter members. Seated are: (left to right), Rev. D. L. Stubbs, pastor and reporter; Mack Cranford, secretary; Elwood Dockham, president; Wesley Morris, treasurer; and Rev. John S. Oakley, pastor of the Denton circuit, who is also a member of the Club. (Photo by Anchor Studio)

Mission Aids Listed; Methodist Solons Lead; High Point Church Looks to Future

RICHMOND AREA OUTLINES STEPS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES FOR EVANGELISTIC MISSION

I. General Preliminary Preparations

A. Reading to be done NOW.

1. **The Prospectus** (this must be mastered).
2. **Shepherds Magazine** (Every Article in every issue is important).

Note: Chairmen of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in local churches, whose names and addresses are available, are entitled to receive **Shepherds** each month free of charge. All pastors are requested to report these names and addresses, giving the name of the church, charge, District, and Conference.

3. The **Handbook** for the local church (when available). In the meantime study, **To Save the Present Age**.

4. The **Practice of Evangelism** by Bryan Green.

5. All titles listed as **Festival of Faith Materials**. Cf. **Shepherds**, January, 1953, pp. 1-2.

6. All publicity materials. (Local, District, and Conference Committees on publicity and promotion must know and use all the publicity materials available).

B. Visual Aids of importance to Evangelism available from The Methodist Publishing House.

1. "The Power of God."
2. "Reaching From Heaven."
3. "All that I Have."
4. "Crossroads."
5. "Like a Mighty Army."
6. "Salt of the Earth."
7. "We Would Be Building."

All these are 16mm Films and are very excellent in every consideration.

II. Particular Activities—Christmas through Easter

A. Specific steps to be taken NOW.

1. Secure statement of agreement to cooperate in the United Evangelistic Mission from your **Official Board**. DO THIS AT ONCE!

2. Make plans for the **Festival of Faith** (Christmas through Easter) based on **What Methodists Believe** from The Episcopal Address of 1952. Cf. **Shepherds**, January, 1953, for list of materials.

3. Observe Watch-Night Services on December 31.

4. Doctrinal Preaching (every Sunday Christmas through Easter) based on **What Methodists Believe** from The Episcopal Address of 1952. Cf. **Shepherds**, January, 1953.

5. Observe **Communion Covenant Service**, Sunday, January 4, distributing the Prayer Covenant Cards and challenging the people to pray for the United Evangelistic Mission.

6. Observe **Week of Prayer**, January 4-11.

7. Begin **NOW** to gather prospects; survey if possible. Take no chances at this point!

8. Make plans to attend your District Planning Meeting for your District.

9. Choose Workers for the United Evangelistic Mission. **This is your most important task!**

10. Make special plans for the careful observance of the **Week of Dedication**, (not

forgetting the special offering), **Lent**, and **Holy Week**.

11. Keep in constant touch with your D. S., District Secretary of Evangelism, Unit Leaders, and your Functional Committees (District and Conference) for guidance.

12. Prepare yourself for a great awakening through the disciplines of the Christian way—prayer, contemplation, study, and work!

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PASTORS AND PEOPLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

As chairman of our Conference Committee on Spiritual Preparation for our United Evangelistic Mission, I should like to urge all our pastors and people to read the message in the North Carolina Christian Advocate of January 15 by Dr. W. E. Sangster, entitled "They Are Coming—To What?"

This is the concluding article in a series on our United Evangelistic Mission (relating to our entire World Mission) that should warm the heart and bless the life of everyone who reads it. I have just come from the post office with my copy and have read this message with deep gratitude for it. It brings "to our remembrance" many things that many of us surely know already, but that we can well afford to be reminded of in such an eloquent and moving message as this from our brother minister in Britain.

And as an added help in these days of spiritual preparation, what could be more effective than getting the North Carolina Christian Advocate, with its weekly fare of good things, into all of our homes?

Hiram K. King
New Bern, N. C.

CHAPLAIN HARRIS PRAYS TO OPEN 83RD CONGRESS

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, for nearly thirty years minister of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., was unanimously re-elected chaplain of the United States Senate at the organization of the 83rd Congress.

Dr. Harris has held this office since 1942 with the exception of three years. Several years ago, by order of the Senate, a bound volume of his prayers in behalf of that body was issued as an official Senate document.

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ONE METHODIST IN CABINET, 92 IN CONGRESS

Methodists seem to be more numerous in the new Congress than the adherents of any other religious body.

This is true both in the Senate where there are 19 who express Methodist preference and in the House where there are at least 72.

There is but one Methodist in the new Cabinet, Herbert Brownell, Jr., the new Attorney General. Mr. Brownell is a former chairman of the Republican National Committee. He and Mrs. Brownell met in the Washington Square Methodist Church, New York. Their in-town home is less than two blocks from the New

York Methodist Building. The Brownells are members of Christ Church, of which Dr. Ralph W. Sockman is the minister, and their four children are regular attendants of the Christ Church school.

In the tabulation of the religious affiliation of the new Congress it will be noted that all but two Senators are covered. However, in the House tally the preference of 91 of the 435 Representatives are not reported.

Affiliation	Senate	House
Methodist	19	73
Baptist	13	44
Presbyterian	12	39
Protestant Episcopal	12	32
Roman Catholic	10	61
Congregational-Christian	7	16
Lutheran	5	15
Disciples of Christ	4	9
Latter-Day Saints	3	—
Friends	1	2
Jewish	1	9
Unitarian	2	6
Christian Scientist	1	1
"Protestant"	5	10
Churches of Christ	—	4
Christian	—	1
Reformed in America	—	3
United Presbyterian	—	2
Evangelical and Reformed	—	2
Universalist	—	2

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WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, HIGH POINT, TO SECURE NEW BUILDING SITE

The Quarterly Conference of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, meeting in special session Sunday afternoon, January 11, authorized the purchase of two adjoining tracts of land, located at Chestnut Street extension and U. S. Highway 29 and 70, as a future building site for the church. The conference voted to pay for this property, consisting of approximately eighteen acres, out of the church's reserve funds, money and bonds, already on hand. Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District, was in charge of the meeting.

In accordance with existing church laws which require that any anticipated purchase of property be announced publicly at least ten days before the meeting of the Quarterly Conference, statements were carried in the weekly church bulletin and announcements made from the pulpit on December 28, 1952, and January 4, 1953.

Wesley Memorial, the oldest church of any denomination in High Point, had its origin as an outdoor congregation with visiting Methodist preachers. In 1856 Rev. Peter Doub, pastor of Asheboro circuit, kept regular appointments in High Point with services held on the second floor of a store building on North Main Street. That same year a small one room house of worship was built on East Washington Street which during the war between the States was used as a hospital. The second building on East Washington Street was erected under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Davis and Rev. John W. Jones sometime between 1888 and 1892 and in 1914, during the pastorate of Dr. J. H. Barnhardt the present building on North Main Street at Sheraton Place was completed and the name changed from Washington Street Methodist Church to Wesley Memorial. In 1926 the present Educational Building was added.

Mr. R. T. Amos and Mr. Curtis Smith-deal in cooperation with the pastor, Rev. Walter J. Miller, the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. Charles W. McNally, and the chairman of the Commission on Finance, Mr. J. E. Millis, headed a committee to investigate available property as a future building site for Wesley Memorial church.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. HORACE C. JONES' address is 308 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh.

FARMVILLE METHODIST MEN held their first meeting January 21.

COLD SPRINGS CHURCH on the Mount Pleasant charge recently purchased a new electric organ. Rev. Clegg W. Avett is pastor.

THE WINSTON-SALEM PREACHING MISSION will be held February 8-15. Methodists included among the speakers are: Dr. Clovis Chappell, Dr. Albert P. Shirkey and Dr. Charles Ray Goff.

MRS. H. D. HOWARD of Ashland, Va., mother of Mrs. D. D. Traynham of Roxboro died on December 24, 1952. Survivors include her husband, H. D. Howard; three daughters, Mrs. Traynham, Mrs. E. W. Rawlings and Mrs. E. K. Carlisle.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM N. THOMAS of Lake Junaluska has been appointed to serve as pastor of Capitol Street Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., until next June. Admiral Thomas is a retired chaplain of the U. S. Navy.

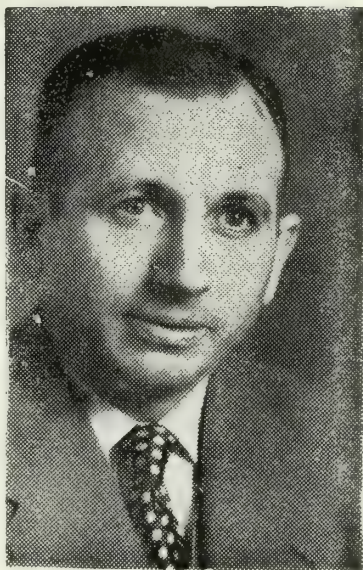
MAIN STREET CHURCH, Gastonia, will raise between now and Easter the sum of \$5,000 for missions in Pakistan in honor of Dr. Ed Rice and his family who moved to Gastonia in 1947 and who will leave in the late Spring for missionary service in Pakistan.

REV. E. C. DURHAM of Raleigh has been appointed by Lieutenant-Governor Luther H. Hodges as chaplain for the Senate during the present General Assembly of North Carolina. This is Mr. Durham's third term to serve in this capacity.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, recently installed a new electric organ, a \$3,000 project. New cherry panelling across the choir loft has also been installed. Funds were raised by B. S. Peeler, Jr. The senior MYF also recently sent \$50 to the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, to sponsor a small boy.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY CONFERENCE at Emory University next summer will feature a unique lectureship on rural evangelism sponsored by Dr. Walt Holcomb of Atlanta, well known evangelist. Dr. Holcomb, who is author of "Sam Jones—Biography's Best" and "Best Loved Sermons of Sam Jones," is donating the profits from the sale of these books to the lectureship. Each sells for \$2.00. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, will give the lectures this year.

THE RALEIGH SUBDISTRICT institutes on the total program of the church will be held Monday, February 2, at Bailey; Tuesday, February 3, at Fairmont church in Raleigh; Wednesday, February 4, at Benson; and Thursday, February 5, at First church, Henderson. All of these meetings will begin at six o'clock with a picnic supper and end promptly at 9:30 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Lineberger will preside during a missions workshop in which Dr. R. F. Thomas, physician and superintendent of the Pittman Community Center in Tennessee will be the speaker. Rev. J. V. Early will preside during the workshop on evangelism which is being emphasized in the institutes this year. An hour will be devoted to workshops in the field of Christian Education.



GORDON L. GOODSON, above, of Lincolnton, associate Conference lay leader and Lincolnton businessman, has been elected chairman of a campaign for new members of the Western North Carolina Conference Brotherhood. Meeting recently at a call of President H. G. Allen, the executive committee and lay and clergy district directors of the Brotherhood set goals as follows: 1,000 new members of the Brotherhood during 1953; to increase the reserve fund from \$87,818 to \$100,000 by the next session of the Conference; to increase ministerial benefits from \$1,300 to \$1,500 when the reserve fund reaches a total of \$100,000. The quotas for new members by districts is as follows: Asheville, 105; Charlotte, 150; Gastonia, 100; Greensboro, 135; Marion, 60; Salisbury, 80; Statesville, 80; Waynesville, 60; Winston-Salem, 150. Ministerial members pay \$3 upon the death of a member and lay members pay \$1. Lay members are non-beneficiary members.

LONGVIEW GARDENS, Raleigh, Methodists held their first meeting January 14 as a prayer service. A community-wide religious census is planned for Sunday, January 25. Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., was appointed at the last session of the North Carolina Conference to organize a Methodist church in this growing section of Raleigh.

WORLD SERVICE giving during December showed substantial gains over November receipts and brought the seven-month total of the current fiscal year up to more than 13 per cent above receipts for a similar period last year. In a financial report for December issued by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the Council of World Service and Finance, giving to World Service during December amounted to \$846,027.53. This brought the figure for the first seven months of this fiscal year up to \$3,909,065.35. The goal for the year is \$9,660,000. Other December receipts for benevolences included: World Service specials, \$15,334.09; General Advance Fund, \$182,656.17; Week of Dedication, \$7,193.93; and Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$95,713.22. Administrative funds of the church showed the following receipts for December: Episcopal Fund, \$92,855.14; General Administration, \$36,078.43; and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$28,843.83.

D. W. HOLT of Asheboro was the speaker recently at the meeting of the Randleman Methodist Men's Club.

SALEM CHURCH near Albemarle recently presented the pastor, Rev. F. J. Stough, with a new automobile.

REV. M. W. HECKARD'S address now is The Methodist Home, Route 8, Charlotte, N. C.

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE C. MEGILL of Raleigh announce the birth of a son, David Joseph, on January 2. Mr. Megill is pastor of the Westover-Pleasant Grove charge in the Raleigh District.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Asheville, has a new cross which crowns the tower of the church, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Rhoades in memory of Captain and Mrs. William T. Weaver.

L. S. WEAVER, superintendent of the Durham City Schools and lay leader of the Durham District, was the speaker recently when the Graham Methodist Church observed Laymen's Day.

GRAHAM METHODISTS are holding their School of Missions each Sunday evening January 11-February 1, using as a basis "Along the African Path," by Dorothy McConnell.

PASTORS: The North Carolina Christian Advocate will be of invaluable help to your people during this period of preparation for the evangelistic campaign. Put the Advocate in your plans now.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE had 20 seniors to complete their work at the end of the semester just closing. The second semester gets under way with registration January 28 and 29.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, WSCS recently gave special recognition to the following life members of the Society: Mrs. John Plonk, Mrs. Meek Ormand, Mrs. Marvin Houser, Mrs. Hunter Patterson, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. J. R. Davis, Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Mrs. E. B. Olive, Mrs. C. L. Fulton, Mrs. J. E. McLaughen, Mrs. W. C. Putnam.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Goldsboro, recently gave \$556.70 through a free-will offering to Goldsboro's newest church, St. Luke. St. Luke church, now in its third year, has almost 200 members and has around \$25,000 for the new building construction on which is expected to begin this year. Rev. W. D. Caviness is pastor of the new church. Dr. A. J. Hobbs is pastor of St. Paul church.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, who was critically injured in an automobile accident near Seneca, S. C. several weeks ago, underwent an operation on January 17. His condition, according to the doctors, remains serious, but he continues to make progress. He is at Oconee Hospital, Seneca. Mrs. Nease and their daughter, Mabel Ruth, also injured in the accident, are recovering satisfactorily. Several churches in the Western North Carolina Conference have received love offerings to help defray hospital and other expenses occasioned by the accident. Dr. Nease, who has held a number of appointments in the Western North Carolina Conference, is now executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Schedule 10 Area Schools; Set \$5,000 As Goal for Race Relations Day Offerings

SCHOOLS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A number of Christian Workers' Schools have been planned for the next several months. Others are being planned for next fall. Churches and subdistrict areas interested in planning a school for this calendar year should get in touch with the executive secretary at once.

Dunn-Erwin Area School, January 11-13, at Erwin Methodist Church

Dean: Rev. S. G. Dodson, Jr., Falcon.
Host Pastor: Rev. D. A. Petty, Erwin.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham.
2. Teaching Youth—Rev. Curtis R. Gatlin, Durham.
3. Adult Classes at Work—Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School.
4. The Life of Jesus—Dr. R. H. Sales, Duke University.

Oxford Area School, January 11-February 8, First Church, Oxford

Five consecutive Sunday evenings.
Dean and host pastor: Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, Oxford.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. T. A. Collins, Raleigh.
2. The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. Curtis R. Gatlin, Durham.
3. Adult Classes at Work—John M. Meares, Raleigh.
4. Christian Evangelism—Rev. O. K. Ingram, Oxford.
5. Christian Stewardship—Mrs. E. G. McSwain, Oxford.

Durham Area School, January 19, 22, 26, 29, Carr Church, Durham

Dean: Elizabeth Johnson, Durham.
Host Pastor: Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Durham.
1. Teaching Kindergarten Children—(teacher to be announced).
2. How to Understand Our Pupils—Rev. D. D. Holt, Greensboro.
3. Interpreting the Bible to Youth—Dr. Edmund F. Perry, Duke University.
4. Teaching Intermediates—Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, Durham.
5. Religion in the Bible—Dr. David G. Bradley, Duke University.

Moore County School, January 25-27, Carthage Methodist Church

Dean: Rev. J. W. Page, Robbins.
Host Pastor: Rev. G. W. Blount, Carthage.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham.
2. Teaching Youth—Mrs. J. H. Lanning, Graham.
3. The Life of Jesus—Rev. W. A. Tew, Aberdeen.

Vance County School, January 26-29, First Church, Henderson

Dean: Rev. J. D. Stott, Kittrell.
Host Pastor: Dr. A. P. Brantley, Henderson.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. T. A. Collins, Raleigh.
2. Teaching Youth—Miss Mary Bethea, Louisburg College.
3. Christian Worship—Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh.

Greenville Area School, February 8-12, Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville

Dean and host pastor: Rev. Leon Russell, Greenville.
1. The Use of the Bible with Children—Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Durham.
2. The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. Curtis R. Gatlin, Durham.
3. Paul, The Man and His Work—Dr. R. H. Sales, Duke University.

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Cumberland County School, February 8-10 Hay Street Church, Fayetteville

Dean: Robert Regan, Fayetteville.
Host Pastor: Rev. R. G. Dawson, Fayetteville.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. James Auman, Fayetteville.
2. Plans of the Church for Junior Children—Mrs. M. R. Chambers, Rowland.
3. Teaching Youth—Rev. F. R. Dail, Gibson.
4. How to Improve the Church School—John M. Meares, Raleigh.
5. Christian Evangelism—Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke Divinity School.

Warrenton Area School, February 8-10, Warrenton Methodist Church

Dean: Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., Warrenton.
Host pastor: Rev. H. L. Davis, Warrenton.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham.
2. Teaching Youth—(teacher to be announced).
3. Adult Classes at Work—Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Durham.
4. How to Improve the Church School—Rev. C. P. Morris, Durham.
5. Class for Young People—(to be announced).

Roanoke Rapids Area School, February 15-17, Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids

Dean: Rev. M. R. Gardner, Roanoke Rapids.
Host Pastor: Rev. C. J. Andrews, Roanoke Rapids.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham.
2. Teaching Juniors—Mrs. J. C. Goode, Richmond, Va.
3. Teaching Youth—Rev. W. M. Wells, Warrenton.
4. The Life of Jesus—(teacher to be announced).

Sanford Area School, February 22-24, Steele Street Church, Sanford

Dean and host pastor: Rev. A. S. Parker, Sanford.
1. Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham.
2. Teaching Youth—Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point College.
3. The New Testament in the Life of Today—Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School.

Alamance County School, March 1-5, Front Street Church, Burlington

Dean: Miss Mable Nance, Burlington.
Host Pastor: Rev. W. L. Clegg, Burlington.
1. Home and Church Working Together for Children—(teacher to be announced).
2. Guiding Primary Children in Christian Growth—(teacher to be announced).
3. Preparation for Marriage—Rev. Marvin Vick, Mebane.
4. The Church Working with Young Adults—Rev. Aubert M. Smith, Asheboro.
5. Paul, The Man and His Work—Dr. Edmund F. Perry, Duke University.

6. Christian Evangelism—Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School.

7. Audio-Visuals in Christian Education—(teacher to be announced.)

8. The Work of the W.S.C.S.—Mrs. J. R. Poe, Burlington.

Hertford Area School, March 1-4, Hertford Methodist Church

Dean and host pastor: Rev. A. L. Chaplin, Hertford.
1. Children and the Bible—Miss Olive Cook, Rocky Mount.
2. Teaching Youth—Rev. T. A. Collins, Raleigh.
3. Adult Classes at Work—Rev. E. R. Shuller, Conway.

Laurinburg Area School, March 1-4, First Church, Laurinburg

Dean: Rev. Ralph I. Epps, Laurel Hill.
Host Pastor: Rev. J. H. Miller, Laurinburg.
1. Children and the Bible—Miss Sarah Puett, Durham.
2. Plans of the Church for Junior Children—Mrs. M. R. Chambers, Rowland.
3. Understanding Youth—Dr. B. G. Childs.
4. Youth and worship—Miss Rachel Scott, Laurinburg.
5. Helping Adults Learn—Rev. F. R. Dail, Gibson.
6. The Life of Jesus—(teacher to be announced).

Edenton Street Church Teacher Training Class, each Sunday morning

Course: "Understanding Our Pupils."
Instructor: Dr. James E. Hillman, Raleigh.

This is the third course to be offered by Dr. Hillman in a series of Sunday morning teacher training classes. The first was "Ways of Teaching"; and the second was a laboratory course on "Teaching Children" and "Teaching Youth." The latter course combined observation, demonstration, and practice teaching. These courses are a part of a carefully worked out program of continuous teacher training by the Commission on Education of Edenton Street Church. It is a pattern that other churches would do well to adopt.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Purpose

... To encourage better understanding, more fair play and good neighborliness among all races.
... To receive a special offering for aiding Negro Colleges related to the Methodist Church.

Goal

... Every Methodist Church observing this day with an appropriate service and offering.
... A minimum of \$5,000 for Paine College, Augusta, Georgia.

Record Last Year

... More than one-half of the Methodist Churches in the United States observed the day with a record offering of \$239,726 for Negro Higher Education.
... In the North Carolina Conference 138 churches observed the day and 159 charges did not with a record total offering of \$2,831.31.

Program Materials

Program materials to be used in the observance of Race Relations Sunday may be obtained from the Board of Education, The Methodist Church, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Pastors will receive a Race Relations Sunday packet containing sample copies

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Report on Miss Rothrock, Miss Calbeck; Korean Leader Thanks Friends; Meetings Set

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD

From time to time inquiries come in regarding our work and workers in the home field, or long and pleasant association with our scholarship girls and genuine interest in their welfare keeps all of us inquiring as to where they are and what type of service they are rendering.

Methodists are not in Mount Airy or its environs long until they begin to feel the influence of Patricia Rothrock, especially among young people, and because of her interest and activity she was just last week chosen director of the Winston-Salem District Methodist Youth Fellowship. After finishing her training at Scarritt College and being accepted by our Board of Missions as a deaconess, she was serving acceptably at our Bethlehem Center in Augusta, Georgia, her mother died, leaving Patricia's father alone and not well. "Pat," as she is affectionately called, immediately came home and has been making life as pleasant and comfortable for her father as a devoted daughter could. But she has not been idle outside of her home duties. She has been serving as part time director of Christian education at Central church in Mount Airy and counselor of the Surry sub-district MYF. Her first emphasis in the new job of District director is to work more closely with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, giving local secretaries of youth work a more definite and direct contact with the members of the Youth Fellowship, the need of which is being felt all over the Conference. Thus, "Pat" is serving well and acceptably, even though it is not the work she started out to do.

The speaker for the Surry sub-district New Year Watch Night service at Salem church was Mozelle McCormick. Mozelle was called home two weeks before Christmas because of the death of her father and she remained over the holidays. She is serving as a rural worker in the South Georgia Conference and has an interesting and challenging story to tell about her work. She comes from a small country church in Surry County and her visit home has given inspiration to the Youth Fellowship in her home church to reorganize, as well as giving added emphasis to the importance and appreciation of rural workers in this area.

Monday morning, January 12, Margaret Calbeck, rural worker in Yancey County, spoke to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, and to a mixed group of youth and adults at Salem church Monday evening on her way to Columbus, Ohio, for her vacation. Margaret also has a challenging message to young and old and the results of her work are being felt in the communities around Burnsville. In last week's Advocate we gave a list of Woman's Societies and Guilds over the Conference which have given extra support to her work, and added to the list are Woman's Societies at Spruce Pine, Lenoir, and Broadway Methodist Church of Columbus, Ohio, (where Margaret was formerly employed), Oak Hill, Candler, and Abernethy Memorial WSCS, Belle Bennett Guild of Centenary, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Mark Goforth, Mrs. Frank Barrier, and Mrs. E. M. Dudley of Lenoir.

The new "rolling" Yancey County Methodist Library is meeting with such enthusiastic response that Margaret has a hard time keeping enough high quality children's books (Bible stories, mission stories, character building stories) to meet the demand. Religious fiction for adults

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is also needed. Many people have used children's books in their personal libraries which are not being read any more and which could be put to good use by the "rolling" library. Others may wish to give new books in memory of loved ones or friends. Send them to Miss Margaret Calbeck, RFD 2, Burnsville, N. C. and Margaret will be deeply grateful.

LETTER FROM MISS HELEN KIM

Miss Helen Kim, outstanding world Christian, has written to Miss Nina Troy of Greensboro her deep appreciation and that of many Koreans for the packages of clothing and household articles, food, and money for medicine, which have been sent to Miss Kim at Pusan, Korea, and have been distributed to the needy.

Miss Kim says: "The Bible says 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' and this stands as the everlasting truth. But I want to testify that it has been a continuous experience of blessedness to be receiving your gifts, large or small, to share and distribute among our needy through this past year. And as you celebrate this Christmas, remember that the gifts you have sent us are cheering and helping hundreds to experience the fullness of the Season's blessing. Besides our own immediate households of the faculty and students, we will distribute what you send us among the refugee families who are stoically bearing the hardships and with no other relief agencies approaching them. May God cement us all together as sisters and brothers in the sharing of His supreme gift of love.

"The relief packages which you have been sending keep coming. Early in September we had the last general distribution of the articles among our faculty and staff members. About twenty families outside our faculty and staff shared the goods. They were mostly families of our graduates who have lost their husbands in the war. The appreciation of your remembrances is great on the part of the group. What you are doing is meeting a definite need among our refugee families, namely the need for clothes and other household articles. Some of the dresses and suits were given to refugee students whose needs are desperate.

"Our dispensary here in Pusan, which opened August 1, already has an average of 70 patients a day. On the same day East Gate woman's hospital in Seoul was reopened. New babies and young mothers are happy to have a place to which to come. In addition, young women who are afflicted in the war area also come for help and treatment. At both places our graduates as well as students of the College of Healing Arts, are learning to serve.

"Some of you have been sending baby clothes and small sums of money for children. These gifts have been used for the children in our two hospitals. The first day of the clinic down here in Pusan the first patient was a little baby eight months old. The staff decided to give free treatment to that baby the rest of its life as a memorial of the opening of the Healing Center.

"During the past quarter a few special gifts in cash were received from friends in America and in the Armed Forces here in Korea. These gifts enabled 55 students to continue in school, besides helping many faculty families to tide over the emergencies caused by sickness, loss of housing and the general rise of living costs. Also, needed repairs were made on the Chapel by the gift from Riverside Church, N. Y. and another student dormitory has been built with gifts from Air Force units. UNEKA gave 25 typewriters, desks and chairs, so we may now offer a secretarial training course. UNEKA also gave a complete loud speaker set for our Chapel, which is also used by other institutions in refuge when we are not using it.

"During the summer vacation 66 girls went to rural communities for volunteer service. They worked in 40 different localities in 8 provinces; taught a total of 10,493 girls and women. Of these, 2,943 learned to read and write, and 1,346 became new believers."

When we read such reports we have no doubt about the little we give doing multiple good.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive board of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at Pfeiffer College, Friday morning, January 23, at 10 o'clock, and continue until noon, January 24. Standing committees which need to have meetings will hold them at the College Thursday night. This is the new president's first mid-year meeting and members of the board are urged to be much in prayer as worth while plans are being made for the future and extension of our work.

METHODIST WOMEN ENTER SERVICE IN GUILD

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has recently named its first missionary to Chile. She is Miss Semeramis Kutz, a home economist from Warsaw, Indiana, and she sails this month for the Methodist farm and rural community project at El Vergel, the "Garden of Paradise" near Angol.

Miss Kutz will be the director of the girls' vocational school and will assist in the medical program, which calls for expansion of the clinic and addition of a dentist to the staff. The institution also has two primary schools, an agricultural school, and two churches. The farm covers 3,750 acres in the central agricultural valley of Chile.

Hitherto all Methodist missionaries in Chile have been those of the Division of Foreign Missions.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION MEETING

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., February 24, 25, 26, sessions opening at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, and closing with the evening session Thursday, 26. Delegates from our conference are: Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Mrs. T. V. Goode, Miss Annabel Thompson, Miss Una Edwards, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, Mrs. Ira Shelley and Mrs. Rupert Crowell. Alternates are Mrs. L. A. Bye and Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

The whole period of youth is one essentially of formation, edification, instruction . . . There is not an hour of it but is trembling with destinies; not a moment of which, once passed, the appointed work can ever be done again. —Ruskin.

Thiems Donate 185 Books; Coupons Net \$1,058; Two Join Staff; Report on Freshmen

SETTLE DOWN TO ROUTINE

The Christmas season is over, school is in operation again, and the campus is once more following a somewhat routine pattern of life. Before we dismiss the Christmas and vacation season entirely, however, we would once again like to express our gratitude to our friends, too numerous to mention here, who contributed so generously in time and finances toward making the Christmas season a happier one for our family. This season was one of the happiest that our family has experienced.

LIBRARY DONATION

The Orphanage School library has received a generous donation of some 185 books from Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thiem, long-time friends of the Orphanage, who have recently closed their book store in downtown Raleigh. These books range in level from "The Happy Giraffe" to "Frontier on the Potomac" by Jonathan Daniels. Especially welcome are the Oz series by Frank Baum. This gift is a valuable addition to our library, and will serve as a source of enjoyment and enrichment for many years to come. Our library has now grown sufficiently in quality and quantity that it is beyond minimum standards set by the State Department of Public Instruction. Books are continuously added whenever possible, and such assistance in this direction as indicated above is most welcome.

SUCCESSFUL COUPON CAMPAIGN

We would like to report in this issue on a little publicized, but highly important, phase of assistance to our Orphanage family. This assistance is through the coupon campaign, concerned with the collection of coupons of Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company products and other products. Such a campaign has been faithfully carried on by the women of the conference WSCS since 1932. It has paid good dividends in dollars, and untold dividends in the growth and development of the youth of our home.

Cash is paid to us for coupons of certain products at the basic rate of \$4 per 1,000, with the exception that Borden coupons are valued at \$3 per 1,000. These products are Octagon soap and soap powder; Mrs. Filbert's margarine, mayonnaise, French dressing, salad dressing, sandwich spread, and relish spread; Borden's milk; Ballard's flour; Rumford Baking Powder; Hearth Club Baking Soda; and Luzianne coffee. Special offers, however, are issued for limited periods from time to time. The Special Offer now in effect is an allowance value to July 31, 1953, on the coupons from Octagon toilet and granulated soaps, and Octagon Cleanser.

We are especially happy to report that cash earnings for the year 1952 are the best since 1933, totaling over \$1,000. Coupons have earned a grand total of over \$12,000 since 1932, which has been an invaluable supplement to normal income. The following record shows what has been done through the years: 1932-\$1,684.46; 1933-\$1,627; 1936-\$516.81; 1939-\$880.64; 1940-\$556.70; 1942-\$545.92; 1943-\$384.32; 1944-\$569.82; 1945-\$670.20; 1947-\$230.74; 1948-\$392.80; 1949-\$577.12; 1950-\$700.89; 1951-\$971.68; November 28, 1952, 202,774 coupons with a cash value of \$1,058.62.

The boys and girls of our family and our staff are grateful to those in the conference who save and collect coupons for us. There is no clearer indication that

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there are many who constantly think of us. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Gurney Hood, who has so faithfully and effectively "pushed" this campaign for many years.

NEW PERSONNEL

Recent personnel added to our family are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes and their little girl, who now make their home in the Jackson Building. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are the second young married couple to join our family in the recent months, the other being Coach and Mrs. James E. Brown. We feel especially fortunate that they are with us. Mr. Barnes directs the soda shop phase of our recreational program, and Mrs. Barnes, a registered nurse, assumes house-mother responsibilities. They replace Mrs. Susan Murdock who resigned to accept another position.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Pictured this week are three leaders on our campus, who have the honor of being Freshmen class officers. They are the officers of a class of twenty, who have been especially busy these past few days studying for first semester examinations. Boys outnumber the girls twelve to eight.

A class this size might at first glance seem to suffer some disadvantages because of its smallness in size. It can, however, receive much more individualized instruction and guidance than a larger size class. Some members of our family have a special need for such individualized attention.

A typical day for a member of this class begins with breakfast at 6:45. School hours are 7:45 through 11:45, with the

schoolday continued in a scheduled study hall beginning at 7:30 in the evening. Major school subjects studied are Health and Physical Education, civics, math and English I. Afternoons are spent performing assigned duties. Most of the boys work on our dairy farm, and most of the girls have some duty in the dining hall. It is a good group and a group for which we have high expectations.

Members of the class are as follows: L. B. Catlett, King Gibson, Warren Gibson, Irvin Hasty, John Horne, Ralph Joyner, Kirk Newton, Danny Partin, Dan Thompson, Robert Whitfield, Bobby Braswell, Charles Haire, Freddie Carraway, Beulah Catlett, Mary Jane Gilbert, Claudette King, Barbara Long, Jeanette Roebuck, Barbara Strickland, Christine Turnage.

BASKETBALL

The basketball season is now well under way for the Red Raiders and the Raiderettes. While the records compiled by our teams are far from impressive, our boys and girls have fought hard each game. They are developing such desirable values as teamwork, fair play, and the competitive spirit, as well as developing their bodies physically. The first conference game with Chapel Hill resulted in the girls winning and the boys losing. Our boys team is somewhat handicapped by a lack of experience and height. They have, however, played as a team and, have give a good account of themselves each game.

PRAYER TIME, a new book of devotions for families with young children, has just been released by **The Upper Room**. The parents who attended the National Conference on Family Life in Chicago requested this book of worship. **The Upper Room** invited Dr. Edward Staples of the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education to help them compile it. **Prayer Time** is the result. It was written by parents and workers with children in language that children can understand. Each devotional selection is built around a story or event in family life. 255 pages. 35 cents each, 3 for \$1.00. Order from **The Upper Room**, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

L to R: Jeanette Roebuck, Danny Partin, Mary Jane Gilbert.

What Does It Mean to Forgive?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 18:15-22

When our brother sins against us some are tempted to rail out against him. Others simply exclude him from the circle of their friendship. They feel that they have done the Christian thing if they cherish no hatred against him, and refrain from hard words of criticism. But Jesus says that we are to make aggressive efforts to mend the break and restore friendly relations. Go, said he, and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

It goes without the saying that as we tell our brother his faults we should do it with a vivid sense that we ourselves have many faults. If the brother still refuses to acknowledge that he has done us wrong we are to take one or two others along with us, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. Often the very thought of asking one or two sensible men to go with us to help bring the brother to a right attitude will make us realize that our complaint against him is too petty and trifling to justify asking busy men to labor with the offending brother, and indeed it should be ignored altogether. But if they do go with us to him they will often tell us that we also have made mistakes, and should likewise apologize, and that will serve to bring our brother to a conciliatory mood.

But if he still refuses to acknowledge that he has done us wrong we are to tell it to the church. Jesus did not have in mind a big modern church meeting, but a smaller group of Christian brothers closely related together in the midst of the opposing outside world.

The one thing that especially impresses us is our Lord's sense of the extreme importance of coming to peaceful relations with an offending brother, and Jesus' insistence that we should spare no pains in our attempts to be at one with him again.

If the brother is not willing to yield to the combined judgment of the church, and confess his faults, then we are not to treat him as an enemy, but we are no longer to acknowledge him as a Christian brother. And says Jesus, his refusal to yield to a reasonable and loving effort to be at peace with a fellow Christian will shut him out not merely, from that Christian's fellowship, but from the kingdom of heaven.

On the other hand, when brethren unite in humble and forgiving harmony, and agree as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by the Father in heaven. And when they are willing to confess their faults, and make things right with one another, and meet together in my name, says Jesus, I am always in their midst with power to save and to bless.

We see now two of the many reasons why Jesus deemed a breaking of brotherly relations so serious. It deprives men of the mighty power and great blessing that comes from united prayer, and also of those experiences of the Saviour's presence that come to his disciples when they meet together in harmony.

In the parable of the ungrateful servant which immediately follows our lesson, we are told that a king forgave an officer who owed him ten thousand times a thousand dollars; but that servant went out and took by the throat a fellow

servant who owed him twenty dollars, and cast him into prison. And the king sternly judged him for his lack of mercy. In view of the fact that if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed we could move mountains of difficulty and accomplish great good, we all have reason to beg God's mercy for our lack of notable efficiency, and a double reason for being merciful to our fellow men.

THE FUTURE

I dread growing old—getting more feeble all the time,

Maybe have a stroke or else go stone blind. Might even have to lie in bed, for months or maybe years.

Such thoughts fill me with dismay and increase my fears.

Why worry about the future, though? God never puts more on us than we can bear.

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GRANNY'S GIFTS

Aunt Nell looked up from her sewing to see what it was that made her two nieces and her nephew so quiet.

They were standing in a row by the window, watching the flurrying snowflakes as they came tumbling one after another down from the sky.

"Have you lost something?" inquired Donald. "Tell us what it is and we will help you hunt it."

"You may all help me," answered Aunt Nell. "I can't find your smiles. They seem to have been misplaced."

"Well, it's pretty hard to smile today," replied Donald. "We wanted to go coasting this New Year's morning, and now we can't go."

"But just think how much better the coasting will be when it stops snowing. I don't think it will last much longer, so let's think of something nice to do indoors," comforted Aunt Nell. "Bring your chairs over here by me, while I put on my thinking cap."

Pretty soon she exclaimed, "Oh, I know! We will give Granny Martin a birthday surprise. She told me last week that her birthday is today. She never receives any presents, although she climbs the hill to her mail box every birthday."

"Oh, goody! goody," cried the children, clapping their hands. "But what shall the presents be?" asked Edith.

"Oh, I'm sure we can find something," answered Aunt Nell. "Donald, you bring me those boxes out of the top of my trunk. Janet, get me a pair of scissors, and, Edith, bring me that tissue paper and ribbon from my room while I see what I can find."

In a few minutes they were all back again.

"Now," said Aunt Nell, as she started cutting some gray paper, "let me show you how to wrap these oranges to make them pretty. Donald, you pack these pieces of candy neatly in a box while Edith wraps these handkerchiefs in pretty red paper. I will put this shawl in a box, and then you may wrap it, too."

"There!" exclaimed Edith, as they finished tying the ribbons, "aren't they lovely?"

"See! it has stopped snowing. Shall we take the packages out now and put them in Granny Martin's mail box?" asked Donald. "We will let Janet sit on the sled and hold the packages, while Edith and I pull."

Soon they were trudging through the snow.

"Here we are," said Donald. "I guess I shall have to stand on the sled, for the box is pretty high. You girls can hand me the packages."

"Be careful of that loaf cake," warned Edith.

Now let's run home and watch from our window," said Janet.

They had no sooner reached home than they saw Granny start slowly up the hill. Her eyes grew wide with surprise when she reached something in the box.

"Look!" said Aunt Nell. "She has found something in the mail box."

"What is it?" asked Janet. "I don't see anything."

"She found the smiles that you put in the box for her," answered Aunt Nell.

"Oh, I never thought of that!" exclaimed Edith. "I'm going to see if I can't find some smiles for every one I see all

through this whole year."—Our Little Ones.

LIFE IS SO SHORT

Life is short, as you well know

Just a few steps and it is o'er.

Make those steps strong and straight

Let them lead to heavenly gates;

Be ever ready, His praises sing

For you, someday the bell will ring.

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THE CHURCH AND CHRONIC ILLNESS

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enough to care for 200 or 300 patients. Some of these could pay toward that care. Many would need the Church to bear their burden and thus fulfill the law of Christ. It would probably cost \$2,000,000 to build, and \$4,000,000 to endow, or support by a living endowment. That would cost the Methodists of the North Central Jurisdiction a little over \$2.00 apiece to do one of the greatest of Humanitarian services."

The Committee on Hospitals and Homes of the North Central Jurisdiction, and the Committee on Hospitals and Homes of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and the Jurisdictional Conferences requested the Board of Hospitals and Homes to make a study on chronic illness in these Jurisdictions and recommend the development of institutions to meet the need. This is indeed a real challenge to each of these Jurisdictions. Such a plan will call for an expenditure of money, but it will keep Methodists in the lead in developing institutions for the care of the sick in the healing ministry of our Lord.


There must be a concerted national move in this direction, or America's major health situation will continue to take a death toll from chronic illness greater than from any other among all the mortal enemies attacking its citizens.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes is sharing in this national study and program and will cooperate with every church group in attacking this problem, and it calls upon every church organization and every citizen whose membership is in The Methodist Church to respond to the crying need today for better health and welfare services and for a major attack on the problem of chronic illness. The healing ministry of our Lord must make an approach to this great problem and do more about it than it is doing at present. It should be done for humanity and in Christ's name.

Any person interested in this field should write the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, 740 Rush Street, Chicago; the Commission on Chronic Illness 615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Md., or United States Department of Public Health Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

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Announcements

BISHOP CUSHMAN APPOINTED TO ROCKY MOUNT

I was indeed happy when Bishop Ralph S. Cushman decided to make his home in Raleigh within the bounds of our North Carolina Conference. The coming of Bishop and Mrs. Cushman to our Southland has been a blessing to all of us.

Upon the death of our beloved leader, Brother T. McM. Grant, it became necessary to make an interim appointment for our First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount. To my great joy Bishop Cushman agreed to serve as pastor of First church until the meeting of our North Carolina Conference in October when a permanent appointment will be made. I am very happy to announce the appointment of Bishop Cushman as interim pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

Bishop Cushman was elected bishop of our Methodism in 1932 and has served the Denver and St. Paul Areas. Because of the age limit Bishop Cushman retired at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in July 1952.

Prior to election as bishop Brother Cushman served as pastor and secretary of the Board of Missions. He was the first president of the United Stewardship Council of Churches of Christ in America and Canada.

Brother Cushman is known to us as a great preacher, a noted author and as a poet. Above all, he is a preacher who in his long ministry has brought comfort, hope and encouragement to thousands and thousands of people. We are indeed blessed to have Brother Cushman live with us in our North Carolina Conference and to assist us at this time at Rocky Mount where our laymen need a leader like Brother Cushman in their hour of sorrow at the loss of their good pastor, Brother Grant.

Paul N. Garber

JUST TWO DAYS

There are two days of the week on which and about which one should never worry. Two care-free days kept sacredly from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday with all its frets and cares and with all its pains and aches, all its faults and blunders has passed forever beyond the reach of our recall. All that it holds of our life, of the wrongs, regrets and sorrow is in other hands than ours. It is in the keeping of Him who can bring the water out of the rock and sweet flowers out of the bitterest desert.

Save for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, we have nothing to do with yesterday.

The other day that we should not need to worry about is tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possibilities, adversities, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, is as far beyond the reach of our mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor or behind a mask of weeping clouds, but it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that held yesterday and will hold tomorrow is not in our possession.

There is left for us but one day of the week—today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any one can

resist the temptations of just one day. It is only when to the trials and cares of today we willfully add the burdens of these two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—that we break down. It isn't the experience of today that drives men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened yesterday, the fear of what tomorrow may disclose.—Author Unknown.

Dr. Carl Jung, famous psychiatrist, has said that among all his patients 35 years old or older, there was never one whose problem was not that of finding a religious outlook on life.—Church Management.

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—As observed by
Ernest C. Durham

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

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and call force and cruelty and hate virtues. Hitler also shouted that he was doing away with the fearsome old Ten Commandments and creating a brave new world. But Nietzsche died in a madhouse, the Kaiser went into exile, Hitler was buried beneath Berlin's debris, and Germany lies in ruins.

The Epistle of John puts it, "When we say that we are not guilty, we deceive ourselves." We may try to keep too busy to think about our sins, but in those interludes of time before we go to sleep—or before we can get to sleep despite all our sleeping tablets—haunting fears harass us. And because we have not inner peace of mind, we are restless, cantankerous, and ill-adjusted, not good company for ourselves or others. And very possibly we get to the point where we avoid those places and persons that remind us of goodness. Not everybody who stays away from church does so because the church services are dull. We clergymen know we are not always interesting. We know we are not so hot. But even when we are dull, we are too hot for some people's consciences! They stay away from church because they feel uncomfortable in the presence of religious reminders.

Would we enjoy mental peace and personal power? Maybe what is preventing this is just an old-fashioned cause—a bad

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conscience. Instead of consulting a psychiatrist, maybe the secret we need is that of Sir Galahad who could say, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

In Memoriam

MRS. C. W. LASSITER

SPRING HOPE—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Spring Hope Methodist church wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Christian character and faithful service of our beloved member, Eva Barbee Lassiter, who moved into the realm of the eternal on July 10, 1952.

Her deep devotion to her church was exemplified by her interest in all phases of its work.

She established a loan fund to stimulate more interest in music through giving training to worthy young people in the church.

Her strong faith and courage were shown through many years of physical disability which she endured with patience and accepted with cheerfulness.

A great lover of poetry, she brightened many hearts with her own poems and cheerful notes.

Therefore, we pay tribute to her memory and bow in submission to His will.

We express to Mr. Lassiter and her daughters, Eva, Jean, and Frances our sincere sympathy.

(Mrs.) John R. Baker

DR. W. S. COZART

FUQUAY SPRINGS—In the untimely passing of Dr. W. S. Cozart, who was a faithful member of this church, the church has lost a loyal and devoted Christian man, who gave of his time, talent, and substance to make the church effective in this community in ministering to the spiritual needs of our people locally and in the overall program of world Methodism. His influence was felt by many, and will linger long in the minds and hearts of our people. He served as church treasurer for many years, and was a member of the board of stewards at the time of his death.

His service was also invaluable as a wise and understanding physician in alleviating physical suffering among thousands of our people. This was the task to which he devoted his life service, and to which he brought his untiring devotion. His medical ministry, together with his cheerful and contagious smile and friendship was a real tonic to those who stood in need of physical or spiritual help.

His sustained interest in the civic life of the community was also outstanding. He was concerned about any movement or effort which was calculated to bring better conditions to the community and its citizens. Five times the people elected him to be their Mayor, and he held this office at the time of his death.

His contribution to the community as a citizen, as a civic leader, and as a Christian gentleman is something we all appreciate, and enables us to rejoice with his family that he left behind him such a fine record of service.

We are grieved at his passing, but we shall cherish his spirit. His influence will continue to challenge us to nobler service in whatever field we may find ourselves at work.

We desire that a copy of this resolution be placed among the records of this church, a copy sent to the family, a copy published in the local newspaper, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

S. J. Starnes
S. L. Lane
C. M. Matthews

WILLIAM HARRIS HOWARD

GREENSBORO—William Harris Howard was born Feb. 15, 1871, departed this life Aug. 15, 1952, age 81 years and 6 months.

He professed faith in Christ early in life and united with Friendship Methodist Church about five miles west of Albemarle. In later life he moved to Greensboro and brought his membership to St. Paul's Methodist Church where he remained a faithful member until the last. He loved to go to his church and did not miss when he was able to be there. He often said to me that he loved everyone and had nothing in his heart against anyone. For the past few years he made his home in Greensboro with his daughter, Mrs. Charlie Wilson.

He was twice married, first to Miss Julia Moose. This union was blessed with seven children, six girls and one boy. One girl departed this life in youth. Survivors are: Mrs. Gertrude Almond of Albemarle; Mrs. Lillie Wilson and Dan Howard of Greensboro; Mrs. Alice Johnson of Jamestown; Mrs. Maude Kellum of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Sue Moody.

His second marriage was to Miss Lizzie Lowder. This union was blessed with five children, three girls and two boys.

His funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon Aug. 17, 1952, from Friendship Methodist Church in Stanly County by his pastor, assisted by Rev. J. N. Wise and Mr. L. E. Parr, after which his body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery to await the resurrection.

May our Heavenly Father comfort the children and all his people.

James H. Trolinger, pastor

Why Should We Evangelize

By Rev. J. Leslie Webb

The simple answer is—because we love Christ and love people. Apart from such love there is no sufficient motive for evangelism. The open secret of the early Church was that men and women loved Jesus with all their hearts. If they had been challenged, as Simon Peter was challenged, with the question, "Lovest thou me?" they, too, would have answered, "Thou knowest that I love thee." Their love kept them faithful to Christ and constrained them to seek others for Christ. Nothing less than a burning love will enable us to engage in the task to which we are called.

We know something of love's power. I have seen a mother caring for a sick child with tireless patience and gentleness. Twenty times a day she went up to the little bedroom, and I said, "You will wear yourself out," but it made no difference. I have seen a girl give up a career and stay at home to care for ailing parents. I have seen a wife stay with a husband who had broken all his marriage vows; she would not leave him because she still loved him. When we raise this human love to its highest power we are touching the bond which binds the Christian to his Lord. Why am I His disciple? Why do I obey Him? Why do I commend Him to others? The deepest and truest answer is, "I love Him."

Love Begets Love

The Revised Version declares that "We love, because He first loved us," but the narrower rendering of the Authorized Version is true to experience: "We love Him, because He first loved us." Our love for Christ is a response to His. I love my mother, but she loved me first. When I was a helpless mite that slept and cried and fed, and slept and cried and fed again, and didn't know I had a mother,

she loved me. Slowly I came to love her in return. Our love for Christ is like that. First, His love for us, stronger and more sacrificial even than a mother's; and then our love for Him—our only proper response.

Can we imagine the disciples talking together on the Friday night when they had seen Him Crucified? They might have begun by bemoaning their broken hopes: "We hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel." They might have spoken bitter words about the traitor and hot words about Pilate. They might do without Jesus. But sooner or later they would say something like this: "How he loved us. How good He was to us, how patient, how generous, how quick to forgive, how ready to encourage. How He gave himself to us. Oh, how He loved!" The flame of love in His heart kindled the flame of love in theirs. They knew what Paul knew, and what we should know: "He loved me, and gave himself for me."

We have reached the Cross, for it is at the Cross that it is brought home to us how much Christ loves us and how much He hungers and thirsts for the love of those for whom He died. We need to look much at the Cross, at the Man of majesty and sorrow hanging there, at the "dear disfigured face." And if we cannot see very well, our hymn book might help to cleanse our vision:—

O Love divine! what hast Thou done?

The immortal God hath died for me!

The Father's co-eternal Son

Bore all my sins upon the tree.

The immortal God for me hath died!

My Lord, my Love is crucified.

The eyes which see that may fill with tears, but they will also see the yearning

of Christ for the love of men and the sorrow of Christ when men ignore or reject Him. The hearts which throb in response to love of the Crucified will throb with an answering love and will be constrained to evangelize. Our love for Christ will mean that we love all for whom He died, and that we seek to restore to His flock those whom we know who are living without Him.

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

What is the Church, and what is its business? It is a fellowship of men and women who believe in God, and in His purpose for the redemption of men and women through His Son Jesus Christ. In that redemption they, by the grace of God, have shared, and by that same grace they are trying to live as becomes children of God. By the fact of their own salvation they are committed to the proclamation of the Gospel to all mankind, so that the whole world may share their experience, may overcome sin, and may know both inward peace, and peace and harmony with their fellow men.

"They are not purveyors of nostrums or panaceas, or even solutions, for all the ills of mankind, but they hold the conviction as an inseparable part of their faith, that nothing but the acceptance and practice of the Gospel of Christ will ever create the spirit in which those ills can be cured, and the world of human life become what in the purpose of God it was intended to be. They know their imperfections, but they know too that the love of God in Christ, received, acknowledged and transmitted, will alone secure the betterment of mankind, and create that new order which the world at all times so desperately needs.

The Methodist Recorder (London)

To see without envy the glory of a rival shows a worthy man; to rejoice at it, a good heart; but to contribute to it, a worthy soul.—Author Unknown.

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Scenes during and following the Morning Worship service at Divine Street Church, Dunn. Story begins on page three. (All photos by Lewis Studio, Dunn.)



THERE IS REST FOR THE WEARY

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30.

There are times when weariness of body, mind and spirit overwhelms us. We seek rest through relaxation, sleep, recreation and diversion. Yet we can grow so weary, so physically, mentally and spiritually fatigued that rest refuses to come. We cannot relax or sleep or find peace in diversionary activities. What can we do?

Jesus has the answer. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," he promises. Take Jesus' yoke, follow his example, do as he says.

We need to begin by trying to understand what is causing our weariness. Perhaps we need to see a doctor for a physical check-up. We certainly need to see the great Physician for a spiritual examination. Even though there may be something wrong with our bodies, most of our weariness has a spiritual basis. We may be working too hard. Perhaps we need to slow down. But more important than slowing down, we may need a new attitude toward our work, a new spirit. Most important, we perhaps need to probe our souls—to discover wrong attitudes, wrong thoughts, wrong acts. These, more than anything else, can make for weariness. Then there may be anxieties and worries and fears that sap our vitality, that rob us of the power to relax. They are burdens too heavy for our frail bodies and minds and spirits.

We must learn to carry all these—our sins, our anxieties, our worries, our fears—to Jesus. We cannot handle them alone. The physician cannot handle them for us. The psychiatrist cannot cure our spiritual ills. Only Christ can do it. He can do it by forgiving any wrong in our lives and by flooding the soul with peace and serenity and joy. Weary humanity may look for help from many sources, but ultimately every man must turn to Jesus. There is no real rest outside of Christ.

Jesus, my All in All Thou art:
My rest in toil, my ease in pain,
The healing of my broken heart,
In war my peace, in loss my gain,
My smile beneath the tyrant's frown:
In shame my glory and my crown.
—Charles Wesley

O Christ, we seek rest in thee. Take all of our sins, our anxieties, our worries, our fears, and make us whole again. May we forever dwell in the sunshine of thy love and peace. Amen.

Evangelism is the finest of the fine arts and the first business of the church . . . all of our programs of action must be related to this objective. Methodism faces another time for greatness. Success of the campaign will rest upon the cooperative efforts of pastors, district superintendents, bishops and organized visitation by thousands of laymen and women. —Bishop Clare Purcell, Birmingham, Ala.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

IN THE DEEP WATERS

Every adult, I suppose, looks back to his childhood, if normal, as a comparatively quiet harbor sheltered behind the protecting presence of parents. We speak of leaving home to make our way in the world as a launching out into life.

Yet while this is true even in normal times, we have been living through abnormal years. The young people of today launch out into a world so different from the world of their fathers' youth that the old moral and social dogmas are inadequate, the old landmarks are lost to view, the old shore lines are hidden in fog. Many are so much at sea that they have lost both their moorings and their bearings.

The world of my school days just prior to World War I seemed so comparatively settled. England was the seat of an empire on whose shores the sun never set. France was the land of sturdy peasants and gay Parisians. Sunny Italy was the country of holidays and holy places. Germany was a prosperous place of scientific progress and great universities, to which our students went for graduate study, especially in theology. And Russia seemed hibernating safely under its "Little Father," the Czar.

From all this we have been brought into a world where national boundaries are fluid, where peoples are confused, and where our own American frontiers are in far places.

The deep waters affect us not only politically but morally and spiritually. As a boy I heard many sermons on the personal sins of lust and lying and dishonesty; but few if any on the sins of war and race prejudice, and none on the evils of totalitarian states. Today we wrestle not merely against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against ideologies and dictators.

We cannot row back into the quiet waters of isolated harbors. We cannot leave a world of radio and airplanes and atom bombs and live to ourselves, politically or morally. We must prepare ourselves for living in deep waters. May I suggest one or two requisites?

First, we must look to our life belts in the form of a personal faith buoyant enough to keep us afloat when out beyond our depth. When a person is out where he cannot touch bottom, mere struggle on one's part is not sufficient. When the inexperienced swimmer is tossed into the water, he tries to support himself by his own frantic efforts. He beats about furiously with his hands and his feet as if everything depended on his own energy.

But watch the graceful, trained swimmer and note how he combines the movements of his body with the buoyancy of the water. So in the deep waters of life, we must learn to supplement our effort with that divine support which the Psalmist felt when he said, "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him."

And how do we acquire this confidence of divine support? Some persons have reached it by practicing the presence of God, that is, by trying to think of God as present, by doing one's duty as if God were present, by praying to God and worshipping Him until He seems to be present.

Practicing the presence of God is somewhat like cultivating the appreciation of

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LETTER FROM NEASE FAMILY

Dear Editor:

I know of no better means than the Advocate to express a word of appreciation to all the fine friends who have been so near and dear to the Nease family during the trying days of the last few weeks. The many words expressing concern and best wishes as well as the many tangible remembrances have meant much to all of us. Of great help have been the prayers offered on our behalf. There is no way of telling just how much all these have meant to us, and we do so much appreciate every thought, every prayer, and every gift of love.

It may interest our friends to know that mother is now with us at our home in Asheville. Mabel Ruth has just undergone surgery for her face in Atlanta and is returning this day to be in an Asheville Hospital. Dad has had his most difficult operation. The doctors say it was successful and that he will be able to walk in a normal way in a matter of several months. He is still confused, but the Doctors assure us that this will gradually go away in time as the swelling around the brain goes down. He is far from well; but at last he is on the road of recovery, and for this we are most thankful. All of us who have been close to him during those critical hours, including his doctors and nurses, are positive that God has wrought a miracle.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. NEASE, JR.

Asheville, N. C.

January 19, 1953

COULD IT HAPPEN IN DURHAM?

Dear Editor:

I have just read the article by Dr. S. O. Holland on "Improving Race Relations" in the January 15 issue of the **Christian Advocate**. Although I have been a lifelong member and contributor to The Methodist Church, I was not aware that the contributions of church members are being used for the purposes outlined by this man in his article. Indeed, I did not realize that the true mission and purpose of the church were being so perverted and degraded by our present church leaders. This is a shocking revelation to me!

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Are We Ready to Make the Great Commitment?

Dr. Schofield several years ago stated that the crux of our spiritual futility is that we Christians want a revival, a Pentecost, an Aldersgate, but are unwilling to pay the price. Chiding, he continued:

We want to be Christians. Yes. But we want to be comfortable.

We want to be Christians. Yes. But we want to do as we please from moment to moment. All discipline is irksome. Obligation is odious.

We want to be Christians. Yes. But we do not want to accept any inconvenience or any interruption of our pleasant occupations.

We want to be Christians. Yes. But we do not intend to forego any opportunity to increase our profits or multiply our possessions.

We want to be Christians. Yes. But we want to cling to our cherished prejudices.

Perhaps the most serious indictment that can be brought against the majority of us who serve the church is that we love comfort, security and personal freedom more than we love Christ. The trouble with most of us is that we get along well—admirably well—with the world. We move as easily and as congenially among neo-pagans as we do among saints. Never has church membership been so highly respected; never has a generation had to give up so little to be in good standing in the church.

But we need to remind ourselves that no individual who ever loved comfort and pleasure so much as we do ever started a revival or experienced Aldersgate or Pentecost. The business of winning our generation to Christ will require tremendous self-denial and incredible heroism. Our generation will never be saved by a business-as-usual philosophy on the part of the church. Salvation can come only when enough of us get on fire for Christ, when we are willing to suffer and, if need be, die for him.

As we prepare for the evangelistic mission, are we ready to make the great commitment? The outcome of the mission depends upon the answer we make to this question.

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This May be Good News for Meeting-Wearied Methodists

Perhaps the First Baptist Church of Kernersville has hit upon a plan that will be of interest to meeting-weary Methodists. This congregation, according to *Charity and Children*, disturbed because some of its members were trekking to and from church 25 times a month to keep the various organizations going,

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last October adopted a correlated family church night. Coming together each Wednesday evening and with practically all organizations participating, the various groups climax their meetings with a prayer service. A church supper is held once a month and a fellowship hour is held once a quarter at which time new members are recognized.

What has been the results of this venture? For one thing, prayer meeting attendance has tripled—from 40 to 156 on a recent night. Pastor Charles P. Burchette, Jr., commenting on the plan, says: "The program builds stronger church organizations and makes for more efficiency, enthusiasm, inspiration, and power . . . It also gives the people more time with their families—at home and at church."

The idea at least seems to be worth looking into.

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Twin Evils: Drunken Driving and Communism

Because of his threat to the individual, the drunken driver, declares United States District Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, is as great a menace to the dignity of human life as is communism. Addressing the 1952 Safety Congress in Chicago recently, Judge Youngdahl, who believes that drunken drivers have been coddled and excused too often, called for a sterner policy toward drunken drivers, speedsters or careless motorists.

Judge Youngdahl's charges are serious. Nevertheless, they cannot be ignored. How many innocent people have been killed or maimed for life by some individual who is under the influence of intoxicating beverages. Yet how little the courts and society do about this serious menace. We just go on passing light sentences and keep on selling the drinking man his liquor. So we are all involved in this bloody business—particularly all who sit by supinely while drinking drivers infest our highways or who vote to make liquor easier to get and more respectable or who are involved in any way with its manufacture, sale or use.

How many more innocent victims must the drunken driver run down and destroy before we realize that we are our brother's keeper? Have not too many of us in the church shown more sympathy for the killers—or potential killers—the liquor manufacturers and dealers and their customers—than we have for their victims and the families of the victims? The Communist would kill our souls; the drunken driver, our bodies. One is as bad as the other.

A Magazine That is Bridging The Gap

Religion and Health, a magazine that seeks to bridge the gap between religion and medicine, with the February issue begins its second year. With a subscription list that includes ministers, doctors, students and many others who apply religion to health, this young publication has been meeting a real need. Its first twelve issues have carried a variety of inspiring and helpful articles as well as other invaluable material. It has helped the sick, those who minister to the sick and the well. It promises to produce even a greater wealth of literature in a field that we are just beginning to explore.

Dr. Russell L. Dicks of the Duke University Divinity School has ably edited this monthly periodical. With a rich background of training and experience that includes being orphaned at the age of 15, working his way through high school, college and seminary, a long and trying bout with disease, serving as chaplain of four hospitals, as pastor of a church, as professor in many theological schools, as lecturer and seminar leader, as author of nine books and many articles, Dr. Dicks is eminently qualified to produce a magazine that will receive wider and wider acclaim. Last November he was chosen as "The Man of the Month" by Pastoral Psychology.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate recommends this periodical to its readers. The subscription price is \$3 a year; \$5.50 for two years. Write Religion and Health, Box 4802, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

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Gambling in the House of the Lord

Mrs. Irene Walhite of Flint, Mich., has sued St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of that city for \$4,000 she claims she lost over a two-year period playing bingo in the church. Also sued is Bingo Operator Robert Kerner. Mrs. Walhite's losses, her attorney states, exceeds her earnings for that period.

Well, all we have to say is that a church that promotes gambling ought to be sued. Even so, we would not say that Mrs. Walhite or anyone else who gambles should receive reimbursement for their gambling losses. Jesus had a word both for religious leaders and traffickers who desecrate the house of God by greed and mercenary practices. On one occasion he even backed up his words with vigorous action.

An Outstanding Charge Of The Year

Situated in the southeastern tip of Harnett County, just across the line from Sampson and Johnston Counties, is the thriving, progressive little city of Dunn. With a population of 6,316 (1950 census figures) friendly, hospitable citizens, this growing community is in the heart of a rich agricultural section that, like so many other towns in eastern North Carolina, is being rapidly industrialized. Close to the heart of Dunn and a big influence in its life is Divine Street Methodist Church. Always regarded highly by the North Carolina Conference, this vigorous, wide-awake congregation of 547 members stands equally high in the estimation of citizens of the entire community.

What made Divine Street church an outstanding charge in 1952? We sought that answer in a recent week-end visit to that City. We talked with some of the lay officials of the church, with some of the average church members, with people of other denominations and of no denomination. We talked with the pastor who served the Dunn congregation during the past four years, Rev. J. V. Early, now serving Centenary church, Smithfield; and we talked with the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Lineberger, appointed at the last session of the North Carolina Conference. We visited the Sunday School; we preached at the morning worship service. We saw this fine congregation in action on a typical Sunday. Moreover, we visited Stewart Chapel which the Dunn church sponsored and we observed this church in action, too.

We were impressed by the warmth and hospitality and loyalty of the members. One could sense at once that there was a loyalty—deep and real—that runs through the entire membership. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that through the years Divine Street has supported generously the total program of the church.

The Outstanding Achievement for 1952

The outstanding achievement of 1952, of course, was the establishment of Stewart Chapel, a new church in a growing community just southeast of the city. The new church is located in the Mary Stewart community which was without a church until the Methodists got interested. Stewart Chapel was initiated by the laymen of Divine Street. Although the pastor and Conference officials aided in every way possible (for example, the Conference Board of Missions and the Duke Endowment made substantial appropriations and Pastor Early and Rev. R. E. Brown, late superintendent of the Raleigh District, took a vital interest in the project), lay-

An intimate study of Divine Street church, Dunn, selected in 1952 by the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Conference as an outstanding charge of the year. Other charges selected by the Commission in recent years include Edenton Street church, Raleigh; Four Oaks; the Roanoke Circuit; Swepsonville; and Marshallberg.

Rev. J. V. Early, right, pastor last year, goes over the Church roll with his successor, Rev. J. W. Lineberger. Mr. Early is now pastor at Smithfield.



men from Divine Street have stood solidly behind the struggling church. The congregation gave \$6,000 toward the building. Among the leaders is O. M. (Joe) Leslie who has given himself unstintingly as lay preacher and worker from the beginning. He was the first person to join the new church and has been instrumental in bringing many others into the church. Others include Fred Byerly, who has taught and worked with the young people; Henry Whitehead, who is secretary-treasurer of the building committee and is a teacher in the Sunday School; Mrs. Charles Highsmith, who has given her services sacrificially as a teacher of the adult class and as a devoted worker in the young church. Wesley Nobles and Mr. and Mrs. Milan, as well as several others in the Dunn congregation, have supported Stewart Chapel which now has a membership of around 20 with 67 enrolled in the Sunday School. The church building is valued at \$10,000 and has an indebtedness of \$1,500. Stewart Chapel is reaching

a large number of young people and children. This church has been placed on the Coats charge this year and Rev. R. M. Forren is pastor.

Other Achievements Last Year

What did the church do in addition to helping the Stewart congregation get started? Well, it received 43 new members and lost 31 for a net gain of 12, or slightly more than two per cent. This is about equal to the rate of growth of the community during the decade 1940-50. The church raised a total of \$23,385, or an

average of \$43.51 per member. This is nearly 50% above the Conference average. Support of the various causes follows: Pastor, \$4,800; World Service, \$1,000; Advance Special, \$6,000; colleges, \$318; Week of Dedication, \$48; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$78; orphanage, \$635; Golden Cross and Retirement Homes, \$272; church extension, \$272; minimum salary fund, \$272; district superintendent, \$240; episcopal fund, \$84; minister's retirement, \$48; Camp Don-Lee, \$125; MYFund, \$50; Church School Rally Day, \$40; Race Relations, \$29; District Work, \$63; Woman's Society, \$907; Church School administration, \$498; buildings and improvements, \$1,919; other items, \$4,958.

The church has 395 enrolled in Sunday School, which is a number equal to about 70% of the church membership. This also is above the Conference average. W. C. Fowler is superintendent of this flourishing organization. The Woman's Society of Christian Service has 127 members. Their contributions to missions last year aver-



Good music each Sunday is provided by the choir. Mrs. Thad Pope is director and Mrs. J. Shepherd Bryan is organist.



The Woman's Society of Christian Service invited the men of the church to attend the December meeting. Here is a section of the group attending with Mrs. H. C. Turlington, WSCS president, presiding.

aged slightly more than \$7 per member. Mrs. H. C. Turlington is president of this active organization and Mrs. Frank Wilson is president of the Wesleyan Service Guild. A vigorous MYF group of 52 members is headed this year by Miss Alice Prince.

The church building is fairly adequate for the needs of the congregation. Constructed on the Akron plan, the building is valued at \$160,000. The sanctuary, which seats about 250, is comfortably filled on an average Sunday morning. Night attendance last year averaged upward of 50. The Church also has a good midweek prayer service.

The congregation two years ago built a lovely modern home for the parsonage family. Located next to the church, it is valued at \$25,000, including furnishings.

The official work of the church is carried on by an active board, headed this year by W. J. Thompson. Both the present and the former pastor paid tribute to the loyal and progressive spirit of this body.

Gifted and Consecrated Pastors

Divine Street church, according to the laymen, has been fortunate in its ministers. The laymen are quick to tell you that they have had exceptionally able and consecrated ministers. This, we know, is true. The last three pastors, for example, have been Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, now superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage; Mr. Early, who has done outstanding work wherever he has served; and the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Lineberger, one of the ablest and most consecrated mem-

bers of the North Carolina Conference. Earlier pastors were equally as gifted and equally as consecrated.

But these three pastors with whom we talked were just as high in their praise of the Dunn congregation. They were quick to admit that the devotion and loyalty of the officials and members accounted largely for the success of the church. In addition, the congregation helped to make better pastors.

Two Weak Spots

Members of the congregation will tell you that they are not satisfied with the progress of the church. Divine Street church, like most Methodist churches, has its weak spots. For example, in its long, illustrious history which numbers nearly three-quarters of a century, only one minister—so far as we were able to learn—has gone out from the church. He is James Lee Best, Jr., who is now enrolled in



The Methodist Men's Club in one of the recent monthly meetings. John Lewis is president.



The growing congregation of Stewart's Chapel entering the church for Sunday School. The Sunday School now numbers around 70.

Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Like so many Methodist churches, Divine Street has had to depend upon other churches to furnish its ministers.

Again, Divine Street in the decade 1943-52 had a net increase in membership of only 67, or about 14%. The population of the town during the decade 1940-50 increased about 20%. Methodists in North Carolina number about 10% of the total population. In Dunn the percentage of Methodists runs about 8.5%.

The Dunn congregation faces the future with optimism. There are signs of spiritual life in every organization of the church. The church is accepting all increased askings for the new Conference year. Plans are underway for the evangelistic mission. We feel sure the church will continue to develop along every line and that Divine Street will continue to be a pace-setter in the North Carolina Conference. At least, that is the impression this observer got.

Pleasant Grove Church to Burn Notes; Retired Minister Passes in Durham

NOTE BURNING SERVICE AT PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Pleasant Grove Church, Charlotte district, on RFD 9 in the Oakdale Community, will have a note burning service on Sunday evening, February 1. The festivities will begin at six o'clock with a picnic supper in the church basement and will continue in the sanctuary at seven-thirty o'clock.

Under the direction of the pastor, Jack H. Cooke, and the chairman of the music committee, Arthur Kelly, a fine program has been planned. The guest preacher will be Leonard Rayle, pastor of the Methodist church in Boger City, N. C., and former pastor of Pleasant Grove during the erection of the new church plant. Rev. Frank Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte District, will assist in the service and will conduct a Quarterly Conference following the service. At this conference Jerry Faulkner will be presented for recommendation for local preacher's license. Jerry makes the fourth young man from Pleasant Grove to hear and answer the call of God to go into full time Christian service as a minister of the gospel. Three others have answered the call in the past two years. Appearing in the service will be Rev. J. O. Ervin, retired resident minister and former pastor of Pleasant Grove; Fred Godley, chairman of the Official Board; Parks Dunn, past chairman; and Milford Pettus, lay-leader, will burn the note.

In the musical portion of the service the adult choir will render an anthem under the direction of Mrs. Ben Kelly, director, and 'Ike' Gill, assistant, with Mrs. Fred Godley at the organ. The combined junior and intermediate choirs will sing under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Richards with Miss Joan Parker at the organ. The male quartet will sing. The guest quartet is the male quartet from Paw Creek, who will offer several numbers. An invitation to the public is extended for this service.

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AUDITIONS FOR MUSICIANS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

Auditions for positions on the music staff of the Lake Junaluska (N. C.) Assembly, are to be held March 7 in Nashville, Tenn. Applications are available for musicians who wish to compete for the positions. An organist and four vocal soloists—soprano, alto, tenor and bass—are to be engaged for the summer season. Applications may be obtained from Prof. Cyrus Daniel, Box 75, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

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KOREAN STUDENT DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN HER COUNTRY

"Our people are victims of hunger and disease and every single Korean bears the scars of the present conflict," Miss Ok-Joo Kim, Korean student who just came to this country, told students at Bennett College recently.

Miss Kim, coming here from Korea under the sponsorship of the Ford Foundation and the International Y.W.C.A., said that 53 of the 55 cities and towns in her native country have been badly damaged or destroyed by the raging conflict.

Speaking on Korean education, she declared: "School buildings, textbooks, and school equipment have all been destroyed.

Outside classes can be seen anywhere in Korea." Many teachers have been taken captive by the Communists, she reported.

"The war has brought a great shock upon the Koreans," Miss Kim stated. "Young boys and girls are to be found alone crying in the streets." Children left parentless by the war, she said, have to support themselves by shining shoes or selling newspapers.

Asked about the rights of women in Korea, Miss Kim replied: "In Korea man is first as in your country woman is first." Korean women like to say they are equal to the men, she reported, but the men have a better chance for education and dominate social life.

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REV. O. B. WILLIAMS DIES IN DURHAM HOSPITAL

Rev. O. B. Williams, 67, retired Methodist minister, died in a Durham hospital January 19 after an extended illness.

He attended Elon College, Duke University and Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

He held charges at Cross Anchor, S. C., Seattle, Wash., and at Graham, Gibsonville, Thomasville, Clement, Louisburg, Haw River, Kernersville, and Greensboro. He was a member of the American Legion and the North Carolina Grange.

The funeral was held Thursday at Effland Methodist Church by Dr. N. G. Bethea and Rev. J. R. Hailey. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lowell Wells of Silver Spring, Md., three sisters, Mrs. C. D. Harrell, Misses Annie and Margaret Williams of Durham; four brothers, Atlas and Charles Williams of Hillsboro; John Williams of Cary and Jim Williams of Durham; one grandchild.

MATERIALISM, NOT COMMUNISM, AFRICA'S GREATEST DANGER

Africa was described as the field of "greatest opportunity and greatest danger for the church" by Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, executive secretary of missionary work in that country under the sponsorship of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, at the annual meeting of the Methodist woman's organization at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently.

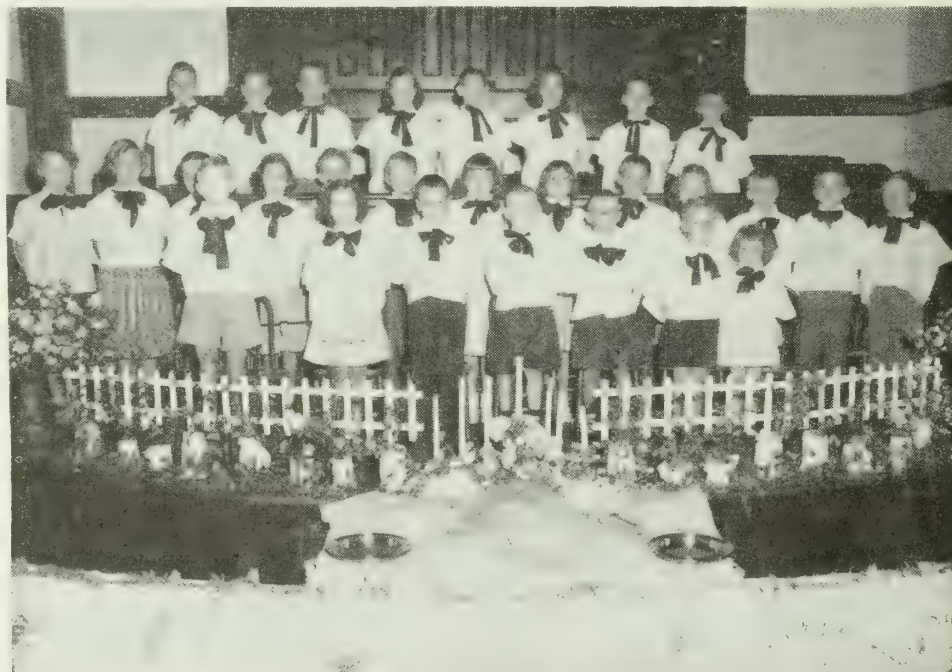
Miss MacKinnon, recently returned from a trip to Africa, was wearing a bracelet made from the hair of an elephant's tail as a reminder from an African pastor that women workers are needed at Katakwa Kombe in the Belgian Congo.

"Communism is not—at the moment—the greatest danger in Africa," Miss MacKinnon said, "but the danger lies in materialism, secularism, and the disintegration of tribal life."

Miss MacKinnon said Africans, emerging from a primitive culture into the modern world, are turning to the church for guidance. She cited instances where men, once hostile toward education, are now eager for both men and women to go to school. She said there are only two schools of high school rank—none higher—in eight countries of that continent. "Methodists have even voted to ordain women as ministers," she said.

"If we can get the right kind and right number of missionaries to Africa now, we can still make Africa 'Christian,'" Miss MacKinnon concluded, "for this is our most urging and compelling opportunity."

DR. I. G. GREER, executive vice-president of the Business Foundation of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was the guest speaker for family night, Dilworth church, Charlotte, January 28. His subject was "Shackled Youth." Mrs. Greer played on the dulcimer while Dr. Greer entertained with folk songs and ballads during the social hour.



Recent children's rally at Horne Memorial church, Clayton, to acquaint parents, relatives and friends with sacred recitations, psalms, hymns and scripture readings learned in Sunday School. Thirteen out of the 28 youngsters are from the Pythian Children's Home at Clayton, a fraternal organization sponsored by the Knights of Pythias, whose superintendent for the past 14 years, Dewey W. Huggins, has also been Sunday School superintendent at Horne Memorial two years and teacher of the Men's Bible Class three years.

First row, left to right: Ray Douglas, Betsy Robertson, Judson Whitley, John O'Neil, James O'Neil, Tommy Barbour and Polly Justice. Second row: Janet Smith, Betty Sue Whitley, Patsy Wall, Betsy Beard, James Sealey, Roger Hardin, Rachel Jordan, Bernice Blackman, Parham Lassiter, Judy Jordan, Anthony Hardin, Arthur Cavanaugh and Kenneth Ray. Third row: Billy Whitley, Larry Jordan, Clarence Blackman, Katherine Harrelson, Jimmy Harrelson, Peggy Sealey, Bobby Woodbury and Gene Justice. Photo by Dewey W. Huggins, jr.

Board of Hospitals and Homes to Meet in Chicago; Methodists Lead in Relief

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES TO MEET FEBRUARY 11, 12

More than 500 persons are expected at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes when it meets in Chicago's Palmer House Feb. 11 and 12.

Methodist institutional chaplains, directors of nurses, auxiliary presidents, and chairmen of conference boards of hospitals and homes are invited, besides administrators of the 193 Methodist hospitals and homes in the United States.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Detroit, will give the keynote address Wednesday morning on the subject, "That God May Live." Bishops Paul E. Martin, Little Rock, Charles W. Brashares, Chicago, Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh, William T. Watkins, Louisville, and Charles C. Selcman, Dallas, are also on the program.

Bishop Watkins, president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, will preside at the recognition banquet and present new memberships in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy.

President of the National Association, Rev. B. W. Selin, superintendent of Bethany Home and Hospital in Chicago, and Dr. Karl P. Meister, Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, will address the opening session. Olin E. Oeschger, Chicago, administrative assistant and personnel secretary of the board, will introduce new institutional administrators.

Other speakers at general sessions are: Dr. Dean W. Roberts, director of the commission on chronic illness, Baltimore, Md.; Lester E. Cox, president, board of trustees of Burge Hospital, Springfield, Mo.; and Edwin L. Jones, prominent construction company executive, Charlotte, N. C.

The annual meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes will take place Feb. 10 at the Palmer House, with Bishop Watkins presiding.

Members of the Methodist association will join with the American Protestant Hospital Association for their meetings Thursday evening, Feb. 12, and Feb. 13.

Rev. B. Reid Wall, superintendent of the Methodist Home for Aged at Charlotte, will speak on "The Members' Funds—an Important Problem" in the homes for aged section meeting. He will also take part in a panel discussion on "Steps in the Development of a Home for Aged."

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WSCS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT PFEIFFER

Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, entertained the Executive Board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church Friday and Saturday, January 23, 24. Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Shelby, Conference President, convened the meeting Friday at 10:00 A.M. The 22 conference officers and the President and Secretary of Promotion of each of the ten districts composing the conference also were in attendance.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Miss Jane Stentz, Concord, just returned from three years service as a missionary in India, and Miss Geraldine Surratt, a Pfeiffer graduate, of Southmont, now doing rural church work in Western North Carolina.

Chi M. Waggoner, president of the college, and Mrs. Waggoner entertained the women for a social hour at the close of

the Friday night business session. Assisting them were Barbara Cox, Charlotte; Eva McClamrock, Landis; Helen Kiger, Rural Hall; Gail Whitaker, Boonville; and LaVerne Wright, Fallston, students attending Pfeiffer on scholarships granted by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

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ISSUES LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The General Board of Education announces a new series of eight leaflets for parents and teachers. They have been prepared by the Department of the Christian Family in cooperation with the Department of the Christian Education of Children. Priced at cost of printing and distribution (20 cents a dozen, \$1.00 a hundred, cash with order), these leaflets should meet a real demand for inexpensive helps for parents. The titles are: Parents—Teachers of Religion (3024-B); Teaching Children About God (3025-B); Teaching Children About Jesus (3026-B); Teaching Children to Make Right Choices (3027-B); Teaching Children World-Mindedness (3028-B); Teaching Children About Sex (3029-B); Teaching Children About the Bible (3030-B); Teaching Children About Prayer (3031-B).

A sample set of the above leaflets may be secured upon request. Please enclose 10 cents to cover postage and packing.

A new leaflet, **Mixed Marriages** (3032-B), quotes the Baptist statement on Protestant-Catholic marriage and indicates the predominant Methodist attitude.

Order from the Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

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CHINESE JOURNALIST TURNS TO MINISTRY

A Chinese journalist, because of the social upheaval in his native land, has decided to enter the Christian ministry and work for better relations between his people and the people of the United States

and of Europe. He is T. L. Lawrence Hsu, recently arrived in the United States, and now studying theology at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., under a "Crusade Scholarship" of The Methodist Church.

Mr. Hsu was born in Foochow, Fukien Province, China, the son of Christian parents, his father being a minister of The Methodist Church. He was educated at St. John's University, Shanghai. He has been a lecturer in English and in journalism at Fuh Tan University and at Utopia University, and has been engaged in newspaper writing and editing in both Hong-kong and Formosa. For a time he was connected with the United States Information Service under the U. S. State Department. He is fluent in English, French, and in several Chinese dialects.

"At the present time," says Mr. Hsu, "my great concern is to contribute to the work of Christians throughout the world in their efforts to bring peace and good will to all men. When I complete my ministerial training, unless conditions are such that I can return to the mainland of China, then I hope to spend my life in a Christian ministry to Chinese in some place on the periphery of China where my people live in great numbers."

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METHODISTS GIVE FOOD AND CLOTHING

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief reports that Methodist churches and individual Methodists are the largest contributors among Protestant churches to two interdenominational relief agencies—Church World Service and the Christian Rural Overseas Program. During the first eleven months of 1952, a total of 2,034,721 lbs. of used clothing was collected for Europe alone from all Protestant churches, and more than a quarter of a million pounds of this was earmarked "Methodist" as to source. Other hundreds of thousands of pounds were sent to Korea where the need is growing rather than lessening, and from which appeals are coming for food and medicines as well as for winter clothing. Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, director of MCOB is asking all Methodists to "search their attics and closets" for more clothing for Korea within the next few weeks.



Bethel Church of Longview, Hickory, has recently completed a new parsonage. It is a modern seven-room brick house with a full basement, basement garage, and oil furnace heat. It is valued at \$16,000. Guy Frye & Sons, members of the Church, contracted its construction at cost. It is complete in every detail, with a large reception room furnished with new modern furniture. The dining room also has a complete new suite of furniture. The kitchen has all the modern conveniences with built-in cabinets and sink, and a new electric stove. There is a guest bedroom downstairs and two large bedrooms upstairs with the pastor's study. Ample closet space is provided in all the rooms. The den for the pastor's family downstairs and two modern bathrooms, upstairs and downstairs complete this perfect home. Rev. J. L. Love is pastor. The building committee was composed of J. P. Whitner, Hampton Burns, Howard Fry and Jack Harbison.

Over \$8,000,000 Extra for Missions; Bishop Moore Calls for Two Revivals

METHODISTS GAVE \$8,350,000 "EXTRA" TO MISSIONS

BUCK HILL FALLS, JAN. 19—During the past four years (1948-1952) the members of Methodist churches throughout the United States contributed "extra funds" totaling \$8,350,209 for missionary work overseas, Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland, treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, told the annual meeting in session here today. These added funds were given by churches and individuals through the "Advance for Christ and His Church" campaign of the four years. It will be continued through 1956, and a similar total is anticipated.

Of this total "Advance" giving, \$3,409,554 was expended for capital purposes, including new buildings, lands, equipment, etc., overseas; \$2,085,791 was used for the support of an increased missionary staff; and \$2,847,793 for general missionary work, such as the carrying on of schools and hospitals.

During the year 1952, 88 new missionaries, who had completed training in colleges and seminaries, sailed for their assignments overseas, and 78 other new people were recruited for training, for later service, all under the Division of Foreign Missions, Dr. Melville O. Williams, candidate and personnel secretary, reported.

The new missionaries included 11 pastors, 10 religious educators, 24 elementary and high school teachers, 8 agricultural teachers, 5 social workers, 4 theological teachers, 4 nurses, 4 home economists, 3 builders, 2 M.D.s, and one medical technician. Twenty have been assigned to Africa, 20 to India and Pakistan, 19 to Latin America, 14 to Japan, Okinawa, and the Philippines, and three to Malaya.

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BISHOP MOORE DISCUSSES FOUNDATIONS OF NATION

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA., JAN 20—"As I listened to the inaugural address of President Eisenhower and his ten points, I found myself asking where is the strength of this nation, and what are the ideals that have given strength to our institutions," Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., said in opening the afternoon session of the Board of Missions, Methodist Church, on Tuesday. "So I have discarded what I was going to say, and want to address myself to this subject.

"The dominant question before us today is what is the foundation of our national structure. That question of foundations is also the main question now in the field of education and of religion. How can these foundations change human life and add to the current of human history?

"There are three things that I hope we can do in this new day of American history. I hope that we can recapture the Christian idealism and faith that went into the foundations of this country. The Pilgrim Fathers came to this country not to build just another nation, but one in which there would be freedom. They left tyranny, oppression, and bondage. They endured all manner of hardship to come to a new land. They stayed to build a new nation on the foundations of liberty and justice and righteousness. God prepared here for himself a great liberty-loving people, honoring God and respecting one another. That would be a good thing to start a new administration.

"Then I wish we might have a revival of Christian conscience. I wish we might prefer to be right, rather than popular. We may have many people with good consciences, but we have not much civil or national conscience as was once the case. We have learned to call ugly things by nice names. We have got values upside down. When I was a boy, stealing was stealing; now it is defalcation. We cover up hideous things. Drunkenness is now alcoholism, and a disease. How does it happen that a Christian nation can sell the germs of a disease across the counter?

"Then I wish we might have a revival of spiritual religion. I emphasize spiritual religion, not just formal religion or religious services. We need in our nation and in the world a religion that puts God on the throne, and that thinks of men as the children of God.

"The strength of this nation is not in Washington, but in the devotion and in the loyalty of those who offer themselves in dedication at the altars of God."

The annual meeting had adjourned its session at Buck Hill Falls early in the morning so that all members could view the inaugural ceremonies on television. At the opening service in the morning, prayer for the new President and for the new officers of his administration was offered on behalf of the group by Mrs. John M. Pearson of Hancock, N. Y. Mrs. Pearson is chairman of the foreign department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

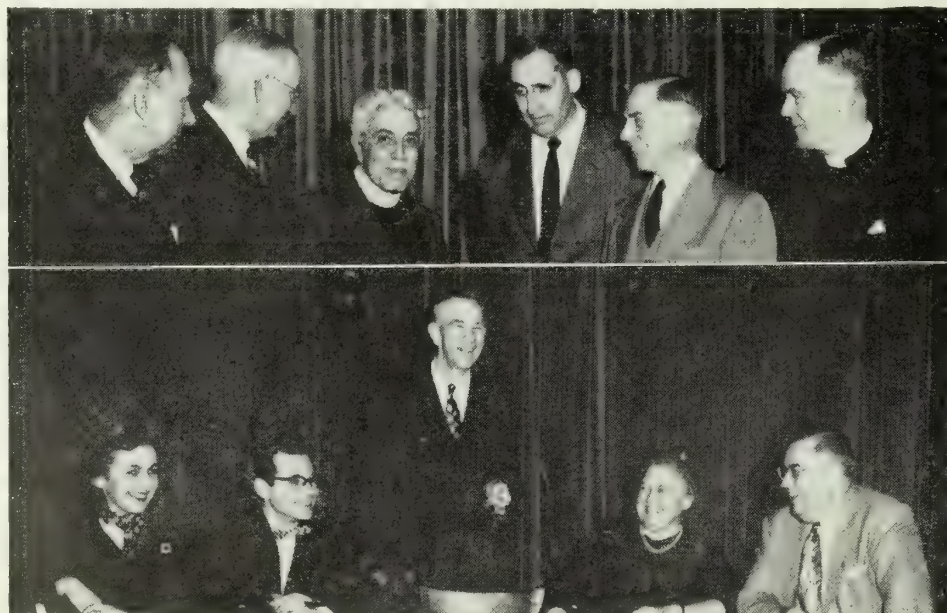
SPRAY METHODISTS ACQUIRE NEW BUILDING SITE

Rev. G. N. Dulin, pastor at Spray, reports that the congregation of the Spray Methodist Church has purchased over two and a half acres of land as a new home for the Spray Methodist Church of the future. The property bought from the Fieldcrest Mills lies adjacent to the present parsonage and hut property. Bordered on three sides by paved streets, Morgan Rd., Pitcher Ave., and Clarkway Dr., it is almost level, and is a grove of large oak trees formerly kept as a park area. The church in a cash deal paid \$5,000 for the land. Some building funds are now on hand and will be steadily increased so that the hopes of the congregation for a new, adequate, modern church plant on the new location may be realized within a reasonable time. The action of the Official Board, the quarterly conference, and church conference was unanimous.

Through the years the genius of Methodism has been the ability of the people called Methodists to readjust their strategy and techniques so as to adapt themselves to the needs of each succeeding generation. We need Christ now! We need to get a sense of urgency so great that we can convince others that Christ is outside the door, and they will ask us to bring Him inside. We ought to be afraid that we are going to lose our church, and then go to work to make it great. We have a lot of work to do. It will not be an easy task, but that is the reason we will all rise up like the people of God to undertake it.—Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla.

Conducted Duke Seminars Last Week

Pictured herewith are some of the leaders in the Duke Divinity School Seminar held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, January 19-20. Of those pictured, Dr. Hough, Dr. Cleland, Dr. Clark, and Dean Cannon, also spoke at the seminar at Kinston on January 22 and 23. Also on the Kinston program were Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor-host; Rev. V. E. Queen, Rev. C. P. Morris, Rev. W. B. Petteway, Rev. W. A. Tew, and Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., W. C. Chadwick led the discussion panel of laymen which comprised Mrs. Earl W. Brian, S. A. Chalk, Jr., S. B. Underwood, Jr., and Miss Catherine Wike.



Top picture, left to right: Dean James Cannon, Dr. Eugene C. Few, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, and Dr. James T. Cleland.
Bottom picture, Panel Discussion Group, "Preaching I Like," left to right: Miss Sally Beaver, Senior at Woman's College; Dr. Thomas B. Clay, Mayodan physician; Charles W. Phillips, Moderator, Director of Public Relations, Woman's College, Greensboro; Miss Stella Ward, Dean of Greensboro College; Holt McPherson, Editor of the High Point Enterprise.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. AND MRS. RALPH MILLER of Sherwood announce the birth of a daughter, Marie Louise, on January 7, 1953, at Boone.

THE CANDLER WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE met at the church, the week of January 19 and packed 60 pounds of warm clothing to eliminate suffering in Korea.

OLIVER COOK, who has served as music director of Harding High School, Charlotte, has accepted the position as music supervisor and organist at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte.

REV. C. T. ROGERS, who since retirement last fall, has made his home at 919 St. David Street, Tarboro, would be glad to assist pastors in the Tarboro area in evangelistic services.

MISS CLARICE BOWMAN, of High Point College, was the guest speaker at the Workers Conference of College Place church, Greensboro, Tuesday night, January 20.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE will observe Religious Emphasis week February 1-6. Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, will be the guest speaker. The theme for the week is: "Reach High, Grow Deeper."

PROFILE OF AN ALGERIAN BOY, a series of color slides with script on the Boy's Home of the Methodist Mission at Constantine, Algiers, North Africa, is available for One Dollar Rental from Rev. Horace R. McSwain, Box 1015, Shelby, N. C. This was prepared by Rev. Hans Aurbakken, Superintendent of the work.

MARVIN CHURCH on the Harrison charge in Union County recently purchased 50 new hymnals, 27 of which were given as memorials. A service of dedication was held. A renovation of the Sunday School facilities has also been made and plans are underway to paint the interior of the church.

PRESIDENT CHI M. WAGGONER of Pfeiffer Junior College received word January 20 that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Continuing Corporation, had allotted through the Woman's Division of Christian Service, \$170,000 to Pfeiffer. This amount, immediately available, will be added to the endowment, the income from this sum to be used in the up-keep of the college buildings.

"FOR METHODIST MEN" is the title of a two-color attractively prepared leaflet telling about a program of leadership by men in the local church for the Fourth Sunday of February. This is a World Service leaflet which gives information about some of the work of our General Board of Lay Activities. Copies may be had in quantities desired by writing to the Service Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

CONCORD AREA TRAINING SCHOOL will begin in Central Methodist Church, Concord, February 1. Five courses of study will be taught: The Children's Division of the Church, Mrs. W. R. Reed, teacher; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Marion Craig, teacher; Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Mrs. Carl H. King, teacher; Young Adult Work in the Church, Rev. Aubert Smith, teacher; Personal Religious Living, Dr. J. J. Rives, teacher.

DR. AND MRS. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem, are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Mary Claire, born to Mr. and Mrs. Raimond R. Simmons on January 1.

REV. D. D. HOLT, Executive Secretary of the Methodist College Foundation, was the guest preacher at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, January 18, using as his subject, "Teach Them To Observe."

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS WEEK will be observed at the Duke Divinity School February 3-6. Speakers include Dr. Karl Quimby, Dr. George W. Harley, Dr. M. O. Williams, Dr. Fred Shippey and Rev. Creighton Lacy, all with the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Mt. Airy, recently opened a new nursery to care for children under two years of age. New baby beds, tile floor and other new items were added, along with a new paint job, done by the young adults of the church. Previous to the new nursery an inlaid linoleum was put on the floors in the nursery and kindergarten departments of the Sunday School, and new cabinets, electric stove, and a grease proof asphalt tile added to the kitchen.

DR. A. HOLLIS EDENS, president of Duke University, has been elected vice president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church at a meeting held in Los Angeles, Calif., early in January. More than 100 Methodist college presidents attended the meeting which was held just prior to the meeting of the Association of American Colleges. Dr. Earl A. Roadman, president of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, was elected president of the Methodist organization.

BISHOP D. STANLEY COORS of St. Paul, head of the Minnesota Area of The Methodist Church, will preach the sermon on Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" February 1, at 10:30 a.m., E.S.T. One of the nine bishops of the church elected last summer, Bishop Coors was formerly pastor of Central Methodist Church, Lansing, Mich., for 14 years. He has served churches in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon, all in Michigan, and has been a delegate to six General Conferences and the Uniting Conference in 1939.

ALICE A. BAYS, author of five of the most widely used books of worship services, has just written a sixth, "Worship Services for Life Planning." It is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. The new book contains 34 worship programs for the use of young people and their leaders. Each service is complete from prelude to benediction, including call to worship, hymns, invocation, scripture, poetry, and a story. They are all easily adaptable in length and content to special needs. There are five sections to the book: "Selecting a Vocation," "Building a Better World," "Living As Brothers," "Christian Living," and a group of services for "Special Days (Christmas, Mothers Day, etc.)."

CONTINUE the North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign during February. See that your people have an opportunity to read North Carolina Methodism's official news magazine.

R. G. LeTOURNEAU, outstanding Christian layman, will speak at Edenton Street church, Raleigh, Sunday afternoon, February 1, at 3 o'clock.

REV. O. L. HATHAWAY of Siler City represented the North Carolina Conference at the meeting of the Stewardship Council at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., this week.

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, church school had 56 persons to receive perfect attendance awards recently for the year 1952. The group included 19 officers, 14 in the children's division, 13 young people and 10 adults.

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM N. THOMAS of Lake Junaluska, N. C., former chief of navy chaplains, has been appointed minister of Capitol Street Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., by Bishop Marvin A. Franklin. He succeeds Dr. Henry M. Bullock, newly-elected editor of Methodist church school publications.

MRS. EDISON DAVENPORT, of Mackey's church on the Roper charge conducted an interesting study on "Human Rights," at the Roper church January 15 at 7:30. This class was sponsored jointly by the Men's Clubs and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Those participating in the study were: Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts, Mrs. L. S. Thompson, C. E. Peckman, Mrs. E. M. Leavitt and Rev. Vance A. Lewis. The Divine Imperatives were presented by a group from the Pleasant Grove church, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. Henry Silver, Mrs. W. W. White and Mrs. Jamie Riddick.

NORTH CAROLINIANS attending the annual meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension January 19-24 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., included Bishop and Mrs. Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte; Mrs. J. W. Payne of Cherryville; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Garlington of Roxboro; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton of Raleigh; Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Smith, of Leasburg, and Hartford Theological School, who were commissioned as missionaries; Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Swain of Asheville and Scarritt College, also commissioned as missionaries; and Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro. Mrs. H. I. Glass, president of the North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. J. W. Harbison, president of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, attended the meeting of the Woman's Division the previous week.

THE BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES, in cooperation with the American Medical Association, has mailed to 47,000 bishops, pastors, district superintendents, and district and local lay leaders throughout the country an informative pamphlet entitled "Your Money's Worth in Health." The pamphlet, prepared and published by the American Medical Association, (and mailed at that Organization's expense) gives practical information concerning medical costs, services rendered, and the great amount of care individuals actually receive for their medical dollar. The contents of the folder express entirely the viewpoint of the AMA, but because of pertinent facts reflected, it was the consensus of the Board of Hospitals and Homes that it would hold special interest to the persons whom our Methodist hospitals and homes serve. During last year a total of 1,294,000 persons were ministered to through our 193 institutions affiliated with the Board.

MYF Institute in Waynesville District; Conference Youth Council Sets Goal

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT MYF INSTITUTE

Under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Yountz, district director of youth work, the Waynesville District Methodist Youth Fellowship held a mid-year Institute at Brevard College, January 9-11, 1953. "Still He Calls" was the theme that captured the imagination of the 92 youth and adult leaders who attended this meeting.

Worship

Carl H. King, Executive Secretary of the W.N.C. Conference, charted the course for the meeting with an opening meditation, "Finding the Trail of Life." He also led in worship on Saturday using "Evangelism" as his topic. Robert H. Stamey, president of Brevard College, preached at a special service Sunday morning. The closing communion service was led by C. E. Murray, dean of the institute and minister at First Methodist Church, Franklin. All who attended were inspired through these well planned experiences in worship.

Study and Discussion

All delegates had the opportunity to attend two classes, "A Christian's Vocation," taught by Mrs. H. G. Allen of Lake Junaluska; and "Toward Understanding the Bible," taught by C. E. Roy of Brevard College. Delegates chose one of the workshop groups. These were: Worship and Evangelism, led by Miss Leona Morgan of Salisbury assisted by Carlene Sorrels of Franklin; Community Service, led by Jake Golden of Canton assisted by Charles Mainous of Canton; Missions and World Friendship, led by Miss Linda Sloan of Waynesville and John Frazier of Robbinsville; and Counselors, led by Miss Marion Craig of Salisbury and Mrs. J. W. Rhinehart of Webster.

Dramatics

Special features of the institute included a play "Blessed Are They," presented by the Brevard Dramatic Club; a religious movie, "In His Name"; and the presentation of the Methodist Youth Fund by the local church and subdistrict chairmen of Missions and World Friendship. Mr. Stamey announced that the Dramatic club would be glad to give their Easter play for subdistrict groups.

Recreation

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cowart of Canton led the group in folk games. Other recreational features were a Brevard College basketball game and being guests of the college at the snack bar. Delegates enjoyed the facilities of Brevard College and the tour of the campus conducted by Rev. Robert H. Stamey, president; and Rev. C. E. Roy, professor of Bible. The friendly manner of the students and the fine Christian spirit that permeated the campus was contagious.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT RALLY

Miss Clarice Bowman of High Point College was guest speaker at a Thomasville District Youth Rally held at Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, on Thursday evening, January 22. The Glee Club of Thomasville High School furnished special music. Jack Alber, District MYF president, presided at the meeting. Miss Virginia Jarrett, district director of youth work, and Rev. Leon Stubbs, associate director of youth work, presented goals of the district and plans for the Youth Rally on May 2 and other future meetings. A large number of youth and their adult

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leaders participated enthusiastically in this rally.

CONFERENCE YOUTH COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Sixty-four youth and adult leaders met at High Point College on January 2-3 for the mid-year meeting of the Conference Youth Council. Conference officers and commission chairmen, subdistrict presidents and counselors, district directors of youth work, district superintendents, and staff members of the conference board of education were present for this planning session.

Miss Clarice Bowman and Council Meetings

Miss Clarice M. Bowman, assistant professor in the department of religion, philosophy, and sociology at High Point College, served as resource leader. She led the meditation in two devotional periods and served as discussion leader in workshop sessions on the importance of planning at council meetings and on the work of the subdistrict. The meeting was greatly enriched by having as resource leader one who has had wide experiences working with council groups over the United States.

Miss Jane Stentz and Missions

Missions became alive for the youth present when Miss Jane Stentz of Concord told about her work in India as a short-term missionary. Jane's major responsibility was that of a teacher at Leonard Theological School. In addition, she did rural work on week-ends and used summer vacations as a time for youth work. Miss Betty Johnson of Connecticut and Salisbury accompanied Miss Stentz. Betty and Jane worked together in India to organize the MYF of India; to edit the quarterly magazine, "Methodist Youth Fellowship"; and to edit an MYF Handbook for use by Indian youth. Delegates learned much

about Methodist work in India and were thrilled by the way in which Jane and Betty told about the deep joy and satisfaction they had received through serving in India.

Donald Beaty Evaluates Council Meeting

Donald Beaty, Conference MYF president, wrote the following concerning the Conference Council meeting: "As I see it, the most important accomplishment of this meeting was the development of a genuine spirit of fellowship and purpose among those present. Everyone entered the meeting with a spirit of enthusiasm for the work of Christ through our MYF, and I think that each one present gained strength to do his job better from the enthusiasm of the others in the same work. We accomplished a great deal of work in the short time that we had, but the spirit with which this work was done was most important."

Miss Joy Bumgarner, subdistrict representative from Wilkes County, wrote: "I think that this meeting accomplished something—there was fellowship in recreation, worship, planning and a lot of hard work which goes into making anything successful."

The faculty members and students at High Point College were most cordial hosts to the Conference Council meeting. The fine spirit of fellowship that existed on campus helped set the tone for the spirit of cooperation evident throughout the council meeting.

Goals Stressed At Council Meeting

In accord with the "year of world-wide evangelism" as called for by the last General Conference, youth of our conference have put evangelism as their major goal. Youth are taking an active part in planning for the Youth Rallies to be held on May 2, 1953, as the opening service of the simultaneous evangelistic emphasis in our conference. They are also anxious to help on local church committees planning for these special services.

The Methodist Youth Fund

As our part in assisting with the program of world-wide evangelism, the youth of the conference have set a goal of \$14,000 as their contribution to the Methodist Youth Fund—the missions special for youth. The treasurer's report shows that nearly \$10,000 has been pledged and about \$3,500 has been paid this year to the fund. Although these figures are encouraging, youth need to work hard in order to meet the goal. In addition to paying the \$14,000 the council members hope that the young people in every church in the conference will share in this project.

CONTACT

After several years of planning and talking about a conference newspaper, **Contact** is the answer to the dream. This paper, sponsored by the conference council and subdistrict councils, informs MYF members about the work of the conference and provides a place for sharing information about significant subdistrict and local church projects. Subscriptions are available from Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury.

GOALS FOR EACH MYF

The local church is the focus of interest in all plans for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Plans are successful only as lives of individual members of the MYF are changed and as individual youth make their ideals and actions more Christian. Conference goals are translated in terms of the local church. The MYF in the local church includes all activities for youth between the ages of 12-23. Take time

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Jurisdiction Meeting Set for February; Annual Conferences Set for March

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION MEETING

On February 24, 25, 26 in St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will have as its theme "Hope of All the Earth Thou Art," emphasizing evangelism. Some of the speakers will be Miss Thelma Stevens, Miss Lucile Colony, Miss Jaunita Brown, Dr. Hugh Stuntz, Miss Gladys Bowers, Rev. Ellis Finger, and Bishop Roy H. Short. Features of the annual meeting program will be the installation service, the World Federation of Methodist Women dinner, and fellowship luncheons honoring missionaries and deaconesses, and a memorial service with Mrs. W. M. Alexander leading.

A pre-conference meeting on Sunday, February 22, will be a retreat for the executive committee at the Heidelberg hotel.

The deaconess association with Ola Lee Barnett presiding will meet at nine o'clock on Tuesday, February 24.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet in Sanford on March 21 and 22 in Steele St. Methodist Church. The Guilders of Steele St. and Jonesboro Heights are preparing for a very full program for the week end. The speaker is Miss Lucille Johnson. Miss Elsie Parker, Raleigh, is the presiding officer for this annual meeting.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, March 24, 25, 26, the Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its annual conference in the First Methodist Church of Rocky Mount. Mrs. H. I. Glass, Durham, the conference president, will be the presiding officer. Miss Lucille Johnson of the Wesleyan Service Guild will also speak at this meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. H. I. Glass and Mrs. E. L. Hillman attended the annual meeting of the Department of Church Women of the North Carolina Council of Churches meeting in Raleigh at the Pullem Memorial Baptist Church, January 20 and 21. Miss Luella Reckmeyer, Director of Christian World Relations and also observer of the United Nations, spoke on Tuesday evening, January 20.

ABOUT THE ORPHANAGE AND COUPONS

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood writes that the average person does not realize what the collection of coupons has meant to the orphanage both in money and in personal interest.

"Our total collections," said Mrs. Hood, "were \$1,058.62, an increase of \$86.94 over the previous year. That's fine and we at the orphanage thank you for your hearty cooperation."

The debt on the dining room ceiling has been reduced to \$54.08 which will be paid with the first collection in 1953. Then the dish washer which cost \$4,000, with all the equipment, will be paid for next.

A recent itemized statement of the money sent to the orphanage by the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, since the coupon campaign was first begun in 1932, shows \$11,941.94 or an average of nearly \$600 a year. However, the collections during the past four years have im-

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proved to such an extent that \$3,308 or 36% of the grand total was received during that time. That shows what increased interest will do, and it only costs such a little effort. The goal for 1953 is set at \$1,100.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. J. A. Warren, secretary of Christian Social Relations, recommends the following action by local societies:

As workers in the field of Christian Social Relations and Church Activities, we must constantly take stock of ourselves, renew our own Christian convictions, and at the same time realize the constant challenge of becoming world minded.

We must work with renewed energy in 1953 for the "acceptance and sharing of those spiritual resources that motivate men to work for the good life for all the peoples of the world."

To help increase our knowledge and give us contacts to broaden our vision, the District Secretaries, meeting with me in November in Greenville, thought it would be well for us to cooperate with the University Extension Division, the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs, and other woman's service organizations, in sponsoring a Seminar on world affairs. We hope this meets with your approval, and that you will join us here in Chapel Hill, February 4, 1953. The subject will be "How the Free World Looks at America," with a discussion led by students from different countries. The evening speaker will be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The place is Gerard Hall and the registration is \$1.00.

If you would like to organize an Allied Youth Post in your high school, Roy Breg can come to your school on March 27, 28, or 29. Please let your district secretary know right away so arrangements can be made. Allied Youth seeks to build a fellowship without the use of alcohol and to give educational information.

Please continue working to interest the women in visiting the courts and sheriffs. Remember it helps to "Know your courts as you know your schools." Read the story in the October World Outlook on what is being done and write Mrs. M. E. Tilley, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, as to the results of your visits.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Proposed legislation recommended by the council for the 1953 session of the General Assembly includes:

1. Provide an adequate appropriation for employment of attendance workers with State supervision for improving school attendance and for enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law;
2. Provide for a minimum wage law of not less than 60 cents an hour;
3. Provide for the protection of children without natural guardians through clarification of legal procedures relating to personal guardianship of a minor; and
4. Extend the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to children 16 years of age.

The State Legislative Council is made

up of 17 civic, professional and religious organizations, each of which has a state legislative program with educational, religious, health and welfare objectives. It was organized in 1920 for the purpose of studying the needs for social legislation in North Carolina, adopting a sound program for each session of the General Assembly, and providing effective, co-ordinated support for the program. The recommendations for the 1953 session were unanimously adopted by the member organizations of the Council, representing some 108,000 Tar Heel citizens.

DAYS APART, ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

Days Apart for the following sub-districts beginning at ten o'clock will be held as follows:

February 10—Perquimans-Chowan at Anderson's

February 11—Pas-Cur-Cam at Trinity South Mills

February 12—Gates at Sunbury

February 13—Hertford-Bertie at Coleraine

"These meetings will be led by Mrs. John C. Burwell," announces Mrs. M. B. Gillam, secretary of Spiritual Life of the Elizabeth City District. "Ask the women to come to the meeting of their sub-district and seek to learn the will of the Heavenly Father and have fellowship with Him together."

HOME MISSIONARY GOES ABROAD

A Methodist home missionary realized a twenty-year-old ambition to serve a mission school in Africa, when Miss Julia Titus, principal of the Allen High School, Asheville, North Carolina, arrived recently at the Hartzell Training School in Old Umfali, Rhodesia. Miss Titus is the daughter of Rev. Homer Titus, a retired Methodist minister of the Troy (New York) Annual Conference. For a number of years Miss Titus has corresponded with a missionary in Rhodesia always hoping she might serve there. Now on sabbatical leave from Allen High School, a Methodist institution for young Negro women, Miss Titus will teach for a year at Hartzell.

BISHOP BOOTH APPOINTS MRS. SHERERTZ

"Since my husband, Rev. D. L. Sherertz, is busy teaching in the Teacher Training School and in the Theological School and helping with the music at the church and in many other ways here in Old Umfali, Southern Rhodesia," said Mrs. Sherertz, "I had to find work for myself. Last spring I met with the wives of the theological students and also organized a kindergarten in our home for the children of the missionaries. Later, at our conference in August, Bishop Newell Booth appointed me to head up the woman's work." Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Sherertz, former missionaries to China, are now serving in Africa under the Methodist Board of Missions.

We need to be the great church of the masses across the continent. A few years ago Methodism slowed down and almost lost its passion for evangelism. In 1944 the trumpet sounded and we caught fire again with a national Crusade for Christ and His Church. And now 1953 is a Methodist year of world-wide evangelism. We have another great opportunity to advance. The Master's ancient plan can be today's master plan if we recover the zeal of the pioneer circuit-riders.—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.

Woosley Cites Ten Cases Indicating Varied Problems of Large Home Family

CASE ONE

Two of our effective pastors have been very much interested in a group of children whose plight seems to warrant our early attention. One of the pastors writes as follows: "If I ever saw a case that was desperate this is one. The mother ran off about a year ago, leaving five children. The oldest girl is twelve and she has to do everything, including looking after the two little two-year-old boys. The father is an alcoholic and often gets drunk, leaving the children out in the country in an old, broken-down house. This house is falling down and the rats run wild all over it."

CASE TWO

The church school superintendent of one of our largest congregations writes as follows: "Prior to World War II, two little girls were living with their father and mother in a happy Methodist home. The father at one time led a Methodist choir. After the war the mother and father separated. The mother remarried and the father became an alcoholic. The two little girls are now living with their aged grandmother who is not in position to provide a home for them due to her age and physical condition. What can The Children's Home do for these two little girls?"

CASE THREE

Fifteen-year-old David is a conscientious member of our family. This lad has a high school teacher in the Richard J. Reynolds high school who he has invited to have a meal with him in our cafeteria in the Wrenn House. In thinking over the matter David recently called on Mrs. Woosley for guidance in getting this instructor over for a meal with the boys from the Duke, John Neal and Wrenn Buildings. David's concern seemed centered on when was the best time for his teacher to come over. He recounted that if his teacher came on Saturday for the noonday meal she would not fare very well, since this meal is not as good as some others. He further stated that he hesitated to invite his teacher over for the Sunday noontime meal, giving as a reason that the boys have such good food on Sunday as might cause his visiting friend to think that the boys had too much to eat. After David had had an opportunity to think through the matter it is reported that he invited his teacher over for a Sunday noontime meal.

CASE FOUR

Thirteen-year-old Mary Jane did not get up for breakfast last Sunday morning and when the matter came under review she informed her mother that she didn't feel very well. This girl hesitated to follow her home mother's advice in going to our infirmary. Instead, she got fixed up pretty well and went over to Centenary for the church school and preaching services. On her return Mary Jane was requested to work with the dishes a bit following the noonday meal, thus working off some of her lost time. On returning to the Stockton Building Mary Jane got a bit saucy as she passed her home mother's open door, causing her home mother to direct that she either go to the infirmary or go to see the superintendent. Mary Jane took the lesser of two evils and came to the superintendent's home where the matter was evaluated a bit. The superintendent and Mary Jane then went down to see

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the home mother. There the whole matter was gone over again and Mary Jane, a bit emotionalized, was given an opportunity to make any statement she desired to make to her home mother. Finally, the thirteen-year-old girl said, "Pop, will you let me say what I have to say to my home mother after you leave?" It was noted that next day Mary Jane was full of smiles and happiness as she greeted the man who did not need to know just what she wanted to say to her home mother.

CASE FIVE

The picture this week is that of James Rogers, eleven years old and in the fourth grade. James is a timid boy and is a bit retarded in his school work. He is, however, a very good young citizen as he lives with the Norfleet cottage boys. Some months ago we placed James back with his mother, who had remarried and had some hope that she might persuade her new husband to let her have James. Thus agreed, James went back into a home with high expectations for being again with his mother. Subsequent events caused the mother to bring this lad back to us, stating that James did so much want to be back here where peace and harmony prevail. So James continues to grow and to develop in an atmosphere of security and good direction. James is sponsored by the Junior Class at Jackson Park, Kannapolis, Mrs. Lawrence F. Gilliam being the correspondent.

CASE SIX

Rev. J. W. Fowler, pastor at First church, Forest City, writes as follows:

"Herewith is our check for \$1,000 which constitutes the White Christmas offering placed upon the altar on a recent Sunday for the Children's Home family. Again we had a beautiful service in which the various choirs participated and the men of the church, under the leadership of a committee composed of E. L. Walker, Charles W. Watkins and Lewis H. Evens, sponsored the offering. Our Forest City people are happy to send this gift in time for Christmas."

CASE SEVEN

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll writes: "Enclosed please find check for \$500 from the Hickory First Methodist Church School. This gift is made as a memorial to the late George F. Ivey, of our congregation, and for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Home. Despite the reduced askings for the Home, this church will not allow you to lack any good thing you need. I am sure we shall pay more than our total askings for the year, with the good start on the amount."

CASE EIGHT

The superintendent of a Methodist Children's Home in another State called one day last week with the opening statement that he was investing \$1.35 for the call and he wanted some help. He referred to programs that sometimes deal in generalities without offering much exchange of actual experience. This good fellow wanted to know, among other things, how we secured clothes for our children and how we keep up with them after they are secured. The interesting fellow went on to say that after being with his enterprise for eight years or more, he was still in the learning process of how to help the individual youngster in a good sized family of a Methodist child caring institution.

CASE NINE

One of the fine young doctors in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, has been making some contacts with eleven-year-old Harold Silvers, who came to live with us over a year ago. Harold doesn't care much for book learning but revels in attention coming to him from friends who understand his peculiarities. This talented young doctor's wife previously has been identified with a fine group of young adults in Dilworth, Charlotte, congregation, who sponsor Harold. Doubtless in the run of time Harold Silvers, with his eccentricities and peculiarities, will have an opportunity to visit with some folks who would like to help him along.

CASE TEN

It may be well to again state that the ringing of our joy bell occurs only when a congregation or a charge pays the true askings for our family's welfare. It is true that the plan for soliciting funds for our youngsters provides for a stopping off place when an amount equal to ten per cent of the pastor's salary is collected. For many years this suggestive stopping place has accommodated a number of our congregations. To offset this partial sharing a number of our congregations do not stop with the total askings from their charge but seem to have a bit of joy in going further with their sharing. Since last report the following congregations have forwarded all or more than their total askings. They are listed with their pastor in charge:

Oakdale, T. G. Williams
Farmer circuit (five congregations),
C. A. Rhinehart
Fairmont, Olin circuit, P. E. Bingham

Does Doing Good Deeds Make One a Christian?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Matthew 19:16-26

The words of Jesus to the rich young ruler are like a special radio message from heaven to America, with its immense riches and its stress on the importance of increasing them. We note that the young man, in spite of his great possessions, had not found inner satisfaction, and we admire him because, in spite of his wealth and social position he came running to Jesus (Mark 10:17) and kneeled before him, although he knew that Jesus was anything but a rich man, and was not popular with the rulers of his people.

Manifestly he saw that Jesus with his power to heal and with his glowing joyfulness had found the secret of life, and that was what he was eager to learn. Evidently the young man thought that Jesus could tell him how by some exploit he could attain to fulness of life, and be honored just as an athlete is honored for a play that causes his team to win the game.

Jesus suggests that eternal life is something that no one has ever earned. It is a grace that comes to us from the goodness of God, and the way to its blessedness is not in doing something extraordinary but in simply obeying the commonplace requirements of the moral law, keeping the golden rule in a humble and sincere fashion, and putting our whole confidence in the mercy of God.

This young man could actually look into the searching eyes of Jesus, and say that he had kept all the commandments from his youth up. No wonder Jesus, having looked on him, loved him. Here actually was a rich young man who had no guilty secrets. Then Jesus paid him the great compliment of asking him to join his immediate staff and be trained for leadership. If you would be perfect, said Jesus, go sell what you possess and give to the poor, and come, follow me.

The great work to which Jesus was calling him would require such concentration that he would have no time to manage his estate, any more than Edison would have had time to try the thousands of experiments that led to the discovery of the incandescent light, if at the same time he had been conducting a lucrative business in electrical appliances.

The command to sell all and give to the poor applies in spirit to every one who strives for perfection, but it is by no means always to be taken literally. The writer has known a manufacturer who applied the Golden Rule in all his relations with his employees, and gave work at good wages to a whole community and was notably generous towards the church. If he had sold his factory and given the proceeds to the poor it might easily have gotten into the hands of those who could not run it successfully, and then hundreds would have been out of work.

How could a student in college obey the command to sell all and give to the poor? He has practically nothing to sell except his textbooks. But he could cultivate the acquaintance of the poor, learn to understand them, and show them the respect which they crave. He could eagerly seek to express every interesting thought that comes to him in language that the untaught can understand and enjoy. (This is very important.) And he should constantly pray for those who are not having a chance in the world, and seek for guidance as to the best way to strive for the better-

ment of their lot, and plan as soon as he is out of school to find work where he can be of most service rather than where he can make the most money. Who can doubt that the Lord Christ will give him a joyful fulness of life?

"HOW BIG IS GOD?"

"Granddaddy, say, how big is God?"

My little grandson said;
It was a question deep and good,
Born from his heart and head.
I did not laugh, but tried to think
Just what to tell the lad;
I knew if I'd not answer him,
Some day I'd wish I had.

"Well, son," I answered, looking straight
Into his deep blue eyes,
"I'll tell you, God is big enough
No human to despise;
He's big enough to have no hate,
And big enough to love
All people He looks down upon
From His great throne above.

"And God is big enough, my boy,
To be forever kind,
To know the faults in every one,
And yet just how to find
The good that's in His every child,
Each possibility,
And what a little boy like you
Some day can grow to be."

I think that dreaming little boy
Began to see how great
Is God the Father of us all;
But yet he'll have to wait
Through time and through eternity,
As he forever grows,
Before the answer is complete,
And he God's fullness knows.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND A LITTLE GIRL

Once upon a time there was a little girl in a little town in New York State who lived with her father and her mother and her brothers in a real old-fashioned, homey home, where guests like to come. One of the guests who liked to come was the great Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. The little girl was always very happy when he came, and used to like to sit in his lap and talk to him. She called him "Uncle Abe," and he often called her "Sissie," though her real name was Julia.

One time when the President was visiting at Julia's home, she was counting the money in her missionary box. Mr. Lincoln watched her for a moment, then asked, "What are you doing over there?"

"I'm counting my missionary money, Uncle Abe," replied Julia.

Mr. Lincoln put his hand in his pocket and pulled out something and held it toward Julia. Julia drew back her box.

"Oh, no, I can't take that, Uncle Abe," she said earnestly. "I have to earn all the money I put in this box."

The next day, when he was ready to start for the train he said to Julia, "I wonder if you wouldn't walk down to the depot with me, Julia?"

As they started down the street together Abraham Lincoln shifted his valise to the other hand. It was an old-fashioned valise with two handles.

"Do you suppose," he said, "that you could help me carry my valise? It's pretty heavy."

After reaching the depot, Lincoln gave Julia, for helping carry the valise, what she supposed was a bright new penny, which she put in her missionary box after reaching home. Soon the Sunday came when the missionary boxes were opened.

"How much money did you have in your missionary box, Julia," asked the superintendent.

"Eighty-two cents," answered the little girl, without hesitation.

"Are you sure that was all you had? Where did this come from?" she was asked, and she saw the bright new penny that the President had given her.

"Oh, that's the money that Uncle Abe gave me. I earned it by helping him carry his valise."

The shining coin was a \$5.00 gold piece. This is a true story of how Abraham Lincoln helped a little girl earn her missionary money. I know that it is true, because the little girl, when she was a little girl no longer, told me the story herself.

Evangelism is, and always has been, the primary business of the Christian Church. Humanity has become conscious, but by the hard way, of its own inadequacies. The things that catch the ear of mankind are those that promise deliverance from those things that are defeating mankind. That was true of the Reformation, it is true today. We have faith enough, if we believe it and use it, to achieve great things for the glory of God and the Church throughout the southeast. Let us build our program on the foundations of a united faith.—Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky.

THE FATHER'S HOUSE

God of here and God of there,
Thou art the same, where'er we fare.
Beyond the cloud of mystery,
Through which no human eye may see,
Thy presence still is very near
To those we held on earth so dear.
The silence, so intensely deep,
That gives no word the while we weep,
Becomes a subtle language known
But to the soul that's wiser grown.
Beneath thy roof-tree's spacious dome,
They have but finer rooms of home
God of here and God of there,
Enfold us in thy loving care.

Ellen D. Masters

The Methodist Home
Charlotte

OUR READERS SAY

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The conditions this man described as existing in Salisbury are deplorable in the extreme. I do not believe they could exist in Durham. If such an attempt were made to integrate the races here, I am confident the churches would lose the large majority of its membership. The worse phase of the attempts made by men like Dr. Holland is the corruption of the morals and minds of our young people. I think it is criminal.

Indeed, my shock and chagrin at the substance and implications of this article are so extreme that I cannot adequately express them to you on paper. If our church and the teachings of Christ are so perverted and corrupted what hope does our civilization and culture have of surviving?

1021 W. Markham Ave. Kathleen Lindsay
Durham

CAN NOTHING BE DONE FOR THESE?

Dear Editor:

One day the past fall Mme. Miki Sawada, wife of a former ambassador and the founder of a home for war babies in Japan sailed back from our shores to Japan, calling a failure her three months effort to win help for Japan's more than 100,000 illegitimate war babies. She wrote then: "I asked for so little for so few. I asked only that a number of these babies, already adopted in my country, be given the right to live in the United States. But the hard immigration laws of your country prevent their admission except by special and private congressional bills, each requiring from eight months to two years for passage. I have here 85 letters from American families wanting to adopt these children if they could only get them in. But the laws are too stern and your legislators call these babies 'undesirables.' What is fascinating to anthropologists and psychiatrists is that the vast majority of these children (children of American soldier fathers and Japanese girls) have IQ's well over 135 and are potential geniuses." She added that so much prejudice exists in Japan against these children that they will not be welcomed in the Japanese public school system.

Can nothing be done for these unfortunate children?
Rocky Mount J. F. Herbert

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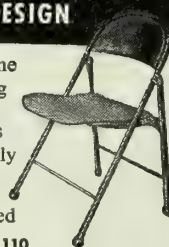
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Announcements

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The Asheville District Conference will convene at Hendersonville, April 7, 1953, at 9:30 a.m.

BLANTON APPOINTED TO SANDY CHARGE

By authority of Bishop Costen J. Harrell, William N. Blanton, Jr. has been appointed to Sandy Charge, Asheville District. Brother Blanton finishes his B. D. work at Emory University in March and will assume the duties of his pastorate April 1st.

SLATE OF JOHN R. CHURCH, D. D.

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Feb. 15-25—South Lenoir Methodist, Lenoir, N. C.
March 1-13—Edgewood Methodist, Indianapolis, Ind.
March 15-26—First Methodist, Flora, Ill.
April 8-17—First Methodist, Fort Gaines, Ga.
April 19-30—Lowell St. Methodist, Greenwood, S. C.

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	February
Chadbourn, 11	1
Whiteville Circuit, Mishop Springs, 3	1
Whiteville, 7:30	1
Grace, 10, UEM DISTRICT MEETING	2
(All Pastors and laymen)	
Fifth Avenue, 7:30, (QC)	2
Trinity, 7:30, Sub-District Institute	3
Whiteville, 7:30, Sub-District Institute	4
Goldsboro, 11, UEM TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR ALL UEM UNIT LEADERS	5
Chestnut St., 7:30, Sub-District Institute	5
Duplin, Unity, 11	8
Garland, 7:30	8
Clinton, 7:30, Sub-District Institute	10
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now for a mid-year check-up. Has your MYF:

1. Increased in membership at least 5% since October?
2. Made plans for youth participation in the Evangelistic Emphasis?
3. Given each member an opportunity to pledge to the Methodist Youth Fund?
4. Reported the pledge of the group to Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury, and sent in at least half of the money pledged?
5. Taken advantage of training schools, institutes, and other training opportunities?
6. Taken an active part in the subdistrict program?
7. Held regular council meetings for planning a better program for Sunday School, evening meetings, and other MYF activities?
8. Used the MYF Planbook as a guide for long range planning?
9. Made provision in the youth budget to help send delegates to camps and assemblies this summer?
10. Formed the habit of using **Contact, Concern, Power**, and curriculum materials both for information and inspiration?

IN THE DEEP WATERS

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great music. Noble symphonies require time and much living with before they lift us. But eventually that which was an effort becomes a joy. Similarly in the service of God, the first stages may seem a burdensome duty and not very real. But if we persevere, we reach a point where we who have been trying to get hold of God, feel God getting hold of us.

Yes, when we practice the presence of God with patience and perseverance, when we prove our fidelity to Him by keeping faith with His ideals, when we have done our best and still hold on, we find one "able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us."

If we are to live in deep waters, it is not enough to say "Brace up and be a

man," we must reach up and find God. And millions testify that we can cultivate a personal faith buoyant enough to keep us afloat. God does not bring us into deep waters but to cleanse us. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Brotherhood Month

February is Brotherhood Month. One good way to make it very real is for North Carolina Methodists to observe Race Relations Day the second Sunday in February (February 8, 1953) with a voluntary offering.

Free will offerings made on this day in the North Carolina Conference are directed to Paine College; similar offerings in the Western North Carolina Conference are directed to Bennett College.

Contributions received through the observance of Race Relations Day enable these two institutions to do more effective work.

**Give definite meaning to Brotherhood
Month by observing Race Relations
Day on February 8, 1953**

"There Are Two Wars in Korea"

by Dr. Charles R. Joy

(Noted author, journalist and lecturer, the writer of this article has been in Korea for the past year as Mission Chief for CARE, the non-profit overseas aid service. He has just returned to CARE headquarters, 20 Broad Street, New York City, for consultation on increasing U.S. help for the Korean people through the food and textile packages. Americans can subscribe through any CARE office. Because of his job, Dr. Joy was able to travel widely in South Korea. Here is his first-hand report.)

Most of the people of South Korea will go to bed hungry tonight.

Many will not go to bed at all—unless you can call a heap of rags on the sidewalk or a straw mat in some alley a bed.

Among these homeless will be thousands of young children. The orphanages cannot take them in; there is no other shelter for them. They wander about until they die, frozen and starving—little children who lost their universe when they lost their parents.

Those are some of the grim facts of the human tragedy war has wrought in Korea. You want figures? An estimated 5 million people have been killed or injured since the communists crossed into South Korea on June 25, 1950—more casualties than America has suffered in all the wars in which it has ever been engaged, and the end is not yet. Property destruction to date is figured at \$3 billion, and the end is not yet. Half the population, some 10 million persons, are dependent on relief because they are refugees who have lost their homes and lands, or because the frightful inflation and economic collapse have destroyed their ability to support themselves.

There are no figures, though, to measure the unspeakable misery that exists everywhere. The free world is spending some \$5 billion a year to fight aggression in Korea. But too many of us forget that there are two wars there, not one. And for that second war—the war against human misery—we are spending far too little.

Total relief aid contributed through both governmental and private voluntary agencies is tragically inadequate for the enormous need in this stricken land, where 2,500,000 refugees wait in vain for a chance to return to their old homes; where 3,500,000 war sufferers who have lost their houses, or their limbs, or the husbands and sons who were their mainstay, wonder if the future holds any hope for them; where an additional 4,000,000 people have been plunged into wretched poverty.

The superintendent of the Taegu City Children's Home is a woman who loves children, though she has none of her own. She has over 60 youngsters at the home. Yet every morning she goes to the orphanage gate and listens for a baby's cry, for often in the night some poor mother leaves her infant on the steps. She said to me: "I cannot close the gate on these little ones, and somehow I have always found a way to provide for them."

On every doorstep in America some Korean baby waits, abandoned and forgotten because of this cruel war. We cannot shut our eyes and our ears and expect that baby to disappear. It waits, as Korea waits, to see whether the gate to our hearts will be opened.

We can answer the plea, if we will. Said my friend of the Taegu home: "I could not take the babies in if it were not for the CARE packages I have received so often." The food, the blankets, the fabrics for warm clothes that the people of America send in CARE packages will open the doors of life and affection for the little Korean children who cry out there in the cold.

TO PASTORS AND LAYMEN OF THE North Carolina Conference

The Methodists of the North Carolina Conference are endeavoring to respond to urgent needs for Christian help above and beyond the fund for World Service and Conference Benevolences which is accepted by each local Church and usually included in the budget.

THE CONFERENCE ADVANCE COMMITTEE has adopted a FOUR FOLD program for the new quadrennium with the objective of interesting each and every charge to participate in all four causes and thus show substantial gain in the ADVANCE PROGRAM over the previous quadrennium.

These are the FOUR CAUSES:

1. GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIAL: World Missions (formerly Foreign Missions). Objective \$50,000 annually.

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2. OVERSEAS RELIEF: Special offering scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 1953. The offering envelopes have been mailed to all pastors.

3. WEEK OF DEDICATION: Special offering scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 1953. This fund is used particularly for building and restoring churches in our foreign mission fields.

4. CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIAL: To be used for church extension within our Conference. Any remittance for Advance Special not otherwise indicated will be channeled to this cause. You may select an approved project within the Conference and so direct your gift.

- 4a. In addition to item 4, because the need for funds for Conference Church Extension is so great the Conference has approved a new fund known as BISHOP GARBER CHURCH EXTENSION FUND. It is expected to enlist 500 or more laymen each to contribute \$100.00 per year for four years, to total \$200,000. Advance credit will be given to the local church for such gifts.

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A Thought for the Week

LOOK AT HUMANITY FROM THE OTHER SIDE

"And he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake."

Jesus spoke these words aboard a ship. He wanted to go over to the other side of the lake perhaps for two reasons. He wanted to find time for prayer and he wanted to help the people who lived on the other side of the lake.

There is another sense in which his words can be used. Jesus was not thinking merely of going over to the other side of the lake, but seeing life from the other side. In that sense all of us need to go over to the other side—to see everything as God sees it, to look out upon the world through the eyes of other people.

This applies particularly to our relationship with other people. So often we see our fellowman through prejudiced eyes. We look at the other fellow from the social niche in which we have grown up. We look at one another through the point of view of our race or class or religion. How desperately we need to look at one another through the other fellow's eyes, to see humanity as God sees it. It would be a good thing if each of us understood a little better the circumstances under which so many people live. If management would try to understand labor a little better and labor would try to understand management a little better perhaps they would appreciate each other's problems better than they do. If nations would try to look at the problems of the world from the other side perhaps they could come a little closer to settling their differences. If the different races would see things from the other side perhaps some of our racial bitterness would subside.

Race Relations Sunday is a good time for all of us to look at one another from the other side. From such a vantage point it is possible that we shall discover that basically we are all sons of God, and, like Peter who had his vision lifted, we may be able to say: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

O God, give us eyes to see all mankind not from our own narrow and limited viewpoint. Help us to move over to the other side—thy side—and see thy children as thou dost see them—sons of God for whom Christ died. Amen.

THE MYSTERY

I know not why the Master's eye
Sought me in that vast throng,
I only know He did supply
The grace that keeps me strong.
I know not how the Master's hand
Transformed those loaves of bread,
I only plead my life's demand
And daily I am fed.

I know not where the Master leads
O'er mountain trail of pain,
I only trust that all black seeds
Will flower to life again.

I know not when the Master comes
To ope the homeward way,
I only pray His words, "Well done!"

May crown the victory day.

F. Olin Stockwell

Chungking Communist Prison
Summer, 1951

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHAT ABOUT OUR BIRTHRIGHT?

What does the word birthright mean to us? The definition I read is: "Right by birth; a privilege or possession into which one is born."

And what rights do we have at birth? When we hear so many clamoring for their rights without giving thoughts to their duties, some persons I know feel inclined to the view that rights are only privileges conferred by society on those who earn them. And certainly we cannot stress strongly enough the truth that rights involve duties and obligations.

Nevertheless, can we deny that there are certain divine rights which are ours at birth? The child is born into the world not by its own request. God and the parents who cooperate with Him in creating the child are responsible for its coming.

Less than human would be the parents who, having brought a child into the world, did not feel concerned to take care of it during its helplessness.

Therefore natural instinct makes us respond to the rightful claim of children for the care necessary to launch them out of the harbor of infancy. Thus every child has a birthright.

The world does not owe every child a living, but it does owe it access to the things by which life can be lived.

What Men Live by

Some 35 years ago Dr. Richard Cabot of Harvard wrote a book entitled "What Men Live By." It lists four things as the factors by which men live.

The first is WORK. Human energies turn in on themselves destructively if they have nothing to work on.

One of my most interesting friends is a man of leisure, who probably has never held a paid position in his life. But he is not content to be idle and useless. He is ever helping his friends, doing unusual things.

The desire to be of use, to find one's place in the world's economy, is part of our native endowment; and the person who is denied it is deprived of part of his birthright.

The second thing by which we live is PLAY. The right to play is part of a child's birthright. The child that has no place to play is being deprived of its God-given right. The child that has no one to play with is being stunted in its development.

The child with no guidance in play will likely fall into habits of wilfulness and wastefulness which will handicap its future.

Play is important because it reveals character. If you wish to know the character of a person, watch him in his off-hours, when he is free to do what he likes to do. Just about the best way to measure a man's goodness is to note what he calls having a good time.

This matter of play is becoming ever more important because of our lengthened leisure. A nation can be undone by the misuse of its leisure as truly as by the mismanagement of its labor. As our working days shorten, how will we use our spare time?

Along with work and play, there is a third thing men live by. That is LOVE.

We are made for love, and without it we are deprived of our birthright. Try to

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Our Readers Say . . .

KINSTON SEMINAR WAS TOPS

Dear Editor:

I would like to put in a word for the Duke Divinity School Seminar held last week at Kinston. It was an opportunity worth paying for in cash as well as in time. Rev. W. L. Searce of Broad St. Methodist Church, Portsmouth, Va., who attended with a number of other ministers from the Virginia Conference, told me, "If you'll have them we will attend them."

I am sure that every preacher who attended this fine seminar would agree with me that Dr. James Cannon with his marvelous faculty, composed of Dr. Kenneth Clark, Dr. James T. Cleland, and Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, greatly enriched his spiritual life and offered the ministers of the North Carolina Conference something that will add "force and punch" to their preaching. Also, the devotional messages brought by District Superintendent Vergil Queen and Rev. Leon Russell were of such a spiritual force that they led us closer to God. And W. C. Chadwick's panel was like a "Word to the wise" or better say the unwise.

Knightdale

M. W. Warren

IS THIS PLEA FOR TOLERANCE REAL?

Dear Editor:

"What Is A Catholic?" an article appearing in the January issue of the Reader's Digest, interested me. It is but another bit of astute propaganda put out by the Roman Catholic Church to attract the unwary. That church has been very busy of late using every medium of advertising to advance Roman Catholic teaching. It also uses personable and charming men to present its story. Few men possess the charm and personality of Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen who is fast becoming one of the outstanding stars on television. His program is so entertaining that it has attracted a sponsor putting it on a par with "commercial" presentation.

Mr. John Cogley, author of "What Is a Catholic?" is the editor of the Catholic weekly, The Commonweal.

Mr. Cogley states that the Roman Catholic Church believes in "religious tolerance" and he points to the record of

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

The UCA Goes to the North Carolina Conference

Tuesday evening, January 27, was a significant occasion for the North Carolina Conference. On that evening at Trinity church, Durham, with 200 persons present the first kick-off meeting for the United College Appeal in that Conference was successfully launched. (See story on page seven.)

Virtually completed in the Western North Carolina Conference except for a part of the Greensboro District, the United College Appeal campaign seems to be, in most respects, the answer to prayer. In addition to the \$1,100,000 secured in cash and pledges in the Western North Carolina Conference, an incredible amount of good will has been created for our colleges. This, we believe, is the real gain so far. Our colleges are better known to our people and are more in the thinking and prayers of North Carolina Methodists than perhaps they have ever been. The mother-daughter relationship between the church and its colleges is being firmly and, we hope, permanently reestablished. North Carolina Methodism is deeply indebted to Dr. B. Joseph Martin, former executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, and many far-seeing laymen and preachers who conceived and executed a program which is becoming a national pattern. We are fortunate to have secured the services of Rev. D. D. Holt to complete the program in the Western North Carolina Conference and to initiate it in the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Holt is sparking the UCA with unusual effectiveness.

Most Methodists are now aware of some of the material needs of our four colleges. They know, for example, that Brevard College needs more adequate dormitories, a new science building and an over-all program of plant rehabilitation. So of the \$2,500,000 goal, \$666,666 will be allotted to this growing junior college in the mountains. They know that Greensboro College needs a new dining hall and kitchen facilities, a new gymnasium and complete renovation of buildings. This excellent woman's college will receive \$571,429 of UCA money. They realize that High Point College needs badly a chapel-auditorium, a hall of religion and arts, a "practical arts" building to house its science, home economics and business departments and a substantial increase in its endowment to strengthen its operating budget and to provide more adequate salaries for its faculty. This young, aggressive college which enrolls about 800 will receive \$761,905 from UCA funds. Louisburg College needs at once a new heating sys-

tem, an extensive program of plant reconditioning and a substantial increase in its endowment fund. This important co-educational junior college is to receive \$500,000.

There is every reason to believe that the campaign in the North Carolina Conference will be successful. From all we can learn, all charges have accepted their increase in sustaining funds, which in ten years will yield \$600,000. The other \$400,000 is being raised over a period of three years in a special campaign or through the budget.

All eyes are on the seven Districts of the North Carolina Conference as the campaign gets under way. Prayer and hard work, we believe, will result in a victory for which all Methodism can be proud.

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A Weapon More Effective Than the Atomic Bomb

Do the Russians have the atomic bomb? Some say they do and some say they don't. The truth is that we don't know. But we are bound to admit that the Russians do have a weapon which, at the moment, is far more formidable and more dangerous to the peace and security of the world than the atomic bomb. That weapon is Communist propaganda. With no regard at all for facts or truth, the Russians through communism are sowing the seeds of hatred for the United States all over the Orient. Their efforts are bearing fruit, according to reliable sources. America, which a few years ago was the most respected nation on earth, is rapidly becoming the most despised country of all. Methodist missionaries report that the hate-America campaign in China has succeeded marvelously, that virtually all Chinese youth today are either outright Communists or Communist sympathizers. Communist propaganda is spreading like wildfire all over Asia.

This, we believe, is more serious than the atom bomb. Whoever wins the ideological war will win the world. Somehow we must seize the initiative in this colossal struggle for the minds of men. Although there are some sides of America that will hardly bear too close scrutiny, America, we feel, is basically sound. We stand for something that is good and decent and just and fair and right. We stand for Christian democracy. We ought to practice and proclaim our principles with far more devotion than the Communists practice and proclaim their iniquitous doctrines. Truth is the atomic bomb which will eventually win in this struggle. It is the only weapon that can counteract the vicious propaganda that is poisoning the minds and souls of men

today. Unless we awake, the days we have to proclaim it may be fewer than we think.

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You Can Contribute to Better Race Relations

Christians are increasingly aware of the growing tensions among the various races. They are praying and working to break down barriers that too long have been the scandal of civilized man. They know that all people are children of God, that our heavenly Father intends for all of his children to abide in peace and concord. But how this is to be accomplished is a task that baffles and disturbs us all. As racial tensions mount and as feeling in some quarters threaten to reach an explosive stage Christians of good will are reminded that the job before them is not easy. We work in an atmosphere of mistrust, suspicion, fear and bitterness which is perhaps unrivaled in our times.

Yet there are encouraging signs all around us. For example, the sense of justice and fair play is stronger, we believe, than it has been in our day. The desire to give all people, regardless of race or creed, an opportunity to develop and use their talents is growing by the hour. Justice and good will, in the end, will triumph.

There is something that each of us can do to build up better relations between the races. For one thing, we can pray for the mind of Christ. We can seek God's guidance in all of our human relationships. We might be surprised just how much sincere prayer can do to give us a Christlike spirit as we deal with one another.

Again, we can learn to treat each person as an individual and not as a whole race. We can judge each person on his own merits or faults and not on the merits or faults of the group to which society attaches him. Each person, after all, is an individual and not a whole race.

Finally, we can participate in Race Relations Day with a program and an offering. Sunday, February 8, is Race Relations Day in The Methodist Church. What an appropriate time for the church to lift up before its people this whole subject and to guide them as they seek a Christian answer. The program can include an offering for Race Relations which in the North Carolina Conference will be directed to Paine College, Augusta, Ga., and in the Western North Carolina Conference to Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., two splendid Methodist Negro colleges that are seeking to give Christian guidance to Negro youth of the South.

A Charge To Keep

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was in session. The chairman of the Membership Committee passed out some sheets of paper on which were mimeographed 52 names. "We do not know," he explained, "who these members are or where they live. Information that will help us to locate any one of them will be appreciated."

Immediately another member of the Conference rose to question the wisdom of keeping so much "dead wood" on the church rolls. "I will make a motion that these names be dropped," he continued. The motion was immediately seconded. "What does the pastor think about it?" some one asked. "Well," he admitted "the rolls do need cleaning up." The question was called, and by a vote of the Conference 52 names were taken from the rolls of the church. Fifty-two people who had stood before the altar and had solemnly pledged their allegiance to Christ and His Church with the light of faith in their hearts were members no longer.

The minister was a little concerned about his report to the Annual Conference. But these were not really my losses, he reasoned with himself. In fact he didn't know a single one of these persons involved. These were, let us say, the cumulative losses of a decade or more. But let us not lose sight of the fact that they were losses none-the-less.

Alumni Christians

So far as I know there are no dependable statistics indicating just how many people are lost from the church each year. If the facts were known, I have a feeling that the figures would be startling. Practically every church carries upon its rolls a large inactive list, about many of whom nothing is known. A member of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism states that in 1939 The Methodist Church had 700,000 such inactive members, but by 1950 the number had increased to 1,600,000.

According to the 1952 Journal of the Western North Carolina Conference approximately 30% more members were lost last year through "transfer and otherwise" than were gained through transfer and by reinstatement. In some charges more than one fourth of the total membership listed the preceding year were reported lost in this manner. It is hardly probable that so many could have been removed by transfer. There must have been a purging of the rolls.

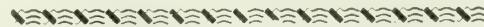
There are, of course, disciplinary provisions made for removing from the rolls the names of those who are persistently negligent of their vows. In some or probably all the instances above mentioned, it may be that every disciplinary requirement was met. But the tragedy is in our tendency to let the individual be lost before the first effort to reclaim him is made. His interest, his loyalty, and his Christian experience have been dead so long that he will respond to no appeal. On almost every street there live a few people whom someone has called "alumni Christians"; meaning that, people who who at one time were active in the church, maybe a teacher in the Sunday School, but now they have no church connection at all.

On a bus trip to Chicago a few years

By J. Clay Madison



ago, I chanced to meet three men whom I distinctly remember. One was a banker, another a college professor, and the third was a retired railroad executive. Each said that at one time he had been a steward in some Methodist church. Now one of them is a member of another denomination; another is a member of a theosophist group; the third had lost interest in religion altogether.



**While I was with them in the world,
I kept them in thy name: those that
thou gavest me I have kept, and none
of them is lost, but the son of perdition;
that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
St. John 17:12.**



To my mind no condition suggests the spiritual poverty of the church quite so much as this. We believe that we have "the hope of the world," and with evangelistic zeal we are trying to give the world that hope. But in answer the world can well say to the church, in fact is saying: "Physician, heal thyself." The seriousness of the indictment compels the church to take an inventory of its own resources. We cannot evade the question: What does the church have to offer which will not only attract but which will hold those who come under its influence? Let us simplify our problem by breaking it down into a few questions more poignant still.

A Fellowship That Appeals

For one thing, does my church have a fellowship that appeals? The lonely man in the street, the forgotten child, even the mother, plagued with the many irritating problems of the home, and the business man, tried by all the temptations that beset him as he joins in the scramble for profits in the keenly competitive market place; each is a personality hungering for the warmth of unforced friendliness. Now the church may provide that atmosphere of warm friendliness or it may not. Where it does is where people will be. Only the carcass of the dead will hang in a refrigerator for long without protest.

In a society like ours, broken up as it is by all the barriers that separate people into varying groups, many of them hostile one to the other, perhaps the church has no greater task than that of creating fellowship that recognizes no barriers. This task is urgent, both for the sake of the individual who craves a sense of belonging, and for the sake of society which can be saved from the destructive forces of disintegration only by the counter forces of goodwill, love, and Christian fellowship. Nothing can be more disastrous for the church than for its leadership to lose sight of the individual and come to think of people in mass. Surely the church is one place wherein every personality should be looked upon as of infinite worth. It must be such a place if it is consistent with the Gospel it proclaims.

Thus we ask of the women's organization, of the class, of the men's group, of

the church as a whole, do you have a fellowship to which if a person comes once—rich or poor, learned or unlettered—he or she will want to come back again? To create such a fellowship is not simply the responsibility of the teacher or the preacher; it is the task of every member of the congregation. If any stranger comes to a Sunday service and leaves feeling that he would have preferred to spend the morning in a morgue, you may bet your last nickel that he will not come back to that church again. By the loss of that person every member of the congregation stands condemned.

A Program That Challenges

As a second question, I ask, does my church have a program that challenges? A great many people are found on the so called inactive list for the simple reason that they have never had a chance to be otherwise. They have never been given a task to do in the church that they considered worth doing.

Men and women who are concerned for the perilous plight of our world are constantly turning to the church for guidance. They desperately want to do something to affect the issues that determine the destiny of our civilization. Is the church addressing itself to such issues? Does it offer a medium for the expression of such a noble concern?

We do not need to be reminded that we are living in a world at war—wars both cold and hot. The current industrial strikes are something more than the failure of two groups to reach an agreement through the process of collective bargaining. It looks more like a three way struggle for power between labor, management, and a political caste. Like a cancer in its advanced stages that has come to involve and corrupt almost every organ of the body, the liquor traffic has come to involve and corrupt almost every function of government and almost every institution in society. Race prejudice and discrimination continue to give the lie to the democratic ideals and the Christian brotherhood we profess. But does the church have anything redemptive or effective to say about these issues? Does it have anything to say? Is it possible that Nero was not the last to fiddle while Rome burns? Surely God has something he wants said. If so it is the business of the church to say it. If the church speaks the truth in love, through its ministry, through its social agencies, through its program, men of vision, courage and character will rally to its cause.

A Christ Who Saves

The last question I would ask is, does my church proclaim a Christ who saves? Dr. Roy Smith tells the story of a prominent newspaper whose editor was urging atheism upon its readers. One day the editor received a letter from a man who recited the hard bitter facts of life. The letter ended with the statement: "I need help, and I am wondering if atheism will give me courage, character, and confidence." We might imagine further a man caught in the clutches of his own weakness, sin and despair asking, "Will atheism deliver me?" Or again perhaps a mother standing by the open grave of her only child pleading, "Can atheism give me any hope that I will see my child again?" On

every hand there is the fact of frustrated, lost, and broken lives. Can we show them the way to Christ who saves? By that I do not mean, can we give them a lecture on good morals? Surely our gospel of Grace and forgiveness is something more than that. "Any Gospel," says, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, "that just says to a man, 'Try hard,' is no gospel at all. Our gospel is for all the poor devils who have no will power."

The old fisherman had been plying his trade for fifty years. He had faced the angry sea when the storms were at their worst. One day he was asked what he knew about the wind. He was in no hurry to answer. Finally he said, "I know this, if I hoist my sails I can use its power." I sometimes wonder if we who constitute the membership of the church, especially those of us who occupy its pulpits and teach its classes, have learned that much about the power of God. Have not many come to our churches earnestly seeking the power and grace to live life nobly and well, but have gone away discouraged because what they so desperately needed they could not find?

In fairness to the truth, however, we must recognize that there are always some

who are not willing to pay the price. The rich, young ruler came to Christ but when he heard the requirements, "Sell all you have and give to the poor, take up your cross and follow me," he went away sorrowfully for he was not willing to make the sacrifice. No doubt many leave the fellowship of the church today primarily because they are not willing to submit to the discipline of Christian living. But we who constitute the leadership of the church dare not let that fact in any way make us indifferent to our responsibility. Paul's appeal to Timothy, "... keep that which is committed to thy trust," might well be spoken to the church today in regard to those who have become a part of its fellowship. If we are forced to say with the soldier charged with keeping the prisoner long ago, "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone," stern will be the penalty indeed.

Dwight L. Moody tells of a man who was sitting in the shade of a tree while his little golden haired girl played in the meadow before him. The day was warm and the man was tired. He dropped off to sleep. After a while he awoke, but the child was nowhere in sight. He frantically began to search and at length found her

little dead body crumpled up in the bottom of a ravine into which she had fallen. Is that not a parable of the home, of the teacher, and of the church? While we are busy at many things, good things no doubt, perhaps even while we are asleep, the boy, the girl, the man or the woman simply drifts away and is lost.

Years later perhaps we come to a Quarterly Conference and when we hear some name called we ask, "Who was that?" By a simple vote of the Conference the name is taken from the rolls. The vote may be simple, but in reality we are admitting that we have failed in the great responsibility with which we have been entrusted.

During the year before us The Methodist Church is carrying out a program of evangelism that is tremendous in its magnitude. May God look with favor upon our efforts and cause many souls to be touched and won. But let the church remember that every new convert becomes a direct responsibility. We have a charge to keep as well as a commission to win. May God help us to be able to say with Christ in His intercessory prayer, "I have kept those committed to my care."

Prelude To Revival

By Ralph Taylor

One cannot read the literature of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church without realizing that our leaders have done an excellent job of planning for the Year of Evangelism. These devoted leaders have helped to clarify our objectives. They have planned wisely and daringly for the United Evangelistic Mission. However, our conviction deepens that, despite the demands of our vast plans and programs, Methodists must somehow give more attention to the real life of the Spirit. As we seek to enlist the rank and file membership in the evangelistic task we must remember that what we are shall speak loudly to the world its real altar call if it ever has one.

To propose to evangelize other men is to invite queries which we all deserve: "This Christian faith sounds good, but is it true? Are you willing to stake your life upon what you say?"

Begin With Repentance

It seems to me that our mission should be grounded in a spirit of genuine repentance. While it is desirable for the church to know and appreciate its past achievements, it is more important for us to be aware of our failures. As the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate stated in a recent editorial, "Knowing where we are can easily be the beginning of progress." There is a real danger that we become too self-satisfied with our successes and not sufficiently sensitive to our sins. We need to give serious thought to the real enemy of the church today. Secularism is our real enemy. Secularism is pre-occupation with things that obscure God. The secularist lives in one world—this one. The popular phrase "All this and heaven, too" the secularist would shorten to read "All this" period. One could wish, therefore, that the mission will serve to remind us of our need of repentance. Otherwise, Methodism cannot hope to be a channel of divine power.

The Necessity of Christian Experience

Let us hope that in our evangelistic

endeavors we will give special attention to the necessity of Christian experience. In the early days of Methodism this was its chief characteristic, and unless this emphasis is continued we shall hear the divine condemnation, "I have this against thee, that thou did'st leave thy first love."

We are tempted today to devote ourselves to church organization and expansion rather than discover a sane and satisfying Christian experience. Someone has said with considerable insight that an alarming weakness among Christians is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith. Unless we plan definitely for the quickening of the spiritual life, we may come to the end of our mission much enlarged in numbers but with a very weak heart.

Prayer Vital

Again, along with the matters already mentioned, earnest effort should be made to teach the church to pray. "A Call to Prayer" by the Bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction was issued last October. This was the first and most significant step in our plans for the mission.

Dr. Georgia Harkness, in a recent book, declares, "Of all the things the world so desperately needs, none is more needed than an upsurge of vital, God-centered, intelligently grounded prayer." If this appraisal is correct, as doubtless it is, nothing can be of greater importance to the church. If an evangelistic advance is to be made, it must be made on our knees. And if the world is ever to get on its feet the Church will have to get on its knees.

Holy Living in the Church

One could hope, furthermore, that during this evangelistic mission the church would put greater emphasis upon holy living within the church. For in recent years there has been a timid silence on the part of the pulpit regarding the high moral demands upon the followers of Christ. Consequently, hosts of Methodist people have

surrendered to the standards of the outside world.

Dr. Roy Smith has frequently emphasized the tragedy of a great host of people coming into The Methodist Church unless those already within become more Christ-like in their living. Surely if the church expects to make any significant advance in winning the world to Christ, we must again magnify the difference which Jesus proclaimed between the broad and easy way that leads to destruction and the straight and narrow way that leads to life

Have A Purpose

By James A. Gooden

Like a ship without a rudder;
Helpless, drifting here and there;
So is life without a purpose;
An aim that's definite and clear.

On the sea of indecision,
You may slowly drift along;
Never thinking for a moment,
That your boat is going wrong.

When your sky is bright with sunshine,
And serene and calm your sea;
It is well that you remember,
Life like this can't always be.

Somewhere yonder in the future,
Storms may break with all their force;
Then you'll need a guiding purpose,
That will hold you to your course.

So then cease your idle drifting;
Strive to reach your chosen goal;
It will give you and your struggles,
Strength of mind and peace of soul

Have a purpose high and holy;
Strive to give the world your best;
In this life 'twill satisfy you;
In the future bring sweet rest.

—"From Heart to Heart"

Cuban Revival Set; New Missionaries Commissioned; Pastors Discuss Liquor

METHODIST EVANGELS TO VISIT CUBA FEB. 11-19

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Eighty Methodist ministers from 25 states will tour Cuba February 11-19 on an intensive evangelistic mission throughout the republic.

The "international evangelistic crusade" is sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism, which has its national headquarters here, and will be directed by Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla. He is the presiding officer of Methodism's Florida and Cuba conferences.

Dr. Harry Denman, the board's executive secretary, said the evangelists will meet February 10 in Miami, Fla., for a briefing session, and again the next day in Havana with host pastors.

Working as two-man teams, the Americans will join with Cuban Methodists to preach and visit throughout the 800-mile long island. A mass "victory rally" in Havana February 19 will climax the campaign.

"Many of us will have to speak through interpreters, but we plan to preach in every Methodist church, school and mission station, and in the cane fields, barn yards and streets," Dr. Denman said. "We are praying for a glorious spiritual outburst, a great evangelistic advance for Christ and His Church."

The Cuban crusade signals the opening of the Methodists' world-wide "year of evangelism" in 1953. In addition to numerous metropolitan and state-wide missions, American Methodists have scheduled an eight-state simultaneous campaign in the Southeast for April 17-26 and May 1-8, and a national convocation June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

Going from North Carolina will be the Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor of Myers Park Church, Charlotte.

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METHODISTS COMMISSION 63 NEW MISSIONARIES

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA. JAN. 23—New missionaries and deaconesses of The Methodist Church heard of the hazards and rewards of missionary work from Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, recently released from prison by Chinese communists, at the service of commissioning at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions here today.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Board, and Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of the committee on missionary personnel, officiated at the service at which a total of 63 foreign missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned. The foreign missionaries included teachers, agriculturists, doctors, experts in business administration, evangelists, social workers, and home economists. Thirty-four men and women were commissioned by the Board to work overseas under the Division of Foreign Missions.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service had fourteen candidates for foreign service and fifteen for deaconess work in the United States and territories. They are primarily teachers and social workers. These candidates bring to 102 the number of missionary applicants accepted for commissioning in 1952. Over one thousand missionaries have been commissioned by Methodism since 1948.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis, Indiana, president of the Division of For-

eign Missions, and Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, presented the missionaries. Secretaries of missionary personnel for the Methodist Board of Missions are Dr. M. O. Williams, Miss Marguerite Twinem, and Miss Alphretta Leeper; they recruited these new missionaries in colleges, universities, and theological schools.

Messages of fellowship to the new missionaries were given by Dr. Oscar Rodriguez, Latin American Center, Miami, Fla.; Miss Mechteld Dirksen, a missionary nurse in Sitiawan, Perak, Malaya; and Miss Louise Weeks, Bethlehem Center, Memphis, Tenn., as well as by Mr. Stockwell, the last Methodist minister to leave China.

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GASTONIA DISTRICT MINISTERS PASS RESOLUTION ON LIQUOR

Ministers of the Gastonia District on January 21 passed the following resolutions:

1. We believe that the attention of the people of North Carolina should once more be called to the practice that has existed in our state for a number of years in stacking some of the committees of the state legislature with wets, so that by a gag rule it has been impossible for a referendum vote on the liquor problem.

2. We agree with Dr. Harold Bosley that "Drinking, seen through the eyes of what it does to men, is a religious problem of major magnitude; we therefore call upon our people individually and collectively, to face it as a major social problem." We believe that the gag rule in North Carolina is a political and a moral problem and a political and a moral wrong. We call on the people of our state to correct both of these wrongs.

3. We believe that the people of our

state will vote dry in a referendum and we ask that the people have an opportunity to vote. We believe that the wets know that the people of North Carolina will vote dry and therefore they are afraid to give the people of the state the vote that should be theirs.

4. We commend the stand of our governor, the Honorable William B. Umstead, in asking for a referendum for the people.

5. We request that a copy of these statements be sent to the newspapers with a request that they do what is possible to help the people of North Carolina to secure the facts and that a copy be sent to the speaker of the House and the speaker of the Senate.

John Carper
President
William A. Rock, Jr.
Secretary

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SAYS LAYMEN CARRY ON CHURCHES BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA.—The Methodist Church has had very little contact with its churches and members behind the iron curtain in several European countries, but that little would indicate that church services are carrying on, though often conducted by laymen, Dr. Ralph E. Dodge, reported to the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, in annual session recently. Dr. Dodge is the Board's administrative secretary for Europe and Africa.

"We have little communication with our brethren in Poland," he said, "but it seems that the theological seminary has been in continuous session, and that several men will be graduated this year." The churches are open and holding services, he added, but they may not hold a conference this year for the re-assignment of pastors and other non-local business. "We do try to maintain our ties of fraternal relationship with them through the deeper spiritual means of prayer fellowship," he added.

The former Methodist Church of Czech-

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CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS

At the Quarterly Conference held recently at First church, Morehead City, by Dr. H. K. King, 17 men were certified by the Conference as LAY SPEAKERS according to new provisions in the Discipline. C. B. Wade, lay leader, has planned a Speaker's Bureau to answer the call of any church in Carteret County which cannot have a service due to the illness of the pastor. There is only one ordained minister of any denomination in Carteret County who does not have a church and he is at present acting as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church in Beaufort in addition to carrying on a large business in Morehead City. Since the picture was made, five other men from First Church have applied for the Certified Lay Speaker's License. Included above are: Left to right, front row, George R. Wallace; C. B. Wade, John Conner, Leon Couch, minister; Edward McKinley, George W. Dill, Jr., Robert G. Lowe; second row, Truman Kemp, William Cottingham, Jesse C. Staton, W. B. Chalk; third row, Fred Hardy, Clyde V. Burr, Judge Luther Hamilton; top row, Skinner A. Chalk, Jr., William Spruill, Walter Morris and Paul Mitchell, president of Methodist Men.

Drive for Financial Aid to Colleges Begins in North Carolina Conference

DURHAM DISTRICT LAUNCHES UCA DRIVE FOR \$80,000

The Durham District launched its drive for \$80,000 as its share of funds to aid the Methodist colleges of North Carolina in a kick-off dinner meeting at Trinity church, Durham, on Tuesday evening, January 27. In charge of the event, which brought together around 200 representatives from the 56 charges of the District, was Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation which is in charge of the United College Appeal in both Conferences. Featured speaker of the evening was Judge Marshall T. Spears of Durham, newly elected president of the Foundation.

The first District in the North Carolina Conference to begin its drive, the Durham District will be engaged during the next two weeks in securing pledges from individuals to cover the goal assigned. Pledges may be paid over a period of three years, with all funds to be sent to the Methodist College Foundation headquarters in Greensboro and made payable to C. A. Dillon, Conference treasurer.

Judge Spears, chairman of the Official Board of Duke Memorial church, Durham, outlined some of the physical needs of the four Methodist colleges participating in the present campaign, namely, Brevard College, Greensboro College, High Point College and Louisburg College, stating that these schools could only look to the church which founded them for support. He explained that Duke University, although a member of the Methodist College Foundation, was not asking for financial aid in the present campaign. Needs of the colleges, he stated, include new buildings, renovation and remodeling of present buildings and increased endowment funds. He paid tribute to the contribution each of the Methodist colleges is making in the training of ministers and Christian laymen. He called upon his audience to give liberally and to urge the people to give generously in order that the capital needs of the four schools can be met.

Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, also spoke briefly, urging that every charge in the District

accept and meet its quota. Bascom Baynes, chairman of the Official Board of Trinity church, expressed optimism that the District goal would be raised.

The Louisburg College glee club gave several special musical numbers. Dinner was provided by the Methodist College Foundation with the women of the host church serving.

Approving unanimously a campaign for \$1,000,000 last March in a special session, the North Carolina Conference, upon recommendation of a special committee headed by Rev. C. D. Barclift, voted to raise the sum as follows: \$400,000 in a special campaign over a three-year period and \$600,000 over a period of ten years by increasing the sustaining fund from 3% to 6%.

A check-up meeting for the Durham District is scheduled for February 6 with another dinner at Front Street church, Burlington.

Kick-off meetings in other Districts of the Conference are scheduled as follows: New Bern District, February 2, Centenary church, New Bern; Wilmington District, February 16, Trinity, Wilmington and February 17, Clinton; Rocky Mount District, March 9, at First Church, Rocky Mount; Fayetteville District, March 23, Steele Street church, Sanford. The Raleigh and Elizabeth City Districts will have their campaigns in September.

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LAYMEN CARRY ON CHURCH WORK

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oslovakia is "now completely national," Dr. Dodge said, and "there has been no major change in this situation during the year." No reports have been received from the churches.

In Bulgaria—where Methodist churches have been in operation for half a century or more—"the main responsibility for services is being carried by laymen during the continued imprisonment of the pastors," Dr. Dodge reported. "Indirect reports indicate that the gospel continues to be preached from Methodist pulpits."

Little is known about the present status of the Methodist Church in Hungary, ac-

cording to Dr. Dodge; and in Yugoslavia, "in spite of certain limitations, the work continues. In Macedonia there seems to be a renewed interest in the message of Methodism with signs of a wholesale revival appearing."

"Much of the reconstruction of destroyed Methodist churches in Germany has already been done and those still in a state of repair will be renovated as soon as funds can be found," Dr. Dodge reported. "So far, not a great deal has been done to meet the church needs of those persons living in newly developed suburban areas."

"Fortunately up to the present time the political divisions of Germany have not destroyed the unity of Methodism. There are closely knit fraternal ties binding together pastors and congregations from the different zones. In the five annual conferences there are now over 65,000 members, with the most rapid rate of increase in the eastern zone. There are three deaconess institutions with approximately 1,200 deaconesses giving utmost dedication in the service of their constituency."

"The theological seminary at Frankfurt has continued to render effective service to all German Methodists. At the beginning of the present academic year, however, it was deemed advisable to begin a new seminary at Bad Klosserlausnitz, Thuringia, in the eastern zone because of travel restrictions. Thus the number of students in Frankfurt has been reduced from 55 to approximately 45. The new class in the eastern zone numbers approximately 20, thus making the total number of theological students the largest in recent years."

In Spain, Dr. Dodge reported, the general ban against Protestant services continues. "In some local communities there is a limited witness although authorization for public meetings is generally withheld."

For many years, and through both world wars, The Methodist Church has maintained a notable orphanage—"Casa Materna"—near Naples, Italy. Recently special offerings in the United States provided a new building for the home. "With this new unit," Dr. Dodge said, "Casa Materna will be able to train more effectively the scores of orphans who have taken refuge within the home, as well as the numerous underprivileged day pupils coming from the surrounding community."



Pictured above are some of the leaders in the kick-off meeting of the United College Appeal held January 27 at Trinity church, Durham. Left to right, they are: Rev. C. D. Barclift, pastor-host; Bascom Baynes, chairman of the official board of Trinity church; Judge Marshall T. Spears, featured speaker and president of the Methodist College Foundation; Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District; Dr. Samuel M. Holton, president of Louisburg College; and Dr. Charles E. Jordan, vice-president of Duke University. (Photo courtesy of Durham Sun)

Greensboro College Has Special Services; Leaders Discuss Church Building Needs

RUSSELL IS SPEAKER AT G. C. RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Religious Emphasis Week at Greensboro College began Sunday evening, February 1, with vespers in the Hut and will continue through Friday evening, February 6, when a consecration service will be held.

Speaker at the services each evening is Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of the Jarvis Memorial church, Greenville. Mr. Russell has been a member of the North Carolina Conference since 1930 and for the past eight years was Conference missionary secretary. He is a trustee of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, and Louisburg College, Louisburg. He has been especially active with young people.

Theme for the week, chosen by the students, will be "Reach Higher; Grow Deeper."

Special phases of the week include a student-planned chapel service on January 29 and special chapel services during the week, featuring the speaker and programs of organ music.

On Tuesday night at 8 p. m., the Bennett College Choir appeared in concert in Odell Memorial Hall.

Throughout the week, library displays are being arranged and prayer rooms designated in Main Dorm and in the Hut. Informal discussions will follow the nightly services, and personal conferences with the speaker will be arranged at any time.

Religious Emphasis Week is sponsored each year by the Student Christian Fellowship. Miss Joy Little of Denver is president of the group.

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\$50,000,000 NEEDED FOR NEW METHODIST CHURCHES

Methodists will raise fifty million dollars in the coming four years for new church buildings, remodeling, and additions to existing churches, Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary of the Division of Home Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, predicted at the recent annual meeting of that organization at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

"This money will be raised locally by annual conferences to meet their own needs for new churches," Dr. Brown said. In the past four years a special benevolent-giving campaign called "the Advance for Christ and His Church" provided over two million dollars for special mission needs in church building. Methodism's Board of Missions administered these funds. The "Advance" will be continued with special emphasis on local groups meeting their own church needs, Dr. Brown said.

Drs. William Vernon Middleton, Philadelphia, Pa., and B. P. Murphy, Louisville, Ky., executive secretaries of the Board's Section of Church Extension, told the members of the Board of Missions that in the past fiscal year the Section assisted in the construction of 247 churches and parsonages by providing loans totalling \$2,349,667. In addition, donations of \$1,280,080 were made to 645 projects. In the past five years the Section of Church Extension has helped 5623 projects with a total assistance of \$20,193,712.

The church extension secretaries warned that a minimum of 1500 new churches—in excess of one a day—must be built in the coming four years. "In attempting to meet the church extension challenge, the churches expect donation assistance of \$11,000,000, almost five times the amount we have available," reported Doctors Mid-



Rev. Leon Russell

dleton and Murphy. "It is apparent that either church extension must have more donation money, or else the conferences themselves will be required to secure the balances."

"In spite of the large number of Methodist churches which have been erected since 1945, we have not been able to keep pace with the need for new churches caused by increasing and shifting population. Methodism lost a total of 2104 local congregations between 1940 and 1950. Much of this loss was due to the merging of churches and other circumstances caused by unification (the Methodist Church was formed from three different Methodist bodies over a decade ago)," the church extension secretaries recalled.

"But the disturbing truth is that we have not claimed new territories for Christ and his church," they said. "Our church extension task is still unfinished and the present quadrennium presents an opportunity never yet faced by our denomination."

In addition to help in building churches, parsonages, and educational buildings in mission areas of the United States and its territories, the Section of Church Extension, which has offices in Philadelphia, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., assists congregations in conducting their own financial campaigns. This is done through its department of field service and finance. Special counseling services are provided in the field of church architecture, particularly for small missionary churches whose financial weaknesses make it difficult to secure a regular architect.

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MISSION LEADER SAYS DEFENSE AREAS HAVE CRITICAL CHURCH NEEDS

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA. JAN. 20—New ministers must be found and trained for 1,500 new congregations that are to be established by The Methodist Church in the coming four years, Dr. Elliott L. Fisher, executive secretary of the section of home missions, of the Methodist Board of Missions, told members of that body meeting here today.

Defense building projects, such as the mammoth hydrogen bomb plant in the Savannah River area, are among the criti-

cal areas cited by Dr. Fisher. "The thousands crowded into vast trailer camps, barracks, and other temporary housing stand in particular need of the Christian ministry," said Dr. Fisher, who is also chairman of the National Council of Churches' committee on ministry to defense areas.

Trailer chapels which carry ministers and church equipment to widely separated points in the defense areas are being provided by the church. Methodism has units in operation in the Savannah River Area, and trailer chapels are slated for the Paducah, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio, atomic installations.

Special youth workers, college graduates who will give two years to Christian service, are being recruited for Christian education work in the over-crowded areas. These young missionaries will assist pastors in calling on defense workers and organizing church-related activities, particularly for children and youth.

"Defense communities are only one aspect of the vast population migration," Dr. Fisher said. "Today more people live under urban conditions than at any other time in the history of our nation. A new city has sprung up every eleven days since 1900. This vast urban revolution has induced a state of crisis in Protestantism."

"An equally spectacular growth has occurred in rural territory. Reclamation projects have converted open countryside near new power projects into thriving trailer camps and new communities," the home missions executive said. These are also being served by "mobile ministries."

Many of the 800 new congregations sponsored by Methodism in the past four years have been in the suburbs, according to Dr. Fisher. As an example of religious changes involved in the move to the suburbs, he cited a rural church, "smug and complacent," which found itself suddenly in the center of a new and growing suburban city. The one-room rural church with forty members "woke up to its opportunities and today there are 700 children in that Sunday school, 1,000 members in the congregation, and a new church plant."

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RUSH SUCCEEDS McKEOWN IN BOARD OF EDUCATION

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Organization and personnel changes effective February 1 at the Methodist General Board of Education headquarters here were announced by Rev. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions.

Dr. Boyd M. McKeown, active in Methodist educational work for 22 years, is retiring as the division's public relations director due to ill health. However, he will maintain a part-time relationship as assistant secretary of the division, doing research and special writing.

Rev. W. A. Rush becomes director of public relations and finance in the merger of two departments. Dr. Rush has headed the finance department since 1949, serving also as consultant to the 118 colleges and universities related to The Methodist Church.

Dr. Gross said an editorial department has been established in the division under the direction of Rev. Roger Ortmyer, editor of **MOTIVE**, religious periodical for college students. He succeeds Dr. McKeown as editor of **Christian Education Magazine**. Rev. Henry Koestline is managing editor of both journals.

A lay leader in his native Texas, Dr. McKeown came to the Methodist board here in 1930. Previously, he was dean of McMurray College, Abilene, Texas.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. CARL W. DENNIS' address is Route 1, Newton, instead of Route 1, Hickory, as listed in the 1952 Western North Carolina Conference Journal.

MISS JANE STENTZ, who has just returned from three years' service as a missionary in India, spoke last Sunday evening at First church, Randleman.

THE FARMVILLE METHODIST Men's Club elected the following officers at its first meeting held recently: president, Dan Morgan; vice-president, William C. Monk; secretary-treasurer, R. E. Davenport; reporter, Herbert Hart.

MISS JUNE LAMB, who spent two years with the National Research Council in Tokyo, gave an illustrated lecture at Central church, Asheville, Wednesday evening, January 21. The lecture covered Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when the atom bombs fell; Formosa; Hong Kong; Bankok in Siam; New Delhi, India; Argra, (Taj Mahal); the Holy Land; Turkey; Greece; Germany, etc.

DR. EDITH M. BROWN of Raleigh, the wife of the late Dr. R. E. Brown, will teach in the School of Missions for the WESLEY CHARGE at Falcon to be held Feb. 8-9. The school promises to be very interesting. Mrs. Brown is a well qualified instructor; she holds her Ph.D. degree from Heidelberg University, Germany, and has done graduate study at the Biblical Seminary in N. Y. Rev. S. G. Dodson is pastor of Wesley Charge.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Charlotte, is in the midst of a four-months campaign beginning February 1 for \$4,000 to add to the building fund. Last year the church raised \$7,775, most of which was used on the new parsonage. The Charlotte City Mission has donated \$5,000 for the church's new lot which cost \$14,500. The old church property will be sold and the first unit in the new location will be started as soon as the old property is disposed of.

L. A. DOUB recently presented the Knightdale Methodist Church a new film projector. A great grandson of the late Rev. Peter Doub, Mr. Doub has taught the adult class of the Knightdale church since the class was organized in 1917. "I am not exaggerating," writes his pastor, Rev. A. W. Warren, "when I say that he is one of the most effective, most interesting teachers in North Carolina Methodism. His teaching now will be even more effective as he combines the spoken word with pictures."

BURKHEAD CHURCH, Winston-Salem, is in the midst of an expansion and improvement project which includes several items of importance to the church plant. All the stained glass in the church building has been repaired, the inside walls of the building have been repaired and are being painted, a small youth activities building has been constructed between the church and the parsonage which will release certain space in the main building for the expansion of the nursery, a need which has grown critical within the past few years. The total cost of this work will amount to several thousand dollars, most of which has already been raised or pledged. Because of the generosity in materials and labor by Frank Blum Construction Co. of Winston-Salem and certain leaders in the congregation, the cost will not be nearly so great as the accomplishments might indicate.



DR. A. HOLLIS EDENS, above, president of Duke University, has been elected vice-president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church. After serving this year as vice-president of the organization, which includes 129 member institutions, the Duke chief executive will assume the office of president next year. Succeeding Dr. Earl A. Roadman, president of Morningside College, to the vice-presidency, President Edens also will serve this year on the association's Joint Committee on Public Relations, representing the Association of Schools and Colleges. Dr. Edens delivered a featured address at the group's Los Angeles meeting this year. Entitled "Methodist Colleges—Retrospect," it will be published by the group.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS of the Methodist Church, at its annual meeting, appropriated a total of \$15,950,519 for the home and foreign missionary work of The Methodist Church for the twelve months beginning in June 1953. Under the law of the Church, the Board can appropriate for one year no more than it actually received from all sources in the preceding year—and this is the total amount. The amount appropriated will be expended as follows: by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, for both home and overseas missions, \$6,874,537; for the Division of Foreign Missions, \$6,548,104; for the Division of Home Missions, \$2,527,878.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH near Charlotte has established by action of the official board a fund known as "The Lord's Fund Working at Home" which will be used to aid persons who are in need. Beginning with \$100 appropriated by the church treasury, the fund is growing through the generosity of sympathetic friends. All organizations in the church are participating in the new enterprise and aid is administered by a committee made up of various officers of the church. Persons receiving aid may restore the amount they received if they desire, thus adding to the effectiveness of the fund.

CONTINUE the North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign during February. See that your people have an opportunity to read North Carolina Methodism's official news magazine.

MORE THAN 1,000 MINISTERS of all faiths are on the Southern Methodist University campus February 2-5 for the university's 18th annual Minister's Week, an event that has become the largest of its kind in Protestantism.

THE MARY MORRIS BIBLE CLASS of the Atlantic Methodist Church met recently with 35 members and guests present. The group joined in a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Morris in appreciation of her years of service as teacher of the class.

FIRST CHURCH, North Wilkesboro, has begun a six-months tithing program to run from February 1 to July 31. Part of the proceeds from this fund will be applied on the new sanctuary. All members of the church, including children, officials believe, will participate in the undertaking.

DR. LEROY A. MARTIN, president of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn., has been elected president of the Association of Junior Colleges of The Methodist Church. He succeeds Dean E. D. Whisonant of Emory Junior College, Valdosta, Ga. The 20-member association held its annual meeting January 23-24 in Nashville, Tenn. Other new officers: Dr. Charles R. Clegg, president of Young Harris College (Ga.); vice-president, and Dr. Harry L. Upperman, president of Baxter Seminary (Tenn.), secretary-treasurer.

REV. WAYNE E. NORTH, pastor of First Methodist Church, Mt. Carmel, Pa., for the last three years, has been appointed to the staff of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. He will serve as associate secretary of the Department of Spiritual Life Evangelism, it was announced by Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the board. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas is secretary of the department and director of the board's program of spiritual life missions, designed to reach and assimilate new and inactive church members.

A NEGRO METHODIST CHURCH is being organized in Scotland Neck. Several services have been held and a building has been secured for the services. This work is under the direction of one of the ministers of the Negro Methodist Church and the district superintendent of that area. They are in need of pews for the services at the present. Any church nearby having old pews which are not in use and would like to donate them to this new church is asked to write Rev. J. D. Aycock of Scotland Neck and this information will be passed on to the minister of this new church.

SWEPSONVILLE Methodist youth joined young people of the Haw Field Presbyterian church Sunday evening, February 1, in an anniversary observance of The Call. Meeting on the last day of National Youth Week, project of the United Christian Youth Movement, the young people spent the evening in worship, discussion, and fellowship. Rev. Curt Gatlin, director of youth work of the North Carolina Conference, was guest speaker at the service of worship conducted by the presidents of the two youth groups and held in the Methodist Church. His topic: "Strive to Know, Dare to Believe." Since the interdenominational observance of The Call in February, 1952, the Presbyterian and Methodist youth of these two churches have continued to meet quarterly for fellowship and inspiration.

Camp Don - Lee Plans Being Made; Youth Rallies Set; Recreation Meet Announced

WORK BEGUN ON DON-LEE SWIMMING POOL

Work to clear one spot of ground and to reforest a much larger tract at Camp Don-Lee is in operation. Last week Mr. Morris spent several days at Don-Lee launching two improvement projects there—the construction of a fresh-water pool and the replanting of much of the now open areas of our conference camp site.

Soon as the trees are removed from the one-acre spot on the left end of the camp the Craven Construction Company (New Bern) will move in to grade the area and construct an earthen dam for the swimming pool. The well that will supply the pool and the swimming pier with diving boards will be built this spring so that the pool will be ready for use when camp opens in June.

In the tree-planting project about ten acres of the open area at camp were reset with about 8000 seedlings. Furnished by the State Forestry Department these seedlings are of several varieties—longleaf, shortleaf, loblolly, and slash pines, red cedar, and Douglas fir. A careful planting of small cedars and firs—with shade trees to be added later around the dining lodge—promises increasing beauty as the years pass.

Plans for other improvements at Don-Lee projected for the spring and summer include the construction of the caretaker's lodge, improved roadways, and a parking area.

All of this is expected to add up to our best camp season yet. The Don-Lee program is now planned to include four 6-day and one 10-day Christian Adventure Camps (for intermediates), three or four 5-day Junior Camps, and the 4-day Older Youth Assembly. The camping season will begin with a training session for camp leaders June 9-12.

YOUTH EVANGELISTIC RALLIES

A significant day for the youth of our conference comes Saturday, April 18, with the simultaneous staging of seven evangelistic rallies for young people, one in each district. These evenings of fellowship and inspirations are a part of the total church emphasis upon evangelism and will directly precede the week of the United Evangelistic Mission, April 19-24.

The regular Spring District Rallies, an annual event in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will not be conducted this season.

SEJ RECREATION WORKSHOP SET FOR MARCH 18-25

Leaders of recreation in The Methodist Church have an excellent opportunity each spring to attend a special 7-day workshop in church recreation in balmy Florida! Dates have been set for March 18-25; the place is the Florida Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, Florida (of course!).

Leadership and interest areas in which training will be given are more extensive this year than in any of the past five annual workshops. Outstanding leaders from all over the country will include Larry Eisenberg, former member of the Youth Department, General Board of Education, Bert Lyle, R. Harold Hipps, and Dick Chase. And look at this line-up of areas for training: American folk arts, drama in the church, party planning, and informal drama, songs and song leading,

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arts and crafts, folk games, squares, nature lore, outdoor games and activities, storytelling, and others.

Total cost for the 7-day recreation treat for leaders is \$27.50 (plus travel). All fees are payable upon arrival at Leesburg. Delegates from the N. C. Conference will travel together in car pools as has been done several times in the past. (Curt Gatlin plans to fill the station wagon with

SUMMER CARAVAN

Requests and inquiries about the use of a Caravan this summer for a one-week visit in your church should be mailed to Curt Gatlin as early as possible.

Invitations for a Caravan must go to Nashville within a few days. For further information, write Curt.

Pictured here with C. P. Morris are five district directors of Children's Work who met at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, recently to make plans for Subdistrict Institutes of Children's Workers to be held in January and February and Vacation Church School Institutes to be held in April and May. Seated (l to r), Miss Olive Cook, D. C. E., First Church, Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount District; C. P. Morris, executive secretary; Miss Elizabeth Johnson, D. C. E., Duke Memorial Church, Durham, Durham District. Standing (l to r), Mrs. J. E. Dickens, Raleigh, Raleigh District; Miss Mary Hester Hunt, educational assistant, St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, New Bern District; and Mrs. R. T. Commander, Gates, N. C., Elizabeth City District. Directors for the Fayetteville and Wilmington Districts were not present.



THE REDEEMER by WILLIAM R. CANNON. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1951, 224 pages, \$2.75.

Conservatives in theology will be encouraged to see a work like this coming from the pen of one of our younger authors. Professor Cannon, as many of the ADVOCATE readers know, has been professor of Church history and historical theology at Emory University since 1944 and is the author of a former work entitled *The Theology of John Wesley*.

The blurb on the dust jacket proclaims the present work as "a sound and meaningful study in Christology—guiding the minds of men and women once again to Jesus Christ." The statement as to its soundness will not be disputed by the most conservative readers, but some readers might question the second adjective—its meaningfulness. The average

folks for the trip; he's one of the workshop leaders, too!)

Write to Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C., for specific information and registration blanks. All registrations must be made through the conference Board of Education office, address given.—**Youth in Action**, January, 1953.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

Next Sunday The Methodist Church joins much of American Protestantism in the observance of Race Relations Day. During the past few years we in the North Carolina Conference have shown an increasing interest in this observance and registered a genuine growing concern for the work of The Methodist Church in higher education for Negroes. This is evidenced particularly in the offerings made to help support Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, one of our good schools for Negroes. Contributions from the North Carolina Conference in the year 1951-52 doubled those made in 1950-51. It is sincerely hoped that this year will record a similar marked increase in observances and offerings.

SE REGION CAMPING CONVENTION

During the next three days, February 5, 6, 7, Staff Members C. P. Morris and Curt Gatlin will be attending the Southeastern Region Camping Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. This session, sponsored by the American Camping Association, will give them the opportunity of sharing camping experiences, training, and "know how" with many outstanding national camping authorities.

reader will find passages that are abstruse and involved, though to the theologian they might seem simple. Ministers who learned more than a generation ago to discredit Anselm's satisfaction theory of the atonement as unworthy of a just and good God will be surprised to see it brought forth and championed again—especially by a younger theologian. Cannon argues that:

"The so-called moral influence theories of the atonement fall of their own weight, for in order for the death of Jesus to mean anything to us at all we must believe that it was for our sakes that He died and that our deliverance from sin is altogether dependent upon His sacrifice."

As the author rightly points out, in the Roman Catholic system the Atonement is

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Observe Race Relations Day, February 8

Officers Meet at Pfeiffer College; Many Important Events Scheduled

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Concrete evidence of the good work our Woman's Society of Christian Service has done and is doing is not only "reported" by officers to the executive board of the Western North Carolina Conference when it meets at Pfeiffer College, as it did last week, but many results of its labors and interests are present in that beautiful place.

Pfeiffer College is owned and operated by our Woman's Division of Christian Service, being one of two colleges under the Woman's Division within the bounds of our Conference. The other is Bennett College for Negro girls at Greensboro.

The women bask in the gracious hospitality at Pfeiffer by faculty and student body alike. The beautifully clean buildings, the delicious food, some of which has been frozen and kept in the walk-in refrigerator and served on plastic dishes, and the new comfortable beds and some of the furniture, are the visible evidence of the work done through our Conference Supply Department. Also a beautiful new piano in the chapel of the administration building has been purchased with Supply givings, and a reading room for religious education students has been equipped by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

Six of our fifteen "scholarship" girls are at Pfeiffer, lovely girls who are finishing the first part of their years of training before going into fulltime service. The scholarships we give them do not take care of all their expenses and they, as do other students at Pfeiffer help with the cleaning, laundry and kitchen and dining room service. They are deeply grateful for the help they receive from us, as beautifully expressed to the women in words and deeds, and merit our further interest and prayers.

Hosts are Hospitable

Association with Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Waggoner and members of the college staff adds enjoyment to a visit to Pfeiffer. Miss Mary Floyd, who is Bible teacher, is one of our deaconesses and our women have a particular interest in her and the part she has in training our girls and boys. Mrs. P. A. Masten, secretary to the president, is an ardent Guild member and was leader in the Guild project to equip the Religious Education Reading Room. A "product" of Pfeiffer was there in the person of Geraldine Surratt, who, after receiving further training and being commissioned a deaconess, established a rural work project on a temporary basis in Watauga County last May, and her work has proven so acceptable by the Conference as well as the people she served that the Board voted to continue this work on a permanent basis with Geraldine in charge.

Because of the resignation of Loree Harrell, who will be married soon, the rural work in Ashe County will be temporarily halted until another worker can be secured, and the equipment will be transferred to the Watauga County project.

The "flu" epidemic over the state kept a number of the officers away and special mention and prayer was offered in their behalf. Among them were Mrs. T. V. Goode and Mrs. H. G. Allen, conference officers; and Mrs. George Dooley, Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, Mrs. J. Frank Spruill, Mrs. Bonner Ray and Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, district officers.

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Effective Worship Services

Effective worship services were led by Mrs. H. R. Harrelson, president of the Gastonia District, who used the Scripture verse, "She hath done what she could," as a basis for her thoughts as she turned the minds of the women to previous accomplishments; Mrs. Frank Little, conference secretary of spiritual life, who used as her subject "The Upward Look," enhanced by a worship center featuring the picture of Christ by Jabor, and pointing out the necessity of keeping our minds on higher things as we attempt the work of evangelism, which is the emphasis for this year; and Jane Stentz, who has recently returned from India as an I-3, who wove her experiences in India around the hymn, "We thank Thee, Lord, Thy paths of service lead

To blazoned heights and down the slopes of need."

Reports Are Good

The president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, did not make a formal report of the Board of Missions meeting recently held at Buck Hill Falls, but as each officer gave her report Mrs. Harbison gave information or suggestions she had gleaned which pertained to that particular work.

The promotion secretary, Mrs. T. V. Goode, sent mimeographed copies of her summary of reports for the first six months of the conference year. Four new societies have been organized in the Charlotte, Salisbury, Statesville and Winston-Salem Districts, 836 new members in all districts, with Gastonia leading with 137, Winston-Salem second with 123, and Charlotte third with 101. There still remains a large number of unorganized circuits and churches but the district officers are working diligently on this.

Miss Una Edwards, treasurer, reported a total of \$89,291.59 sent to the Division for all purposes and delighted the women with her attitude toward her work, expressed in the words: "The pledge is not sums to me—it is children's happy faces;

It is missionaries who tell of Christ in near and far-off places.

It is the kingdom of our Lord when evil has been turned to good.

It is the reigning of the Christ in a world-wide brotherhood."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Chief among dates to remember is that the year 1953 is the Year of Evangelism. The Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., February 24-26, 1953. Among the speakers are, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president, and Mrs. Paul Arrington, vice president of the Woman's Division; Misses Thelma Stevens, Lucille Colony and Juanita Brown of the New York Office; Bishops Marvin A. Franklin and Roy Short; Dr. Hugh Stuntz, president of Scarritt College; Rev. Ellis Finger, new president of Millsaps College; and Dr. Harold Bosley, pastor of First Methodist Church, Evans-

ton, Ill. Musical meditations will be given each day by Phillip J. Cartwright, soloist of the Morrow Memorial Church, Maplewood, N. J. Mr. Cartwright was born of missionary parents in China and started his singing career at Community Church, Shanghai.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Western N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Lake Junaluska June 17-19, and the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference will follow June 19-21, 1953. The theme will be "Hope of All the World Thou Art," and the emphasis will be on evangelism.

The Love Offering will again go to suffering children in Korea.

The Jurisdiction School of Missions will be held at Lake Junaluska June 24-July 1. Delegates will take note that this meeting has been moved up one month.

The quadrennial Assembly of the Woman's Division will be held at Denver, Colorado, May 4-7, 1954, and district delegates to this assembly must be elected at the 1953 district meetings. Each district is allowed one representative.

The Joint School of Missions will be held at Greensboro College August 31-September 4, 1953, the spiritual life Retreat the week end preceding. Many public school teachers and mothers of school children will be glad to know this date does not conflict with the opening of public schools, as has been the case in previous years.

Mrs. Ralph Sherrill of Statesville has been selected to represent the districts at a Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls April 19-23, 1953. Mrs. H. G. Allen, secretary of the missionary education, will represent the conference.

NEWS OF MISSIONARIES

Miss Josephine Abrams will sail February 4 for Argentina where she will take up her work again at the Union Theological Seminary at Buenos Aires, after spending her furlough in the states and the past several weeks visiting in the United Nations Assembly. Miss Abrams gave generously of her time in this conference and the good wishes of her many friends will accompany her to Argentina. She is being supported by First Methodist Church, High Point.

Miss Betty Johnson, recently returned from service in India as an I-3, has entered Scarritt College, preparing for further service under our Woman's Division.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rice, former missionaries to China, have recently sailed for Pakistan under our general Board of Missions. Mrs. Rice will be remembered by many Western North Carolina women for her participation in many district and conference activities, serving more recently as conference secretary of literature and publications.

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Family Enlarges; 19 Honored; Visit To Lumberton; Miss Stephenson Joins Staff

NEW MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY

We are happy to have the following children as members of our family:

Dorothy Jane and William Howard Go-forth were admitted on December 24. They came to us from Elizabeth City, and are making the adjustment to our Home nicely. Dorothy is being clothed by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Queen Street church, Kinston, and William is clothed by Mrs. Margaret B. McKinnon of Lumberton.

Lillian Arlotte Pruitt who was born in Berlin, Germany, was admitted on January 3. Lillian was afflicted with polio and is now forced to wear a brace on one of her legs. We hope that soon she will be able to remove this and that she will then be able to join in with the other girls of her age in all of their activities. Lillian came to us from Raleigh, and she is being clothed by Circle No. 5 of Edenton Street church.

Eugenia and Virginia Dunlap, better known as Jenny and Ginger, were admitted on January 3. They have two brothers that we were unable to admit due to lack of room. Eugenia is being clothed by the young adult class of the Westover Methodist Church, but so far we have not been able to find a Society to clothe Virginia.

WOULD YOU LIKE A DAUGHTER?

No, we are not in the adoption business. That requires special authorization. But we do have daughters and sons, some of whom have been in our home for as many as fourteen years. Graduation time will soon come and their stay here will come to an end. Completing one's stay here does not mean that one is self sufficient and able to make his or her way. There is the need of college education or some further training for personal livelihood.

This is being written with the conviction that there are those who are able who would like to have a part in helping one

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of these who will graduate in June in their further education. These young people have been coming to the principal of the school and the superintendent of the home with such future problems since Christmas. Perhaps for that important part in their lives you would like a son or daughter.

CITIZENSHIP HONOR GROUP

Nineteen boys and girls of our family, in grades eight through twelve have been selected as honor citizens for the third six weeks period. They will be entertained by the Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church at the State-William and Mary basketball game on February 7.

Those receiving this honor are: Joyce Joynson, Janet Lee, Dany Partin, Jerry Hunt, Elsie Pridgen, Janet Best, Jean Braswell, Joan Braswell, Juanita Goins, Doris Horne, Bruce Lamm, Eleanor Pierce, Annie Ruth Strickland, Betty Carraway, Patricia Chinnis, Frank Daniels, Frances Ellis, Alice Mason and Robert Taylor.

CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH MEN HAVE ORPHANAGE PROGRAM

A wide-awake group of Methodist men of Chestnut Street church, Lumberton, were host to a group of the Orphanage family. This group included Betty Jane Carraway, Betsy Blake, Betty Jean Turnage, Mildred Rodgers, Coleen Murray and Robert Taylor, in addition to the superintendent. After a delightful dinner the young people presented a program of singing. One of the young ladies talked on

the Home and the service it renders to its 288 children and young people.

This Methodist men's fellowship led by a fine Christian layman, A. J. Brinson, is showing a special interest in the Orphanage. This was especially illustrated by a generous offering given that evening which will be used in the education of the young people who will graduate this spring.

NEW HOUSEMOTHER

Martha Lou Stephenson who will soon make her home in the Burwell Building as housemother to 22 girls received her college degree at Meredith, with a major in English and a minor in Physical Ed.

For the past two years Martha has been employed by Radio Station WPTF, holding the position of transcription continuity writer, a job that required extreme accuracy. During her leisure she devoted most of the time to sports.

LATEST NEWS ON COUPONS

ACOUSTICAL CEILING in Dining Hall PAID FOR IN FULL. All coupons received from now on will go toward the Dish Washer the Woman's Societies have made possible. Let's see how quickly we can complete the payments on this most important equipment.

WSCS OFFICERS MEET ON CAMPUS

Welcome guests on our campus last week were members of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of our Conference. Welcoming this official group is a happy occasion for us twice a year. We are exceedingly grateful to the members of this committee and to all the ladies of the WSCS for the fine work which is done in promoting and carrying out the Coupon Campaign, for the clothing of individual boys and girls, and for the genuine and continued interest which is evidenced in our family and our problems.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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imagine a little girl smiling up into her mother's face only to be met with a cold stare. Try to imagine a little fellow reaching out his arms trustingly to a father who turns away and lets him fall.

Try to imagine the ache in a child's heart when it has no mother's bosom on which to pillow its tearful face. To be loved is a part of a child's birthright.

The fourth and last of the things men live by is WORSHIP. We cannot put the whole of ourselves into our work and our play and our love. The fruitless attempt results in a cramp of the soul.

The child has a right to that larger fellowship with God. The child takes to religion naturally and to coop the child up in a little earthly cage of material things is to clip its wings; it is to deprive it of its birthright.

The late Glenn Frank, writer and educator, said that we could start a revival of religion in America very quickly if we would talk about spiritual things in the same straightforward way we talk about our every-day practical affairs. Why do we not? We thank a hostess for a week-end visit in the country. Why not thank God with grace at meals? We discuss the mystery of atomic power at the dinner table. Why not talk about the mystery of prayer power?

Certainly we would not cheat our children out of their birthright if we could help it, and we can help it. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)



This is our school glee club of 36 members, whose activities were discussed in a previous issue. These activities included a special Christmas program and guest performances. Future plans include a spring concert.

We are especially proud of this group, and wish for them and their director, Mrs. Louise Wilson, much success.

Distinction Among Christians

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 20:1-16

Peter had just said to Jesus, We have left all and followed you; what shall we have? And Jesus had answered, Truly I say to you, in the new world when the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me shall also sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Indeed every one who has left that which is most dear to him, for my sake will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

But Jesus at once had added, Many that are first shall be last, and the last first. Here he plainly suggests that those who have made the most outwardly impressive sacrifices will often receive less reward than others whose sacrifices, though seemingly not so great, have been inspired by greater love.

Then to impress upon the disciples the principle that men are blessed not so much in proportion to what they have done as in proportion to the extent to which they have made the best of their opportunities, Jesus said:

A man went out at daybreak to hire laborers, and after agreeing with them for a denarius a day he sent them into his vineyard. He also went out at nine o'clock and at twelve and at three, and even at five o'clock, and hired others. But when evening had come those who were hired at five o'clock received a full day's wage; then those who had worked all day expected to receive more, but they also received the promised denarius. Hence they grumbled.

But the owner of the vineyard reminded them that he had paid them all that he had agreed to pay, and that he had a right to be generous with those who had waited all day until five o'clock in hopes of being hired; for he knew how wearisome it had been to wait hour after hour for a chance to earn something.

During the depression a man once said to the writer, You had no idea how hard it is to sit all day in an employment office without being hired. The rent and other household expenses are piling up, and the children at home are getting hungrier; but no one hires us. Surely it makes one sick at heart.

How many millions in pagan lands are waiting with sad hearts for the message of Him who came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly!

And one of the tragedies of our church life is the large number of capable men and women in the membership whose abilities have not been discovered and who have not been called out into activities that will make them happy—and not only happy but helpful to their fellow men.

Jesus said, Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into his harvest. That implies that we should also pray for skill to enlist men in work for the advancement of the Kingdom.

What a wonderful world this would be if every hungry-hearted man were challenged to happy and helpful activity by men who themselves glow with that fullness of life and tender tact which Jesus came to impart!

This parable of Jesus tells us that we should judge men and honor them according to the degree they have made use of their opportunities. The writer knows a man who was forced to leave school and become a common laborer when he had finished the fourth grade; but he has

actually read and enjoyed an astonishing number of the best theological and philosophical books. Ought he not, to say the least, to be treated with as much honor and respect as scholars who have studied in the universities and earned the higher academic degrees? Indeed one knows doctors of philosophy whose intellectual appetite and eagerness in study are far less than his.

THE SUPREMACY OF LOVE

If one could speak in language sweet
Somewhat as angels do,
And charm the folks whom he should meet
And entertain them, too;
But lack God's matchless love and grace
Down in his heart and soul,
He'd never reach the holy place
With saints that gain the goal.
It's not the smoothness of the speech
That makes us pure within,
Nor means that we some day shall reach
A heaven free from sin;
But what commends us, great or small,
To God without a guess,
Is His true love far more than all
That you and I possess.
O praise the Lord for His great love
By which to live and die,
That means we'll have a home above
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And where no sorrows rend the heart,
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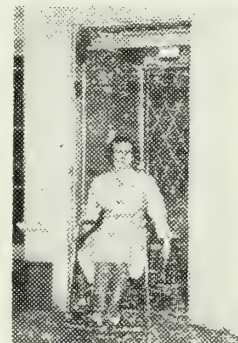
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AN UNFORGETTABLE PERSON

By Ann Hollinshead

Mrs. Lottie Carraway is dean of women at Huston-Tillotson College, outstanding Negro Methodist-Congregational college in Austin, Texas. Successful operator of her own real estate offices in Chicago, she elected to leave her son in charge there and pour her life into some profitable undertaking for her people.

A graduate of Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, and a person of wide sympathies and deep understanding, Mrs. Carraway as a young mother had reached out for two little girls, suddenly orphaned by the early death of their parents. One couple was taken by "sudden illness," the other in a tragic auto accident. So Mrs. Carraway gathered them into her own home when her son was small and reared them as his sisters.

Not long ago Mrs. Carraway herself lost her husband in a traffic collision, but these things no one would ever know when meeting her.

Joyous and merry, she will take you over the Huston-Tillotson campus and through the new lounges she has helped to secure with hard work on her part for the city girls of Austin who are daytime students at Huston-Tillotson. With her own hands she has pulled apart discarded furniture, stuffed it and upholstered it with new leatherette seats and backs. A picture here, an upturned megaphone filled with dried flowers there, and the lounge is at once homey and artistic.

"Of course we have our difficulties in the dormitory sometimes," Mrs. Carraway admitted when we cornered her, "like the firecrackers on Halloween! A couple of girls thought they would have a good time just setting off a few big ones after midnight. It really happened only once, but I was parading the halls at 1:30 A.M., at 2:30, at 3:30, and at 4:30.

"However, I didn't discipline them immediately. Certainly they knew I was angry, but I told them I had to think it all through myself.

"And yesterday (four days later) I told them the story of my wakefulness and all-night vigil.

"It makes me think of the boys who thought it fun to stone a frog," I said to them. "Each time they threw a stone into the water the poor frog had to dive off his log out of sight in the water. They kept it up for some time, throwing the stones and laughing gleefully as the frog dropped back into the water. Then one lad said to the other 'Boy, this is fun!'"

"Suddenly the frog had the power to speak, as they do in fables. 'Well, boys,' he said 'it may be fun for you, but it's death for me.'"

"The little Halloween pranks got the point and were most regretful."

OUR READERS SAY . . .

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American Roman Catholics. However, he does not mention the persecution of Protestants in countries predominantly Roman Catholic. He places this persecution (by inference) on the doorsteps of "bigots in the Church . . . not something that derives from Catholic belief."

One would have difficulty proving that these persecutions stem from the Vatican.

But no Roman Catholic priests who have led mobs against Protestant missionaries apparently have been reprimanded. I have seen the destruction of these mobs in Italy and in South America. May I ask from whence stems the persecutions from which Protestants now suffer in Spain? From the average Roman Catholic Spaniard? Perhaps he does the actual destruction but he is led and incited by the priests of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Cogley protests that the Roman Catholic Church "is a religious, not a political, society." I say it is both and what it cannot win by religion it will win by politics. If you do not believe this then why did each of our Presidential candidates visit the heads of the Roman Catholic Church? If the R. C. Church is merely a "religious society" why should it continue to press for a U. S. representation at the Vatican? I fear Mr. Cogley protests too much.

In order to combat Roman Catholic propaganda I believe it necessary for Protestantism to use the same sources to spread its truths. To minimize the efforts of Roman Catholicism in spreading its doctrine is to fall asleep at the switch. There is a great deal of difference between the theory of the Roman Catholic Church and its practice. The current propaganda of that church is a plea for tolerance (where Roman Catholicism is concerned).

In the face of this renewed propaganda we should assert and proclaim our Protestant Christian faith; the great beliefs for which our church fathers died, were burned at the stake, were torn on the rack and beheaded. Now is the time for a fresh and vigorous proclamation of our faith throughout the world, with no reduction or smothering of our distinctive message.

East Bend

Franklin C. Hubbard

THE SHABBY LITTLE LAD

Sometimes the lad who'll make a man
Is quite unpromising to scan;

He saunters up and down the street
With dirty hands and dirty feet;

With grimy cheeks and tousled hair
For whom nobody seems to care;

And yet beneath the dirt and grime
Perhaps there beats a heart sublime.

His clothes are grimy like his face
And all he does seems out of place;

He's just a shabby-looking lad,
A little fellow rude and bad;

And still perhaps he's far from mean,
With intellect that's bright and keen;

A boy that people say is "tough,"
Perchance a diamond in the rough.

He romps about from day to day,
Quite fond of frolic and of play;

He climbs the fence and jumps the rills,
And swims the streams and scales the hills;

He chases butterflies and bees
And knocks the apples from the trees;

But looks his neighbors in the eyes
And tells the truth and never lies.

But give this little lad a chance
And see some day how he'll advance;

He'll master books and make a name
That many other cannot claim;

He'll make success and rise somehow
With godly laurels on his brow,

Till men say, "How could this be
From such a shabby lad as he?"

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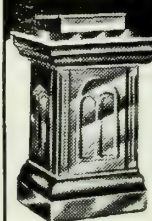
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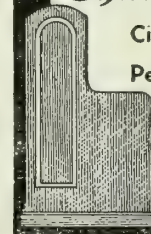
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DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC RALLIES SET

District rallies in preparation for the forthcoming United Evangelistic Mission will be held in the Western North Carolina Conference in accordance with the

following schedule which has been arranged by the district superintendents: Asheville, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., at Central Asheville; Charlotte, Feb. 19, 2 p.m., at Dilworth, Charlotte; Gastonia, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., at Main St., Gastonia; Greensboro, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., at West Market St., Greensboro; Marion, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., at First, Morganton; Salisbury, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., at Trinity, Kannapolis; Statesville, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., at Broad St., Statesville; Thomasville, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m., at Memorial, Thomasville; Waynesville, Feb. 17, 10 a.m., at First, Waynesville; Winston-Salem, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Burkhead, Winston-Salem.

Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, area mission director, will be the resource leader at the meetings.

Those expected to attend include pastors, chairmen of the four local church commissions, members of the commission on membership and evangelism and other interested persons.

Ralph Taylor
Secretary of Cabinet

CHANGE IN DURHAM DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the appointment of Rev. Richard N. Robertson to the Fairview charge, Durham District, to succeed Rev. Maurice Harrell who has returned to his home in Texas.—E. L. Hillman, D. S.

CHANGE IN SALISBURY APPOINTMENT

Bishop Costen J. Harrell has authorized the appointment of Rev. Brunson C. Wallace as supply pastor of the First church, Salisbury, until Conference, filling the vacancy caused when Brother G. B. Clemmer was released from the charge because of Mrs. Clemmer's illness.

J. C. Cornette

BOOK REVIEW

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the foundation of "the entire Ecclesiastical system upon which man's salvation is believed to depend." However, when he states that it makes little difference whether we believe the elements we receive (in the Communion) are in reality the body and blood of Christ or are merely symbols," he goes farther than a good many of his fellow-Methodists could follow him.

There is not space to comment at length upon many of the questions raised by a reading of this book. All of us could agree with Cannon in his closing lines which seem more in harmony with the experiential nature of religion than some other parts of his book:

"The heart of Christian faith is a mystery. We see through a glass darkly, and our theological and Christological expressions are at best inadequate. To be sure we have the legacy of doctrines and great creeds . . . but these formularies are not in themselves revelation. They are human attempts to understand and interpret what God has done for us in Christ . . . The fact that Jesus Christ is our Redeemer is what gives us comfort and blessing in the end."

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Paine College:

Seven Decades Of Progress

This story began on November 1, 1882. On that afternoon there was held in one of the Sunday school rooms at St. John church, Augusta, Georgia, the first inter-racial meeting in the South. It consisted of four white and four Negro members. Each group had come as appointed representatives of their respective churches, namely, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

The purpose of the meeting was to put into operation, if possible, a resolution that had been adopted the preceding May at Nashville, Tennessee. The resolution had been offered in response to an appeal made by Bishop Lucius H. Holsey of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Holsey had come as fraternal messenger from this new church; the daughter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He had requested the General Conference to take action looking toward the establishment of an institution by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the training of ministers and teachers in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. The conference had acted favorably upon his request.

Thus the meeting on November 1, 1882. In the group was Rev. Warren A. Candler, at that time pastor of the Methodist Church at Sparta, Georgia, who was destined to become bishop and a prominent leader in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Associated with Mr. Candler were three other leaders in this great church. Bishop Holsey was leader of the delegation from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. All in the meeting were men of faith and prayer. After careful deliberation they decided to do just what had been requested by Bishop Holsey at the recent General Conference, namely open a school for the training of ministers and teachers for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. They decided also to locate the school at Augusta, Georgia.

Growth Through Hardship

This new enterprise, born in hardship, was nurtured in the difficulties of the late reconstruction period. The South was just recovering from the ravages of civil strife. The white people most interested in the success of the work of this new undertaking were, with very few exceptions, without material means. In spite of these conditions, however, the experiment continued, gradually expanding and building on a firm foundation.

The school was most fortunate in its early years to have as its president, Dr. George William Walker, a consecrated young minister of South Carolina and a member of the South Carolina Conference. Dr. Walker gave 26 years of devoted service in the work of this institution. Good and able friends from both races gave encouragement and help to Dr. Walker. Included in the white group were Bishop W. W. Duncan, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, and Bishop W. A. Candler. Among those in the Negro group were Bishop L. H. Holsey, Bishop R. S. Williams, and others.

Southern white women became interested in the work of the new school through the energetic leadership of Miss Belle Bennett and joined in the effort. This interest and financial assistance have continued for more than fifty years, until today the women (now of united Method-

ism) provide much help by way of financial support to the college.

The growth and development of this new enterprise were slow during the early decades of its history. This was true, however, of all schools for Negro youth. It was not until the beginning of the twentieth century that students at the college level were enrolled in many of these schools. Most of these schools, except Paine College, were established by churches and by friends from the North and in the early years offered work chiefly at the elementary and high school levels.

These colleges, as was true of Paine, from the very beginning had men in charge of them who were themselves scholars as well as consecrated Christians. They insisted upon a high quality of work. Through the years this has been a particular characteristic of Paine College. Dr. Walker's successors have been men who have sought to continue this high quality of work as set forth in the Wesleyan ideal of "The union of piety and true learning."

Native to the South

This institution, therefore, southern in origin and, until Methodist union, in support, was an indigenous enterprise. The men and women who served on its Board of Trustees and likewise on its administrative staff and teaching faculty were in the main from southern communities. Partly for this reason the college has had great influence in the development of public opinion along inter-racial lines. This has been true not only in the Augusta community but in Georgia and throughout the southeast. This has been possible partly because of the fact that most of the men and women who have served at the college have been interested in the

educational development not alone of Negroes but of all the people of the South.

As a result of this work and the changed conditions in Negro education generally there are many unmet needs at the college. These needs are not confined solely to increased financial support, as great as this need really is. More money is needed each year to meet the increased cost of education for Negro youth. This is true so far as the current operating budget of the college is concerned. Funds are needed each year for scholarship aid to worthy students, many of whom could not enroll and remain in school without financial assistance given through jobs or outright grants. Again, money is needed annually for building repairs and renovations, also for the purchase of new equipment so that a more effective instructional program may result.

These needs, which recur from year to year, cannot always be met. Help given by loyal Methodist people through voluntary offerings on Race Relations Day, the second Sunday in February, enable the college to meet some of them.

The readers of this statement in the main are Methodists, many of whom respond year after year to appeals for Race Relations Day observance. All who labor at Paine College are deeply in their debt and will never cease to be thankful to them.

Our Methodist people can help in another way. As believing Christians, they can pray for the success of the work at the college and that all who labor at this institution will have the guidance of our Heavenly Father in their efforts. Such intercessory prayers will mean much to the staff and to the students enrolled at Paine College.



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The Week of Dedication—Lest We Forget



A FACT—The Charlotte Area has hitherto distinguished itself in the annual observance of this significant week.

AN OBSERVATION—From this time the Week of Dedication will each year include the first day of Lent. The Lenten Season for The Methodist Church is ushered in by the Week of Dedication and ends with Holy Week.

AN APPEAL—February 15-22, 1953, is the Week of Dedication. Let all our churches and all our people respond as one body.

A HOPE—In all our hearts there is hope that the observance this year in all its features will be more fruitful than ever before.

COSTEN J. HARRELL, Presiding Bishop
The Charlotte Area

A Thought for the Week

SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. Ephesians 4:14,15.

The truth is not always pleasant. Sometimes it can be biting, cutting, unkind. It can disturb us, overwhelm us, cost us friends. Therefore, we are not as careful to speak the truth as we might be. To save a friendship, or to save ourselves from being misunderstood, we often speak flatteringly about one another when we are together, but quite another way when the back is turned. Someone has said: "If all men knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world."

There is a way, however, to speak the truth which can be rewarding to us all—that is, to speak the truth in love. St. Paul recommends such a course to the Christians at Ephesus. He knew that truth tempered with love is the most powerful weapon in the world. Cold-blooded intellectual truth can drive a man away from you, but genuine truth that is propelled by love and sympathetic understanding can win the most stubborn heart.

To speak the truth in love we must, first, be in love with Christ. Christ puts a tenderness and a sympathetic touch into our lives which draws others to us. The man who really loves Christ, who seeks the truth through Christ, inspires the respect and confidence of others. Indeed, the truth he speaks is warm, contagious.

Again, to speak the truth in love we must really love one another. Do you love every person? Do you want to help each person you meet? Do you feel that when someone else is hurt that you are injured, too?

Finally, to speak the truth in love we must be in love with the truth. Truth is a fragile, tender, sensitive commodity. It must be handled reverently; it must be sought sympathetically; it must be caressed, nurtured, loved passionately. Truth spoken in love from a heart that loves truth is a mighty force that binds men together in unity and love.

Our Father, give us minds big enough to comprehend the truth, hearts big enough to love the truth, and wills strong enough to speak and live the truth in love, that we may grow up into Christ in all things. Amen.

THIS I KNOW

God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding a sunrise,
Guidance and strength for the way;
Power for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain. —Clipped.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

ON BEING OURSELVES

During World War I, I began my ministry by speaking in some of the Army camps. I would quite frequently ask the chaplains in advance of a meeting for suggestions as to the message. Several times their reply was something like this: "Anything you choose to give will be appropriate, only please avoid the Prodigal Son for that parable has been over-worked around here."

Those remarks, I guess, gave me a kind of mental set against using that greatest of Our Lord's parables. But there is one aspect of that ancient and timeless story which throws light on one of our most timely modern attitudes. The record tells us that when the Prodigal Son "came to himself he said I will arise and go to my Father."

Did it ever strike you that maybe the young man left home in the first place because he was trying to find himself? We commonly assume that the fellow was a gay care-free spender who called for his patrimony that he might go forth into an orgy of self-indulgence. But it seems quite legitimate to imagine that the lad may have found the company of his elder brother rather stifling and restrictive. The brother was a stilted, self-centered person and no doubt the atmosphere around him may have been too conventional and insincere. I can therefore picture the younger brother saying to himself: "If I am to be myself I must get away from here. I want to live my own life. I am going away."

This desire to be one's self, to live one's own life, is normal to all persons and not limited merely to prodigals. Most of us are haunted at times by the feeling that we are not quite ourselves. We are conscious that there must be more to us than the part we see outwardly. Some of us are not sure that we have yet found ourselves in our work. And we know that often we are not expressing our real selves in our conversation and our social companionships.

There do come to many, though not to all, those experiences when a man feels that he has discovered the work that fits him and the calling that brings his whole being into play and he says, "I have found myself."

This search for the true self within us has been one of the major emphases of our twentieth century. Along with the Wright brothers and the Lindberghs who have explored the air, along with Peary of the North Pole and Byrd of the Antarctic, along with Einstein and Eddington, Millikan, Compton and our other pioneers of physical science, have been the explorers of the mental regions within us. Having pushed our paths up into the air and out to the poles, we are still lured by the feeling that there is more beyond, and many are now seeking within for that way beyond.

To be ourselves—yes, that is what we want. If there is one vice we denounce above others, it is insincerity; if there is one virtue we exalt above others it is genuineness. What is it to be ourselves? Is it to let ourselves go with the current of our moods or to rise above them? When an impulse of anger surges up in us does sincerity demand that we vent it in words or deeds and is it untrue to ourselves to

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Eternal God, our Father, at the beginning of the day, we turn back in our thinking to the one great beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth . . . and man in His own image. We are, indeed, grateful for that significant beginning of man, and for the wonderful destiny Thou didst make possible for him.

The very thought of such beginning overwhelms us. We realize that we were given some of the distinctive characteristics of God himself; we were particularly given the quality and power of creative intelligence. We are taken into Thy holy plan of creating, and Thy voice is challenging: "Let us create."

This thought does not fill us with selfish pride; rather, it gives us a deep feeling of humility before Thee, our Maker and our eternal Guide.

May we respond to this high calling by joining hands with Thine to make a better world. In our Master's name. Amen.

LISTEN TO HIM

When thou shalt have entered the church for prayer or praise, leave outside the tumult of wavering thoughts, and be inwardly forgetful of all care as to outer matters, so that thou mayest be free to devote thyself to God alone. For it is not possible that there should at any time talk with God, one who at the same time is also silently chatting with the whole world. Give attention therefore to Him who giveth attention to thee. Listen to Him as He speaketh to thee, that He Himself may hear thee when thou speakest to Him. It will thus happen that if thou assistest at the utterance of divine praises with due reverence and thoughtfulness, if thou harkenest intently and diligently to every word of Holy Scripture, thou wilt hear God speak to thee.

—Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th Century.

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An Opportunity for Spiritual Refreshment and Service

It is appropriate that the Week of Dedication, this year set for February 15-22, comes at the beginning of Lent. What could be better than to start the holy season which culminates in the death and resurrection of our Lord at the altar of the church? Dedication remains our Number One need. We cannot match the stupendous problems and needs of our world with a casual, care-free attitude. We cannot lead our generation to Christ on unbended knees.

It is likewise appropriate that the Week of Dedication is climaxed with an offering not only of self, but of substance. The giving of self and substance makes an unbeatable combination. Through our gifts we extend our influence to many causes that receive help from no other source—such as new church buildings in other lands, hospitals and orphanages in needy places, Crusade scholars coming from other lands to study in our schools.

The Week of Dedication is not merely another observance in our already crowded church calendar. It is an opportunity for spiritual refreshment and service.

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Our First Evangelistic Field Is the Church

Methodism's biggest field of evangelism is in the church itself. In Methodist churches are thousands of members who, judged by their fruits, have either never had a vital Christian experience or have allowed their experience to grow cold. The number of inactive or semi-active members continues to grow. For example, in 1941 our churches reported 625,000 inactive members. In 1951 that number had reached the staggering total of 1,735,000, an increase of more than 100%. This means that more than one out of every five members is inactive.

But that is not the whole story. Many other members take their church vows very lightly. A sister denomination in Ohio recently got the following information from a survey of its members: 20% never pray; 25% never read the Bible; 30% never attend church; 40% never give; 50% never go to Sunday School; 90% never have family worship; 95% never invite another person to accept Christ; 96% never tithe. Think of the tremendous unused spiritual power these figures represent!

This Spring we shall be engaged in an all-out effort to win new persons to Christ. The field indeed is white unto harvest. Before we begin this worthy undertaking we can well afford to work in the field within the church. Every church could profitably contact and

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challenge for Christian service each inactive resident member. We have a responsibility to this growing multitude lost within our very fellowship. In fact, is not this where responsibility begins? Making an honest effort here, the church will be much better prepared spiritually for the gigantic undertaking that will come a little later. Moreover, it will be much easier to bring in those who are outside the fold. There is nothing harder to resist than the contagion of a person on fire for Christ. But best of all, it will be easier to make active Christians out of these new converts in a church whose members are really in business for our King.

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A Cocktail Lounge Within the Shadow of the Capitol

You can usually count on a Methodist preacher to take his stand against strong drink. Therefore, we believe that Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., was speaking for virtually every Methodist preacher in America recently when he voiced his objection to the new Republican gathering-place—the Capitol Hill Club—which is simply a liquor lounge where Congressmen and lobbyists "may go for cocktails and then into separate rooms for conferences."

Dr. Shirkey, who is president of the Washington Ministerial Union, is alarmed because Republican leaders initiated the club. "When we learn that some of the greatest men who are moving into government have contributed to this out of their own pockets," the Methodist pastor declared, "we should say, 'God have mercy on America.' If there ever was a day when our minds needed to be clear and alert, it is today, and I say it and I mean it, to have the leadership of this country work out their plans in a liquor lounge is going to be a terrible thing for this country."

To Dr. Shirkey's statement we say "Amen" a thousand times! The American people, we believe, are fed up with corruption and sin in government. Many of us are persuaded that liquor has helped to bring us into the sorry mess in which we find ourselves today. Liquor-drinking public officials and liquor-soaked military leaders have played their part in selling America down the river. Shall this continue? It will, unless the American people cry out against this evil. We believe a good place to begin is to protest to the President and to the members of Congress against this newly established Capitol Hill Club which, according to Dr. Shirkey, is located "with-

in a stone's throw of the Capitol." We are sure that there are many leaders, both Republican and Democrat, who share our opinion in this matter. A flood of letters from the people back home will give them courage to stand up against it.

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An Untapped Power for Good: Men Meeting to Pray

Will Methodist men get up in time for a prayer service scheduled for five o'clock in the morning? Well, perhaps not many, but some will. At least, a little group in Holland, Michigan, has been doing this. Once a week since last summer they have been meeting in the First Methodist Church of that city for fellowship and prayer. Two men prepare a simple breakfast and a different man each week is in charge of the service. What do they pray about? John O. Hagans, in an article in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, says they pray for the Spirit of God to rule in the church, for the recovery of the sick and for a deeper and more complete transformation of all minds into the Mind of Christ. They are not fanatics, not do-gooders, not cultists. They are just ordinary Methodist laymen with an extraordinary interest in getting all the help they can by praying together. "We humbly admit we meet to pray," writes Mr. Hagans, "because we need to pray, and because our church and our world needs the prayers of many people."

In addition to the spiritual good that has come to each man personally, Mr. Hagans feels that the adventure has been eminently worthwhile for the entire church. The group has been instrumental in making important repairs to the building and one of their number has accepted the superintendency of the Church School which is now taxed to capacity.

We are not so sure that many Methodist men will get up so early in the morning for a prayer service but we are sure that if they would great things could begin to happen in the church. If the men of the church could find some time during the week to meet together to pray it would be the best thing that could happen. We meet to eat and to transact the business of the church. Why not meet to pray? What could happen if even a small group in fellowship together prayed for the Spirit of God to rule in the church? What inspiration it would be to the sick if they knew that a little band of churchmen were carrying their case to the great Physician in united prayer!

Men praying together is perhaps the greatest untapped power in the church.

Tithing Is The Answer

By Harold F. Leatherman

The 1952 Discipline states the duties of the Commission on Finance as follows: "It shall be the responsibility of the Official Board, to make proper and adequate provision for the financial needs of the church . . . There shall be in every local church, a Commission on Finance, which shall, under the authority and direction of the Official Board, promote and administer the financial program of the church." (Para. 238-239),

The financial program of the church, is a very important phase of the total program. The responsibility of this program falls to the Commission on Finance. This Commission is faced with the haunting problem, "How are we to raise the money we need?" The budget is before the Commission, and it has been increased over last year. The members come up with various ways to raise money. "I suppose the best method is to conduct an every member canvas," states the chairman. The secretary agrees, with some reservation, "We did that last year, but the pledges were still inadequate." A third member suggests that the annual barbecue supper be given again this year. "However, we didn't realize much profit from the one last year," he says. A fourth member brings forth a startling utterance, "Why not ask our members to tithe?" The pledge would be fine, if only it represented the tithe. "This sounds like a good suggestion and we should follow it," someone agreed. Nevertheless, there is a feeling of reluctance on the part of several. This means that the members of the Commission on Finance must likewise pledge a tithe. Following a period of discussion, the members agree to give it a try. How can we bring this before our church? The chairman decides to talk it over with the pastor. The two agree the pastor should preach a sermon on tithing. The service would close with an invitation to those who would pledge a tenth.

Headaches Go When Tithing Comes

The above is imaginary. However, I have found tithing to be the only answer to our financial problems. The headaches of the Commission of Finance will disappear.

Tithing is an accomplished fact in our church. I feel the pastor must begin this program of meeting the financial needs. The pastor must believe in tithing. The belief must be shown in his gifts to the church. Personally, I give a tenth of my salary back to the church. I say this not to boast, but simply to state my beliefs. Some say they distribute the tithe to various organizations. They give some to the Red Cross, Heart Fund, and March of Dimes. These are worthy causes and I support them, but not with my tithe. This method is fine, but where does the church come in? The church usually receives what is left. I count it a great joy to give my tithe to God and his church. I have no right to expect members of my church to tithe, if I am not a tither.

The question arises as to how the minister can get the members to participate. The first answer is to be found in the above paragraph. The second answer is found in giving them the opportunity. Last summer a friend discussed with me the matter of tithing. I recall that he said something like this: "I will preach a sermon on stewardship, and give my congregation a chance to express themselves." My friend did this and 25 gathered

about the altar at the close of the service. The invitation was for those who would give a tenth to come forward for prayer. I dare say this church experienced a Pentecost that Sunday morning. Many of our members are willing if given the opportunity.

This method is working in City Road church, Henderson. The membership on the pastor's report to Annual Conference was 230. However, when the revision of the roll is completed, it will be less than 230. During the Conference year 1951-1952, 75 members contributed through the envelope system. The smallest contribution was a child's envelope containing ten cents. The largest single contribution for the year was \$510. A total of 29 tithers are represented in the 75. The \$510 came from a family of four. The father is the only wage earner and is paying for a home. Another family gave \$415. This represents the tithes of both husband and

wife. A widow gave \$209. A layman, left with 5 children to rear after the death of his wife, has a family of tithers. Three children are still living with their father. Four envelopes are placed in the offering plate each Sunday. These envelopes contain the tithe of father, son, and two daughters. Two of the children live away from home. Four members of this family tithe. The combined contributions amounted to \$1000. Still another couple gave \$552.

This accounts for the fact that City Road paid all Conference askings for the year before District Conference. The treasurer reported \$3,207 on hand at the close of last conference year.

The total giving for current expenses, benevolent causes and building fund, amounted to an average of \$45 per member. I can say with all sincerity, that tithing is the answer.

This calls for sacrifice. However, the real spirit of Christianity is sacrifice. The answer to our financial problems is tithing. This method has been proven and works. If our churches are to meet financial obligations, this must be done. No church should complain about increases in conference askings if this were done. The money would be on hand.

Preaching I Like

By Samuel B. Underwood, Jr.

Preliminary Statement Made at Duke Seminar in Panel on Preaching

De gustibus non est disputandum I take as the watchword of this panel, for we are not limited, in the topic assigned, by any consideration of whether the preaching is good or bad, effective or boring, theologically sound, or otherwise meritorious of a high grade in somebody's course in homiletics. My taste—in the kind of preaching I like—may be terrible, but it is mine and you have asked for it.

In the first place, preaching I like falls into no set pattern. It need not be uttered from behind a simple pine pulpit, in some weatherbeaten little country church, though I have heard and liked some preaching under those circumstances. By the same token, the fact that the preaching is done from the high pulpit of an expensively beautiful sanctuary, supported by the sacred music of a cathedral choir, is not an absolute bar to the sermon being good.

Above all else, the preaching I like is sincere. Not just apparently sincere, or perhaps sincere, but absolutely and beyond all question sincere. It helps if the grammar and diction are good, if the preacher's voice is well modulated and carefully trained to add expression to the words—but I like sincerity.

Even with sincerity, there is a limit to my capacity to like a discourse extolling the merits of a radio program, a new automobile, or even a football game (unless it be perchance one of those great and momentous events when Duke beat Carolina)—so that I would remind you that the preaching I like is, for want of a more expressive single word—spiritual. That is to say, it is not an exposition on the evil of commercializing Christmas; it is a gripping story of the birth of Jesus as a religious event. Such preaching leaves me feeling that for the period of the sermon I have been blessed by being closer to the Holy Trinity and if the sermon has gotten me close enough to feel the texture of the Master's robe—to sense more clearly His call to me—then, I have liked that sermon very much. Most, if not all, the Social Gospel preaching leaves me cold. Of course poverty is bad. I think it is clearly demonstrable that low wages are economically as well as socially bad. Slums are slums and ought to be eradicated. But such things are a part of the practical mechanics of daily living, and have been changed and will continue to be changed when and only when men's hearts are changed. John Wesley had his heart strangely warmed at Aldersgate. The preaching I like would have my heart strangely warmed each time I heard it.

My call for preaching of the spirit is not to say that I want the preacher to speak "in unknown tongues" or to rattle on at great length with phrases and words lifted from the Bible. The sermon should have been clearly thought out and at least a modicum of thought left in. Preferably it should be in simple enough steps and terms that I should have the feeling that the preacher has just expressed, much better than I could have done, the very thing that was nebulously forming in my own mind.

Lastly, I like preaching that is well ordered, coherent, and logical in its presentation of ideas. The gears ought not to clank as the preacher slips from first into second and I like to be thrilled at an even, apparently effortless, flow of ideas up to the climax. And when that point is reached, don't start off again to go to another climax. The preaching I like recognizes, whether at ten, fifteen or thirty minutes, a good sitting down place and uses it for the purpose for which it was intended.

The Green Thought

By Richard Braunstein

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalm 23:2.

Some years ago we read in a London magazine, an article explaining the psychological effects of colors on the mind. We were told of their therapeutic value for the emotionally disturbed.

Interior decorators emphasize color-harmony in the arrangements of rooms. Either the walls scream or sing according to individual taste. We had an uncle who contended that our nursery should be of certain tints and shades. His conviction was that our future rested on the right hues and blends of the prism. Just how much this theory was responsible for whatever feeble heights we have attained we do not know. We do know that the rainbow-splendour was often obscured by cloud and shadow, as is every man's portion.

One of our retired Methodist ministers used to spend much time leafing over the large pages of a wall-paper catalog. He said the blends and shades, the designs and patterns rested his eyes and soothed his nerves.

The Psalmist uses the figures of green pastures and still waters. The thought of God, the teaching of Christ, the message of the church, the communion of the saints, the fellowship of believers, our rituals and hymnologies, our sky-reaching steeples, "where cross the crowded ways of life" are eloquent and suggestive for jangled nerves in an hour of high tensions and much confusion.

The Bible is an out-door book. "The groves were God's first temples." Prophets were reared amid cactus-growth and desert wind-swept ridges. From Genesis to Revelation God and man found their theatre of action by revelations and revivals, under blue skies. Jesus preached from the pulpit of a tossing boat and hill-slope. His sermons were freighted with bird-song and flower bloom. The seed, soil and sower illustrate kingdom values. David was indeed a physician of souls when he gave us the Shepherd Psalm. Are there any words more truthful or powerful than "He restoreth my soul?" Surely there is no more satisfactory characterization of God than this.

Shut Out the World

It is salutary upon occasion to shut out the world. While the day of the monk, hermit, recluse, anchorite, isolationist is about over, there are times when prayer and meditation have undisputed influence over mind and soul. Like the artist who steps back from his canvas in order to gain perspective, it is necessary to stand aside and let the world go by. Sooner or later it is too much for us. Anything that will slow our racing pulses and speeding hearts is welcome. This is where the Church and her services makes her claim. "Be still and know that I am God." The Sabbath was made for man. And to keep him a man. We sing "O day of rest and gladness." But can it be such a day in the temper and color of a Continental holiday?

We read, "Every evening Jesus went out of the city." Let the word **city** be symbolic of our daily tasks and chores. All the striving and contending. It is good to leave it all for a space. It is assumed that "Every morning Jesus returned to the city." He did not leave the city to dismiss it but to be able to cope with it. Refreshed

in every area of His being.

We shall soon be in the midst of Lenten programs and activities. There are no greater days for spiritual refreshment and recovery than the forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Easter Sunday. The observance of Holy Week, sometimes called His Last Week, with an earnest study of the Seven Last Words from the Cross on Good Friday, will give local congregation, pastor and people, an incentive and momentum touching the almost unbelievable miraculous.

Lent a Period of House-Cleaning

Recently, we found ourselves lost in a public building. We were confronted by a door bearing the warning, "For Members Only." We would not place the members of our churches in such an exclusive bracket, but the period called Lent is in a very special sense the house-cleaning time of the people making the claim Christian. As Harry Emerson Fosdick reminds us: "When we think of conversion, we commonly think of downright wicked people born again into upright character. Another kind of conversion is needed now—by the decent church members who for years have been asciscient about their faith. They need to make the great discovery that this means **me**. That it is

a resource of spiritual power, overcoming fear, renewing courage, directing conscience, dedicating life. Religion then becomes more than a great tradition, more than passively accepted belief, more than political loyalty—it's a personal victory that overcometh the world."

Fulton Sheen speaks to all, not alone Roman Catholics: "Make this experiment, I care not whether you believe in God or not. At your first opportunity step into a Catholic Church for a visit . . . Just sit there for an hour and within that hour you may experience a surpassing peace the like of which you never enjoyed in your life. You may ask yourself . . . 'What is it that is in that church?' Without voice or argument or thundering demands, you will have an awareness of something before which your spirit trembles,—a sense of the Divine."

Lenten programs give us an awareness of something, of **Somebody**. As will any religious service. Any given Sunday or other days. In any church.

Life is difficult. We see more red than green. Not only red communism but all the principalities and powers, irritations and conditions and circumstances that make for disorganization. Red stands for confusion, destruction disintegration, upheaval, revolution. Green stands for tranquility, harmony, peace, safety. It is the color of our faith. In a world red in tooth and claw, religion, the religion of Christ, that way of life and design for living we call Christianity, gives us the green thought. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. Not red pastures. He

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The Church's Advance Must Continue

A Statement from the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church

Our Christian faith is at grips on every continent with entrenched forces of evil. The call rings clear that in this struggle every Christian dedicate himself and all his powers to the cause that has been committed to us.

Since unification The Methodist Church has written a remarkable story of achievement and expansion. The Crusade for Christ, providentially launched in 1944, enabled the church to perform a vital ministry to awar-stricken world. The Advance for Christ and His Church, begun in 1948, made it possible for the Church further to extend its mission of redemption. In this new quadrennium, retrenchment would be a tragedy and would invite disaster.

The General Conference of 1952 continued the Advance as the spearhead of our missionary enterprise. We Methodists are summoned to meet our opportunities and obligations in four specific ways:

1. In order that the church may fulfill its great commission, every congregation is urged to meet its World Service apportionment in full. This is basic to the on-going program of the church.
2. It is imperative that the program of Advance Specials be continued. They provided the means for the missionary outreach of the Church during the last quadrennium, and they are indispensable as we face the task ahead. At the present time General Advance Specials and the Week of Dedication Offerings support nearly one-third of our home work, nearly one-half of our foreign work and a much larger proportion of our overseas relief. If our world-wide missionary program is to be continued without recession, every church will need to give at least as much to General Advance Specials this quadrennium as it did last.
3. We likewise call upon all our people to observe the Week of Dedication, February 15-22, 1953. Lent stirs us to a deeper devotion to Christ and His Kingdom. The Week of Dedication starts us on our Lenten pilgrimage, and Holy Week brings us to its spiritual climax.
4. Every Annual Conference is confronted with urgent Church Extension needs. We are confident that our people will respond to these necessities and will provide houses of worship for the new and developing communities that dot the American scene. The Board expresses the hope that every Annual Conference will, as requested by the General Conference, set aside 10% of Conference Advance Specials for the work of the Home Division in distinctly home missionary fields.

We believe that the missionary work of the church at home and abroad is one great task and that the good of all can be served without sacrificing the interests of any. In that faith and fellowship, let us move forward.

Mission Institutes Reach 4,000; Radio Series To Begin; Chaplains Serve Spiritual Needs

MARION DISTRICT INSTITUTES DRAW 600

Subdistrict missionary institutes for the Marion District were held during January in the Oak Grove, Morganton, Hinman's Chapel, Spruce Pine, and Marion churches, with nearly 600 in attendance. This District had the largest attendance at the subdistrict missionary institutes of any District in the Conference and brings the total attendance for the Conference to nearly 4,000.

Dr. Charles Stokes, missionary to Korea, was the featured speaker in the institutes in the Rutherford, Burke, and Watauga Subdistricts.

Rev. E. Hoyt Smith, missionary to Il Maten, Algeria, North Africa, was the featured speaker in the Avery-Mitchell and the McDowell Subdistricts.

Rev. John Hoyle, the district superintendent, presided and made a report to the check-up meeting. He said that every charge had accepted more than it paid last year on World Service and more than it was asked to pay this year.

Representatives of the Woman's Society of Christian Service presented the work of that organization. Rev. Vernon A. Morton, district missionary secretary, presented the work of the Commission on Missions of the local church. Rev. Horace R. McSwain, Conference missionary secretary, presented the work of missions at home and abroad.

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NEW METHODIST RADIO SERIES ANNOUNCED

The eighth annual Methodist radio program over the Protestant Hour network of more than 170 stations will be heard for the next eleven weeks. Featured as speakers will be Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. and Bishop John W. Branscomb.

Dr. Goodrich, pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas and formerly pastor of churches in Port Arthur, Houston and El Paso, Texas, is one of the outstanding leaders in the field of religious radio and television. Since 1950 his weekly dramatic TV program "The Pastor Calls" has been recognized as one of the nation's best religious television programs.

Choosing such intriguing subjects as "The Gospel of the One Step," "How to Handle Doubt," "Being Good is not Good Enough," "The Mountains are Not Enough" and "The Great Use of Life" Dr. Goodrich has prepared sermons for the Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour which will be of great help to the person interested in personal religious living.

Formerly business manager of a radio station, owner of a retail radio business and, while in the Southern Methodist University, the director of the famous Mustang Band which traveled with the football team across America and which for thirteen weeks was sponsored in a summer series by NBC, Dr. Goodrich brings to his radio ministry a human touch and a knowledge of the needs of people.

This interpretation of religion and life as presented by Dr. Goodrich and with the gospel music as sung by the Protestant Fellowship Choir, under the direction of Hubert Vance Taylor, will make of these Methodist radio programs helpful half-hours in a listener's life.

This 8th series of the Protestant Hour is presented in cooperation with the

National Council of Churches and the Methodist Radio and Film Commission.

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MARYLAND SEMINARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

The Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md., will conduct its School for Town and Country Ministers July 6-24. The faculty will include Dr. Samuel Blizard of Penn State; Dr. Dumont Clarke, father of the Lord's Acre Plan; Dr. Ira Moomaw of Agricultural Missions; Dr. Arthur E. Morgan of Community Service, Inc., and former chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority; and Dr. John Baxter Howes, director of the school.

Courses will be offered in community economics, missions, parish administration and rural sociology. Each student may take two courses and earn a total of four hours graduate credit.

Cooperating with the seminary in this program are the Maryland-Delaware Council of Churches, the Maryland Farm Bureau, and the University of Maryland.

A number of scholarships are available and are rewarded those whose past achievements and future promise commend them as rural leaders. Although designed mainly for pastors, the school will give needed training to rural leaders both lay and professional.

Those interested should address The Director, Westminster School for Town and Country Ministers, Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland.

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CHAPLAINS BRINGING MESSAGE OF CHURCHES TO TROOPS

Reporting on his recent sixty-day inspection trip of chaplains and chapel facilities in overseas installations, Ivan L. Bennett, Chief of Army Chaplains, voiced satisfaction with the Army's program of religious worship and character guidance as he saw it in action in Europe and the Far East.

Summarizing the findings of his trip, which brought him into close personal contact with some 500 chaplains in England, France, Germany, Austria, Turkey,

Japan, Korea and Alaska, the head of the Army chaplaincy declared:

"In all areas chaplains are bringing the message of religion to their people. The support of the commanders has been excellent. Not only is this evident in the provision of facilities for the work of the chaplain but in many instances in the commander's personal attendance at religious services.

"The primary purpose of the chaplaincy is to bring the message of the churches to military personnel in those areas where the normal activities of the church cannot reach."

The combat situation in Korea did not prevent chaplains from performing their duties, Chaplain Bennett found. Chaplains serving scattered units often travelled many miles over the rough terrain by jeep to get to their congregations. In the more stabilized areas, temporary chapels have been built; while in the forward locations, a gun position or a defile often is used as an impromptu chapel for religious services.

During his trip, the head of the Army chaplaincy discovered many instances of charitable projects carried on by members of the American military forces. Troops in Pusan contributed more than \$30,000 for Korean hospitals and orphanages in less than a year. At Camp Drake, Japan, some \$85,000 was raised for Japanese and Korean welfare work, and \$15,000 has already been collected for the \$100,000 Union Seminary Scholarship fund started by the Tokyo Chapel Center in April. The list of projects could be extended to include one for most large military installations.

"Many of the good things of American life," Chaplain Bennett said, "are dependent upon the voluntary gifts of our people. It is not enough, therefore, that we ask our soldiers to bring their prayers to the altar but that we also encourage them to bring their gifts. The response of the troops has been overwhelming. While some men act in such a manner as to discredit themselves and their uniforms, these men are the rare exceptions who get more publicity than they deserve. No one can examine the records of our chaplains for chapel attendance, religious instruction and charitable projects without feeling an intense pride in the great majority of our soldiers who remain true to the ideals of their home and church while serving in distant lands. There is ample reason for wives and mothers to keep faith with their husbands and sons in the military service."



The church membership class of St. Paul church, Charlotte, which has been in training since the first of December was received into the church on profession of faith Sunday, January 25, by the pastor, Rev. Arthur B. Pearce, Jr. Front row, left to right, they are: Judith Pope, Ann Elrod, Harry Richardson, Thomas Robertson, Carol Green, Helen Ann Talley, Johnny Pentecost, Billy Payne; second row, Lee Elizer, Robert Mullis, Jerry Vaughn, Johnny Boozer, Phyllis Lovings, Jin Grant and Jimmy Kunkle. Mr. Pearce is at the back. Kathryn Yarborough, also joining the church, was absent at the time the picture was taken.

New \$106,000 Spindale Sanctuary Opened; Brevard to Resume Summer School

SPINDALE METHODISTS OPEN NEW SANCTUARY

Spindale Methodists opened their lovely new sanctuary Sunday, February 1, with three services that day and with services each evening through Wednesday. In charge of the special event was Rev. Jesse G. Wilkinson, pastor, who brought the message at the morning hour on Sunday. Four former pastors—Revs. W. R. Kelly, F. J. Stough, J. S. Gibbs and C. B. Ross—were guest preachers during the series. The Sunday evening sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., superintendent of the Marion District. Words of greeting were brought during the Sunday afternoon service by Fred C. Kinzie, Rev. W. Hoyt Pruitt, Mayor J. Gomer Davis and Charles Reynolds.

Construction on the new building was begun in March 1952 at which time the congregation had \$56,000. Since then \$50,000 has been raised, enabling the congregation to enter the new building debt-free. The building joins the educational building which was erected in 1929 and contains also a chapel which is located between the two buildings, a parlor, a choir room and a pastor's study.

Begun in 1919 with 23 charter members, the church was first attached to the Forest City charge and in 1920 it became a part of the Spindale-Alexander charge. A parsonage was erected in 1922 during the pastorate of Rev. W. M. Heckard. In 1929 Pleasant Grove church replaced Alexander church on the charge. In 1935, with 260 members, the Spindale congregation became a station and F. J. Stough, pastor, led the congregation in paying off the debt on the educational building, which had been erected while Rev. W. A. Barber was pastor. During the pastorate of Rev. R. L. Bass, 1941-45, funds for a new sanctuary were begun.

Membership of the church is now 309. The building committee consists of Fred C. Kinzie, chairman; Charles C. Dalton, L. B. Shehan, Mrs. W. R. Well, Glenn James, John Rollins, Dewey Deviney, Ray Howard, Bill Henson, Luther Shehan, J. U. Grose, Dr. L. P. Mitchell, Mrs. Fred C. Kinzie, Golden Thompson, Mrs. Murry Thompson, Charles Long, J. H. Cooper and Reid Daniel. Ivy Cowan was the first chairman of the building committee.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has contributed \$1,300 on the building program. The Methodist Youth Fellowship

sponsored the purchase of 200 hymnals in memory of William C. Monfredo.

Two of the church's members, James Gibbs, Jr., and Billy Haire, have in recent years entered the ministry.

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BREVARD COLLEGE PLANS SUMMER TERM

Plans are now being made for the eighteenth Brevard College summer term to get underway on June 6, 1953, President Robert H. Stamey has announced.

"One of the features which makes Brevard College attractive as a place for summer study is the fact that it offers such a wide variety of attractions to its students," the college president declares.

"The campus, surrounded by mountains, is near many of the beauty spots of Western North Carolina, and actually, the setting of Brevard College is unexcelled in beauty and climate," he continued.

The six-weeks' program of study for the summer term is being set up with the idea of attempting to meet the individual desires and needs of each student.

Mr. Stamey explains that those who wish to spend six weeks in intensive study so they can accelerate their normal college program will find that this can be done with a high degree of satisfaction because of the invigorating mountain climate, the proximity of a well appointed library and the individual attention which is available to every student.

On the other hand, President Stamey says, if one has had a long cherished ambition to paint, study music, or take some other course and combine this with a need for relaxation in which it will be possible to find a long-sought-for time to read, listen to the music of the masters or enjoy some of the varied attractions of Western North Carolina, this is also on the summer school menu.

Fees for the summer school term are as follows: tuition and general fees, \$75; tuition in excess of six hours, \$10; tuition per semester hour if less than six hours taken, \$15; room (private), \$35; room (two in a room), \$25; and, minimum charge for board, \$75.

Further information and literature may be secured by writing Director of Admissions, Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina.

REV. JESSE PEARSON HIPPS DIES AT KANNAPOLIS

Rev. Jesse Pearson Hipps, 75, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference who lived at Kannapolis, died at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital February 6 following a period of declining health. Funeral services were conducted February 8 at Jackson Park church, Kannapolis, by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Reichard. Interment was in Carolina Memorial Park, Kannapolis.

A native of Haywood County, Mr. Hipps was the son of the late Hershel Hipps and Mrs. Margaret Cody Hipps. He graduated from Emory and Henry College in Virginia and joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1905. His first pastorate was the Monroe Circuit. Other charges included First church, Lexington; First church, Marion; First church, Mooresville; Trinity church, Kannapolis; Carraway Memorial church, Greensboro; Jackson Park church, Kannapolis; and the Mount Pleasant charge. His last appointment before retirement in 1943 was Carraway Memorial church, Greensboro, but he was called out of retirement to serve the Jackson Park congregation in Kannapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bland Hipps; five daughters, Mrs. Oni P. Houston of Mooresville, Mrs. J. H. Connor of High Point, Mrs. Charles Griffin of Kannapolis, Mrs. Fred Harris of London, England, and Mrs. E. G. McKinley of Morehead City; three sons, J. Bennett Hipps of Kannapolis, James R. Hipps of Social Circle, Ga., and Hugh Hipps of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, J. B. Hipps of Canton; and 11 grandchildren.

Mine honor is my life; both grow in one; take honor from me and my life is done.—Shakespeare.



The new sanctuary and the educational building of the Spindale Methodist Church. The sanctuary was formally opened February 1 and the educational building was erected in 1929.

Two Couples Train for Missionary Work in Africa, Japan; African Missionary Speaks

TWO NORTH CAROLINA COUPLES COMMISSIONED FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

North Carolina Methodism furnished four of the 63 missionaries who were commissioned by the Board of Missions at the annual meeting held recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. They are: Rev. and Mrs. Edward Franklin Smith and Rev. and Mrs. David L. Swain.

The Smiths, who expect to complete their schooling at the Kennedy School of Missions of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn., this spring, expect to go to the Belgian Congo in Africa where Mrs. Smith will be an educational worker and where Ed will do evangelistic work.

The Swains, who are in school at Yale, expect to sail in July for Tokyo, Japan, where they expect to be engaged in what was formerly Wesley Foundation work, now called Student Christian Fellowship, under the united church of Japan.

Ed, who was born at Cheraw, S. C., January 12, 1920, is the son of Mrs. Mary C. Smith of Baraboo, Wis., and the late Edward F. Smith of Cheraw. He received his high school diploma from the Fayetteville public schools in 1936 and served as a printer in Fayetteville from 1936-40. He was a member of Hay Street church, Fayetteville. He entered Louisburg College in the fall of 1940, completing his work there in 1942. That fall he entered Duke University from which he received his A.B. degree in 1945 and his B.D. in 1947. He did graduate work at Duke in 1948. In 1946 he joined the North Carolina Conference, was ordained deacon that year and was admitted into full connection and ordained elder in 1948. He was appointed to Maybrook in the Durham District in 1946 and served this charge for one year. In 1947 he was assigned to the Leasburg charge where he served until he entered school last fall.

Mrs. Smith, the former Janet Wellons, born July 26, 1922, at Naini Tal, India, is the daughter of missionary parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Wellons who are now at Pembroke College where Dr. Wellons is president. Janet attended grammar and

high school in India where she received her high school diploma in 1940. She came to the States that fall and entered Cornell College (Iowa) receiving her A.B. from that school in 1944. She studied in the Duke Graduate School in 1945 and served as a caseworker in Durham County in 1946-47.

Ed and Janet were married December 28, 1945 at Pembroke and they have two children—Edward Franklin, III, born May 23, 1948; and David Alvin, born November 26, 1951.

They were accepted for missionary service March 18, 1952, and expect to sail for Brussels, Belgium, in early July of this year where they will have another year of study in language and government before going to Africa.

David, who was born at Asheville December 13, 1927, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swain, Jr., of Asheville, attended the city schools of Asheville and Greensboro, graduating from Lee H. Edwards High School, Asheville, in 1944. That fall he enrolled at Biltmore College, Asheville, for a year's study. He was in the U. S. Navy V-5 from 1945-46. That fall he enrolled at Duke and received his A.B. degree in 1948. Continuing his study in the Duke Divinity School, he was awarded the B.D. degree in 1951. He became director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the fall of 1950, continuing in this capacity until May, 1952, when he began his missionary studies. He was accepted on trial and ordained deacon in the Western North Carolina Conference in September, 1951.

Mrs. Swain, the former Betty Jane Sisk, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 10, 1928, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sisk, who now live in Asheville. Her childhood was spent in Georgia. Coming to North Carolina with her parents, she lived successively in Raleigh, Charlotte and Asheville. She also graduated from the Lee H. Edwards High School, in 1945. Next she enrolled at Mars Hill College from which she graduated in 1947. Her last two years of academic work were done at Greensboro College from which she graduated in 1949 with a major in

religious education. She held positions at Duke University, the Durham YMCA and University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, while her husband was in seminary.

Both David and Betty were members of Central church, Asheville. David and Betty were married September 3, 1949. They have a daughter, Lillian Roberta, born November 18, 1951.

The Swains will be supported by St. Andrews Methodist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Rev. R. H. Duncan, pastor. The Smiths will be supported by the churches of the Durham District.

North Carolina Methodism can be proud of these two fine couples who will represent us in Africa and Japan.

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NORTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY DELIGHTS NORTH CAROLINA AUDIENCES

Rev. E. Hoyt Smith, a missionary-evangelist to Moslems (said to be the "most difficult people in the world to reach with the Christian gospel") has been guest-speaker in the Western North Carolina Conference for the past four weeks, January 12—February 6. Mr. Smith, who has ministered in both India and North Africa among Moslem tribes as a missionary of The Methodist Church, made a forceful presentation of his work through speeches and the use of Kodachrome slides. He has been enthusiastically received in the many congregations, youth banquets, subdistrict youth meetings, subdistrict missionary institutes in the Marion District, and several luncheons for ministers where he has spoken. He had one engagement in the North Carolina Conference, speaking to the Woman's Society of the Edenton Street church, Raleigh, concerning the work at Il-Maten, Algeria, where Edenton Street church supports a missionary.

Mr. Smith has recently returned to the United States on furlough after a period of years as an evangelist among the Kabyle people in central Algeria, French North Africa. He reports that especially among the mountain Kabyle peoples in the Djurdjura area many Moslems have been attending Christian services, and numbers of them have been converted to the Christian faith. He says also that in this general area of French North Africa, health, sanitation, and food conditions are so poor that there is a growing demand for modern medicine, both preventive and healing.

"We have great opportunity to strengthen the medical program of Christian missions in Algeria," says Mr. Smith. "That includes organizing dispensaries and public health services to combat tuberculosis, tracoma, and various plagues that menace this courageous people who have resisted invasions from the outside for more than twenty centuries. There is also a need and a challenge for social evangelism in the Algiers' Casbah, in the very shadow of the Moslem University of Tunis, in the ancient city of Constantine, and in the rural centers of Kabyle. We are also appealing for a manual training school to be erected by The Methodist Church to train youth for practical Christian living, and to meet the challenges of this century."

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Smith is a graduate of Wheaton College and of Drew Theological Seminary. Appointed a missionary in 1939, he served five years in India, the remainder of his service in North Africa. Mr. Smith can preach in French, in Arabic, in Urdu of India, and in the native Kabyle tongue of North Africa.



NORTH CAROLINA METHODISM'S NEWEST MISSIONARIES

North Carolina Methodism's newest missionaries relax and visit together informally at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., where they attended the annual meeting of the Board of Missions January 19-24. They are: Left to right, Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Smith, who will work in the Belgian Congo; and Rev. and Mrs. David L. Swain, who have been assigned to Japan. The two couples were among 63 new missionaries commissioned by the Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls on January 23. (Photo by Methodist Prints)

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE began its second semester January 30 with enrollment almost as large as that of the first term.

HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, has raised nearly \$80,000 on the new educational building which is now under construction.

GRAHAM METHODISTS are observing February as "Temple Tithe Month" the proceeds of which will go to the church building fund. Contributions will be laid on the altar the first Sunday in March.

DR. ALEXANDER KEMP, for 29 years a medical missionary in Angola, Africa, was the speaker at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, recently when the church observed family night.

THE DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL is offering courses in religion during the Duke University Summer Session. The first term is scheduled for June 10-July 18; the second, July 21-August 28.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS speakers at Woman's College, Greensboro, February 9-11, included Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District; and Rev. Julian Lindsey, pastor of Centenary church, Greensboro. Theme for the event was "Religion in Higher Education."

BROOKSTOWN CHURCH on the Lewisville charge is planning to observe its centennial Sunday, July 12. Members of the centennial committee include Miss Treva Beroth, chairman; Lester Boger, Clifton Mock, Mrs. W. A. Mickie, Virgil Beroth and Rev. G. R. Stafford, pastor.

ROCKY RIDGE CHURCH recently dedicated a new electric organ, with Rev. J. C. Cornette, superintendent of the Salisbury District, bringing the message. Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor, was in charge and C. C. Hagler, chairman of the organ committee, made the presentation on behalf of the congregation. Miss Iris Goodman of Salisbury gave a concert in the evening.

THE FORSYTH COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL will be held at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, February 16-20. Teachers include Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point College; Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Durham; Mrs. J. C. Burrow, Columbia, Miss.; Mrs. J. E. Broyles, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Miss Mattie Lula Cooper, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. Lowell B. Hazzard, Westminster, Md.; Rev. Forest Meade, Phoebus, Va.; Rev. Julian Lindsey, Greensboro; Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Greensboro; and Rev. Robert H. Duncan, Chattanooga, Tenn.

METHODIST CHURCHES in the Randleman area are now completing plans for their joint study of Methodist mission work in Africa. On February 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. laymen from six Methodist churches will gather in fellowship and study as they seek to learn more about African missions. These meetings, to be held at First church, Randleman, are designed to make all people of all age groups conscious of the problems of the missionary in Africa. Through discussions and moving pictures these laymen will seek to understand their brothers in faith across the sea. Churches participating in this united effort are: First, Randleman; Mt. Lebanon, Old Union, Worthville, Level Cross, and New Salem.

MISS JANE STENTZ, who recently returned from three years missionary service in India, spoke at Rocky Ridge church February 8. Miss Stentz, who graduated in 1949 from Scarritt College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord.

FRANCIS ASBURY CHURCH, Candler, Route 2, had as its quota for the United College Appeal \$300. It pledged \$601. Recently the members of the Woman's Society met at Francis Asbury parsonage and packed 66 pounds of used clothing for Korea. The pastor is Rev. John R. Little.

BREVARD COLLEGE is constructing a new dormitory for women which officials expect to be ready for occupancy in early April. West Hall, one of the original buildings on the campus, is being offered for sale. This building has served as a girl's dormitory and as a class room building.

BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL of Charlotte was one of the speakers at the ninth annual Ministers' Conference and the Lizzie H. Glide Lectures held at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., February 3-5. Bishop Harrell's themes were: "The Pharisees," "The Sadducees," "What Do You Know?" "Our Divine Redeemer" and "Forgiveness."

THE DURHAM DISTRICT, at a check-up meeting February 6, reported \$60,658 from 37 of the 56 charges on its quota of \$80,000 in the current United College Appeal campaign, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation. Reports from the other charges are expected to bring the total beyond the District goal.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, at its annual meeting held recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., received an offering from Board members and visitors to be devoted to relief of the needy in Korea. The sum contributed was \$1,205.10. This money was turned over to Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and will be sent in full to Korea for use by missionaries among needy civilians.

THE CHRISTIAN CONVOCATION at Duke University will be held June 2-5. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, former dean of the chapel at the University of Chicago, will be the James A. Gray lecturer. Bishop Fred Corson, presiding bishop of the Philadelphia Area, will be the Convocation preacher. Special lecturers will be Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area; Holt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise; and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, leader in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Pastors' School faculty and leaders include: Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, Dr. L. Harold De Wolf, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, Dr. W. R. Cannon and others.

CONTINUE the North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign during February. See that your people have an opportunity to read North Carolina Methodism's official news magazine.

FIRST CHURCH, Hamlet, Sunday School has averaged 513 each Sunday so far in 1953. The goal by Rally Day, which is set for March 29, is 750.

DR. J. H. DANNER of Marion, S. C., is the preacher and Rev. Russell Montford of the Duke Divinity School is the song leader in revival services which began at the Graham Methodist Church Sunday, February 8.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Gastonia, will observe the Week of Dedication, February 15-22 with special services. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor, will preach appropriate sermons on Sunday, February 15. On Monday evening Rev. C. P. Bowles of Charlotte will preach; on Wednesday evening Dr. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem, former pastor, will preach; and on Friday evening Rev. Pierce E. Cooke of Rock Hill, S. C., will bring the message at a service of consecration.

REV. BRUNSON C. WALLACE of Athens, Ga., has been appointed by Bishop Costen J. Harrell to serve as interim pastor of First Church, Salisbury, until the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Wallace, who will preach his first sermon on Sunday, February 15, succeeds Rev. George B. Clemmer who recently resigned on account of the illness of Mrs. Clemmer. The Georgia pastor, who has just relinquished his position as director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Georgia, was a chaplain in World War II and has served pastorates in the North Georgia Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have three children.

METHODIST INFORMATION, the denomination's news bureau, has set up a regional office to serve the Arkansas-Louisiana episcopal area, it has been announced by resident Bishop Paul E. Martin. He said that Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, has been appointed director of the church news service, and Miss Georgia Daily, formerly of Texarkana, Ark., is associate director. Affiliated with The Methodist Church's General Commission on Public Relations and Information, the Little Rock office will give special attention to the preparation and dissemination of church news to daily and weekly newspapers of Arkansas and Louisiana.

THE NORTH CAROLINA METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE will be held at West Market Street church, Greensboro, February 13-15. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 13. Featured speaker is Dr. Waldo Beach, professor of Christian Ethics at the Duke Divinity School, Durham. Leaders are: Campus life, Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point; Economics, B. Tartt Bell, Greensboro; Law and order, H. C. Wilkinson, Lexington; Moral Standards, D. D. Holt, Greensboro; Race Relations, J. Floyd Moore, Guilford College; War and Peace, J. McNeill Smith, Greensboro; World Church, Charles M. Ramsey, Greensboro; World Philosophies, Harold H. Hutson, Greensboro. Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, of Nashville, Tenn., will lead a seminar for campus directors and W. S. C. S. secretaries of student work. Around 300 are expected to attend from the various colleges of North Carolina. Carl Edwards of Asheville, is president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina and Rev. R. Harold Hipps of Greensboro is the state director.

Many Areas Report Excellent Schools As Other Schools Are Planned

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS PREPARE FOR BETTER TEACHING

Between February 1 and Easter eleven training schools will be held in our conference. More than eighty teachers will participate in this educational enterprise. These teachers are from our colleges and universities, from the ministry of our churches, and from full time positions in Christian education. Approximately five thousand persons will attend their classes. It is difficult to evaluate the results of these schools. Many faithful and devoted teachers, however, will receive inspiration and help in the use of better methods of teaching. The teaching ministry of our churches will be improved and the evangelistic program of the conference will be strengthened. In fact any program for the assimilation of new converts into the fellowship of the church has little lasting value unless it is undergirded with Christian teaching.

MINISTERS AND TEACHERS IN THE CONCORD AREA

The annual school is well established in the calendar of church activities early in February. Plans are started a year in advance and both ministers and church school teachers give the full week to this enterprise. Five courses were given in the Concord school last week. They were: Children's Division of the Church, by Mrs. W. R. Reed; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Marion Craig; Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Mrs. Carl King; The Church Working with Young Adults, Aubert M. Smith; and Personal Christian Living, Dr. J. J. Rives.

Ministers of the participating charges were: J. C. Cornette, district superintendent; D. A. Hamilton, J. Clay Madison, J. J. Powell, A. M. Faulkner, P. L. Smith, R. C. Goforth, F. R. Love, E. J. Harbison, J. R. Duncan, C. O. Kennerly, Y. D. Poole, J. W. Parker, W. A. Sweet and C. W. Avett.

THE GASTON COUNTY TEACHING MISSION

The Methodist churches of Gaston County are unanimous in their participation in the annual teaching mission. Ministers and teachers were in attendance at the opening session from every charge. More than 500 people were present. Instructors for the school were: Dr. G. T. Rowe, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Mrs. E. H. Saville, Worth Sweet, Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, Mrs. A. H. Raphking, and Mrs. O. D. Nelson.

Ministers of the participating charges were: C. W. Kirby, district superintendent; Wilson O. Weldon, J. H. Carper, W. T. Medlin, R. M. Hardee, R. J. Barnwell, W. A. Rock, S. W. Johnson, C. B. Ross, J. D. Murray, R. L. Bass, B. W. Lefler, G. F. Houck, C. E. Williams, Phil Shore, Jr., C. L. Grant, C. C. Washam, R. W. Blanchard, C. J. Huneycutt, W. B. A. Culp, T. G. Highfill, C. L. Collins, C. D. White, H. R. Cornelius.

MINISTERS AND TEACHERS SHELBY AREA

A real advance is being made in the Shelby school this week. For the first time on record a five teacher school is being held and the ministers are unanimous in support of the project. The five teachers include Dr. G. T. Rowe, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Miss Mary Ellen Harrell, Miss Kate Crowell and Mrs. A. H. Raphking.

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Both the city churches and the rural churches are participating wholeheartedly in this enterprise.

Participating pastors are: C. W. Kirby, district superintendent; J. G. Huggin, Jr., Z. G. Norton, M. C. Reese, A. C. Kennedy, Jr., I. M. Brendle, W. H. Yokeley, J. R. Petree, R. W. Blanchard, M. C. Ellerbee, Donald Fisher, G. H. Barber.

LEXINGTON AREA SCHOOL

The Lexington School has grown steadily in recent years. For the first time four courses are being offered this year. Ministers and teachers from most of Davidson County attend this school. Courses and instructors are: The Children's Division of the Church, Mrs. W. R. Reed; Teaching Youth, Mrs. E. H. Saville; Teachings of Jesus for Young People, Dr. W. R. Locke; and Personal Christian Living, Dr. J. J. Rives.

Pastors of participating charges are: M. Teague Hipps, district superintendent; H. C. Wilkinson, J. D. Alber, P. A. Bruton, F. R. Barber, H. L. Waters, R. F. Swink, P. H. Duckwall, E. A. Lamb, J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr., K. M. Johnson.

CHILDHOOD IS OUR CHALLENGE

Do you know that one fourth of the total population is now under twelve years of age? The largest number of them is under five! Do you know that the enrollment of nursery children in the church school is decreasing, while the number of nursery children in our country is increasing? What are we going to do about this?

WHAT ABOUT THE NURSERY CHILD ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Are we really concerned about his welfare? Should we permit twelve year old girls to keep him while his parents sit in the sanctuary? Is the little child to be considered? Let us plan to have mature persons to care for the little baby if we desire to offer such service to the parents of little children.

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A NURSERY HOME VISITOR?

This is an important person in any church. Each visitor can visit eight or ten babies. Secure the leaflet number 101-B for each visit. Ask the visitor to study this leaflet. It may be secured from, The Service Department, General Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

BASIC MATERIALS FOR NURSERY HOME VISITOR

At Work With Nursery Children, 109-BC—25 cents
The Christian Home Magazine—\$2.00 per year
My Church Book—Skinner—30 cents
Nursery Letter—4 cents each
The Two-Year Old at Home—Haxton, 25 cents
Record Book for the Nursery Home Visitor ACMR-22, 8 cents each
Nursery Department Enrollment Certificate AC-N1, 5 cents each

Order from The Methodist Publishing House, Richmond, Virginia

MECKLENBURG SUBDISTRICT MEETING

"Africa" was the topic for the January meeting of the Mecklenburg Subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship that was held at Big Spring Church, January 26. The film "David Livingstone" was enjoyed by a large number of youth and counselors. The work of the Methodist Youth Fund in Africa was presented by the conference director of youth work, Miss Marion Craig.

Recreation and the business session were held in the spacious fellowship hall of the church. Frank Kiker, president, presided over the business; the secretary, Betty Cunningham and vice-president, Sarah Leak, assisted. Lee Eagle, district director of youth work, presented several items of general interest. The group enjoyed games led by Pat Wayne, co-chairman of the recreation commission, and fellowship singing led by Miss Barbara Kirk, director of Christian education at Dilworth Methodist Church.

Miss Mary Ellen Harrell, director at First Methodist Church, is capably serving as counselor of the subdistrict. Congratulations to the Mecklenburg County Subdistrict for a well balanced program and enthusiastic participation.

FORSYTH SUBDISTRICT MEETING

Miss Patricia Rothrock, recently appointed as district director of youth work in the Winston-Salem District, was introduced to members of the Forsyth Subdistrict at their January meeting held at Mount Tabor church, January 19. Pat presented goals of the district to the entire group. She also met with the council immediately preceding the meeting. Bill Waddell, president, was gracious in his recognition of guests at this meeting.

The program on mission work was led by Arlene Morris, chairman of the commission on Missions and World Friendship. Rev. J. C. Auman, associate pastor at Centenary, was guest speaker. Following the program a recreational period was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jackson of Winston-Salem serve as counselors for the Forsyth Subdistrict.

FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOL

On Thursday night, January 19, the ministers and superintendents of Forsyth County met for a fellowship meal and a promotional meeting for the training school scheduled for February 16-20 at Centenary church. Dr. C. E. Rozzelle presided and several people spoke briefly in the interest of Christian education. Mr. T. B. Dixon is chairman of the board of managers and Mr. B. L. Watkins is treasurer. Miss Ethel Martin is director of publicity. All indications are that the school will have its usual fine attendance record.

CHARLOTTE AREA SCHOOL

Ministers, church school superintendents and other interested persons met at Dilworth church on Tuesday evening, February 2, to make final promotional plans for the training school scheduled for February 22-27. Representatives were present from every charge in the district. Following announcements by chairmen of the various committees, the meeting was climaxed by a brief but most appropriate message on Christian education by Frank B. Jordan, district superintendent. Committee chairmen are as follows: H. I. McDougle, finance; Charles P. Bowles, curriculum; Lee F. Tuttle, publicity; C. C. Herbert, Jr., worship; and R. Warner Jones, enrollment.

Annual Meeting Set; Jurisdictional Delegates Named; Spring Dates Listed

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The theme for the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, to be held in Rocky Mount March 23-26, is "Hope of All the Earth Thou Art."

On Monday, March 23, starting at 10:30 a.m. there will be a retreat for the enlarged executive board. Mrs. Louise Eggleston, secretary of spiritual life of the Virginia Conference, will lead the meditation.

The executive board will meet for a business session at nine a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Members of this board are conference officers, secretaries of the various lines of work, district presidents and promotion secretaries, sub-district leaders, chairmen of standing committees and deaconesses.

The opening session for the conference will be at eleven a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Mrs. T. S. Newbold will conduct the memorial service at noon. After lunch, beginning at two o'clock the planning groups will meet. At 3:30 p.m. the communion service will be held in the sanctuary of First church at which time a sacrificial offering will be laid on the altar by the delegates. That night Miss Lillian Johnson of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be introduced by Miss Elsie Parker.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. B. B. Slaughter will bring the opening meditation at nine o'clock. The president's annual message will be given at this time. Other reports will be given by Mrs. J. A. Warren, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. E. G. Cothran, secretary of Status of Women; Mrs. R. L. Jerome, secretary of Youth; and Mrs. C. M. Allen, secretary of Student Work. The noon time message will be brought by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, pastor of the host church.

The afternoon session on Wednesday will be given over to promotion and program building. At 3:45 o'clock Mrs. H. A. Davis will give the treasurer's report and conduct the pledge service.

Wednesday night missionary personnel will be the theme. Addresses will be given by Miss Sara Bennett and Miss Lucile Colony. Miss Marjorie Dumpke, newly commissioned deaconess, will discuss her new work at Jacksonville.

Thursday morning beginning at nine o'clock Mrs. Slaughter again will bring the meditation. The awarding of the Lillie Moore Everett Study Jewel will be made by Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of Missionary Education. Other reports to be given at this time will be by the vice-president, Mrs. H. L. McLeod; and the editor of the woman's page in the Advocate, Mrs. A. H. Borland.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE

The registration fee for the conference to be held in Rocky Mount is \$7.00. This will cover five meals to be served to the delegates. This fee, with the delegate's name from the local church, must be sent before March 14 to Mrs. L. B. Aycock, 19 South Harris St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Delegates from the North Carolina conference to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Annual Conference meeting in St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi February 24-26, are: Mrs. H. L. McLeod, Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Mrs. H. A. Davis, Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Mrs. Pierce Johnson and Miss Elsie Parker. Alternates to this conference are: Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Mrs. S. S. Holt, and Mrs. Norman C. Wood.

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Mrs. H. I. Glass, the conference president, will also attend.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27 and 28, the executive board of the conference met in Burwell Cottage, Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh. At 2:30 p.m. Mrs. W. C. Chadwick opened the meeting with a devotional on "Renewing." Rev. Forrest D. Hedden welcomed the women to the orphanage and introduced Mrs. Hedden. Mrs. H. I. Glass, presiding over the business session, gave a report of the meeting of the woman's division, Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Her most urgent appeal from this meeting was for full-time Christian workers.

Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, promotion secretary, announced that Mrs. Edens and Mrs. Glass would speak at all the spring district meetings. The dates are as follows: May 2, Wilmington will meet in Franklin School; May 5, Raleigh; May 8, Fayetteville will meet in Sanford in Steele St. church; May 12, Durham at Long Memorial in Roxboro; May 13, New Bern at Kinston; May 14, Elizabeth City at Bethel church near Washington; and May 15, Rocky Mount.

The total membership of the Woman's Society as of the end of the second quarter is 27,861 and the Guild 2,321, making a total membership of 30,182, divided among 658 societies and 63 guilds. There are still 29 circuits unorganized and 57 churches.

BY-LAWS

At the conference in Rocky Mount in March the delegates will be asked to vote on a change in the by-laws. In order that at least thirty days notice may be given to the societies for a study of this change the following is to be read carefully.

By-laws of the North Carolina conference Woman's Society Article 4, section 6, reading "The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild secretary shall be elected at a meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Her election shall be confirmed by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and her term of office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society."

And Section 7. "District presidents and district secretaries of promotion shall be elected by the district at an annual meeting upon the recommendation of the district research committee. Their election shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and their term of office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society."

These two sections to be deleted from the by-laws and the following to be substituted and marked section 6.

SECTION 6. "District officers shall be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the district society for a term of two years. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the treasurer who may hold office not to exceed eight years."

This by-law is to be retroactive. This will be presented and discussed at the annual meeting in Rocky Mount. Vote on the subject will be taken.

WORK AT LAURINBURG

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, chairman of the industrial commission, made a motion at the executive committee meeting held recently in Raleigh that the work at East Laurinburg conducted by the conference woman's society be terminated by September 1. She explained that the officials of the mill had the work well in hand and had made future plans and so there was no need for the conference to continue its support. The societies are asked to discontinue any money or material help of any kind.

DR. NORMAN ELLIOTT

Dr. Norman Elliott brought the opening meditation on Wednesday morning to the executive committee in session at Burwell Cottage. He said "You are your own prayer and your own answer to your prayer." Another striking statement was "Go home and show them what has been done to you that they may see Me in you."

DAY APART IN WILSON

Mrs. J. C. Burwell, secretary of Spiritual Life, conducted a Day Apart in First church, Wilson, Thursday, January 15. About fifty women attended. At the noon hour a lunch of doughnuts and coffee was served and a sacrificial meal offering was taken amounting to more than \$60, to be used to feed the hungry over the world.

MRS. GLASS AT DUKE MEMORIAL, DURHAM

Mrs. H. I. Glass, Conference president, spoke at Duke Memorial church, Durham, Monday, February 2, on her recent visit to Buck Hill Falls for the meeting of the Woman's Division. Mrs. J. N. Highsmith, vice-president, introduced Mrs. Glass to the more than 100 members present. Mrs. Marshall T. Spears, president, presided over the business session following Mrs. Glass' address. Immediately following the business luncheon was served in the basement of the church.



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FAR SPENT

The day is far spent. The afternoon rays of sunlight seem to be percolating through the trees to the west of us. We have been very anxious throughout all day yesterday and so far all day today to get something formulated about our boys and girls that would be interesting to their friends. Our family is getting over the Christmas holidays and the examinations at the conclusion of the fall semester in such a way as to cause one to bring on one state of mind and the other another state of mind. Too many of our youngsters ate too much candy or something, thereby causing too many red "F's."

SICK YOUNGSTERS

A trip to our infirmary last night revealed that 39 of our smaller boys and girls had come to the infirmary for sick benefits. The flu situation is making some right effective inroads on our youngsters. It appears that while no child is seriously ill, he or she is stretched out on clean beds for having the doctor come along and give them the news.

OUR VARSITY BASKETBALL

We have about gotten used to the returns from our varsity basketball scores. The girls have won all their games, with one exception. The boys have lost all their games with one exception. About the only thing the boys can now do to the conference playing interest is to hope that eventually they will slip up on the unguarded side and register a victory.

JOY BELL RINGERS

We can't always determine when a congregation or a pastoral charge has forwarded to us their total Children's Home askings. Some of our friends have forwarded checks stating that they cover the total askings for our boys and girls when as a reality there has been an oversight and some portion has not been added to the total askings. We don't find

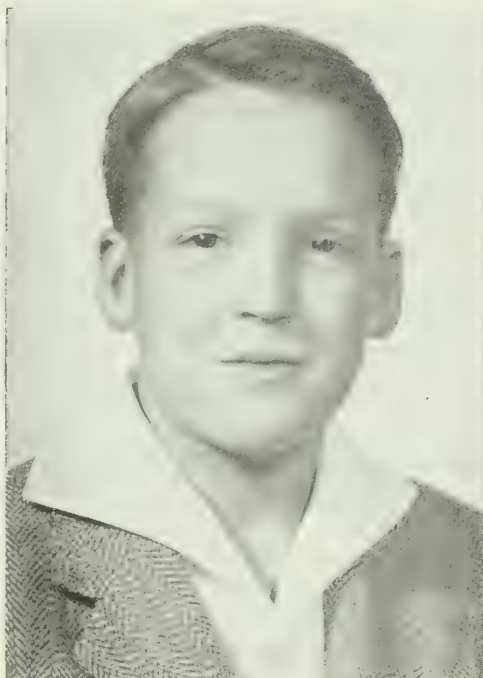
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any fun disagreeing with any of our friends. Whatever pleases them pleases us. The herewith listed three charges have established the fact that all of their Children's Home askings are included in the amount forwarded to us. Kindly note them with their pastor in charge:

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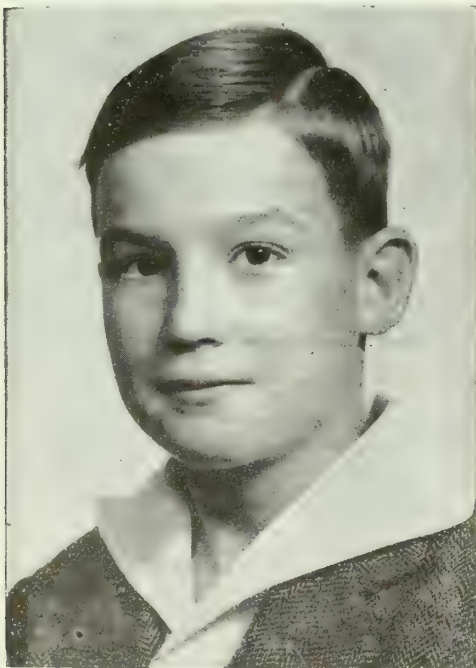


James McKnight

Harper's circuit (four congregations), R. A. Setzer
South Fork circuit (six congregations), C. W. Dennis

THREE OF A KIND

Sometime ago we ran the picture of one of the boys herewith presented. We made a mistake as to his sponsors. We are making another trial at accuracy. It so happens that the sponsors of these three boys, brothers, have forwarded their \$5 for securing two good 8x10 photographs and a glossy print. The photographs have been greatly enjoyed by the sponsors and the youngsters. We have carried along with the copper cut expense for presenting the picture on this printed page. The picture in the middle of the page is that of James McKnight, born August 24, 1939, and in the sixth grade. James is sponsored by the Young Men's Class of Carraway Memorial, Greensboro, Rev. G. E. White being the correspondent. The boy on the left, lower on the page, is that of Lawrence McKnight, born June 8, 1941, and in the fourth grade. Lawrence is sponsored by the Sunday school at Monticello, Statesville, Halbert F. Crowson being the correspondent. The other boy is David McKnight, born April 19, 1943, and



Lawrence McKnight

in the third grade. David is sponsored by the Goodman-Hill Bible Class at Liberty on the Gold Hill circuit, Mrs. H. E. Ribelin being the correspondent.

THANK-YOU NOTES

It is a bit interesting to note that through the years our youngsters have developed an inclination to express their gratitude for the current issuing of clothing or anything else that comes to them.

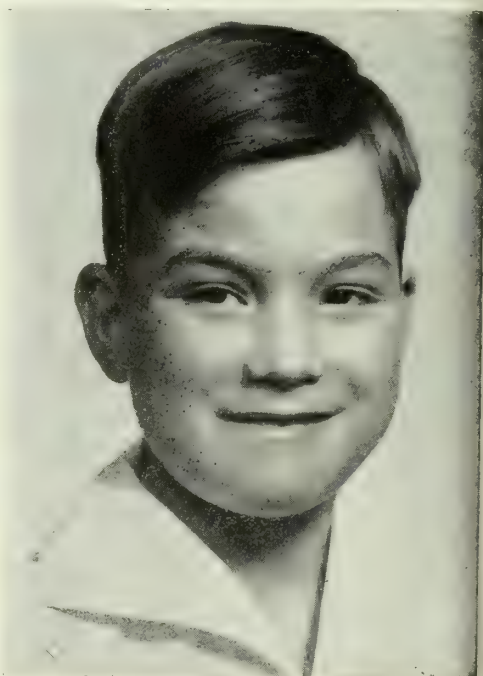
TWO "THANK-YOU'S"

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"Dear Mrs. Woosley: We want to tell you that we appreciate the skirts very much. They are the prettiest ones I have seen in a long time. We know you spent a lot of extra time and work on them and we give you many thanks for being so sweet. If any time we can help you put in some extra time at some extra work, we will be very glad to do so." The Infirmary Girls.

HARBINGERS OF SPRING

Our good friend, Dr. Joe S. Hiatt, has come along with the beginning of spring by forwarding to our boys 4,000 marbles. The boys are already enjoying this particular type of outdoor play to a good advantage. Dr. Joe takes over and is very much in the running of diagnosing our boys' interest. He says: "To the average American boy there are four seasons. First, baseball; second, tennis; third, football; fourth, basketball; and between basketball and baseball, marble-time. My old reliable robin, which is a harbinger of spring, has arrived. His voice is not resounding as usual—only a low chirp-twitter. It may be that he has made a mistake and reached Carolina too early, but I am sending down your way 4,000 marbles so that when the robins chirp a little louder the little boys and girls can enjoy the game."



David McKnight

How Do We Get Into the Kingdom?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Matthew 21:33-43

God had planted a spiritual vineyard in the land of Israel. Men like Abraham and Moses had followed the leading of his spirit, and received great revelations of his holiness and love. And after Israel was led out of Egypt into the promised land God raised up a succession of leaders and prophets to deliver them from oppression and show them the way of life. What a blessing was the elevation of David to be king over them!

And then followed a remarkable series of great prophets like Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, who held aloft torches of light and leading. And God raised up also prophetic historians to write books like Genesis, Exodus, and the books of Samuel and Kings, which with wonderful prophetic insight and artistic skill interpreted to the people the revelation that God had given them through the events of their history. But again and again Israel had failed to heed the inspired message of their prophets, and indeed they had often persecuted those who dared to preach to them the whole Word of God.

Finally the supreme revelation had been made to Israel through Jesus, the Son of God. But our Lord soon sensed the dread fact that in spite of his tact and winsomeness and his gracious and wonderful works of healing, the leaders of Israel would turn against him and secure his crucifixion as an abandoned criminal. What should be done with such a nation? said Jesus; a nation that even kills the Son of the Lord of the vineyard? And the only answer was that destruction would come upon them, and the vineyard would be let to others who would render tribute of its fruit. And how completely the prediction embodied in the parable was fulfilled! Jerusalem was destroyed, the country ravaged, and the people of Israel became refugees in the earth.

Our own land, to a unique degree, has been planted as a vineyard of the Lord. First came the Pilgrim Fathers whose "firm, impassioned tread" made a pathway for freedom. Then came men like Washington and the other Revolutionary heroes who had risked all to establish a government where the people had their full rights. Then, Thank God! heroic itinerants threaded the virgin forests and preached the gospel to the pioneers; and now our land is full of churches, and there are free schools for every one.

What fruit from this vineyard of vast privilege does God require of us? He requires the observance of the Golden Rule in business, a reign of righteousness in our domestic life, increased zeal in opposing the ravages of the liquor traffic, and such happy harmony among all classes of our people that men will come from far to learn the secret of a national life that exemplifies the kingdom of heaven on earth. And not only that, but God certainly requires of us zeal in taking the gospel to the dark places of the earth. The editors have made the question, How do we get into the kingdom? the subject of our lesson. The answer is very simple. By the grace of God we are to make the best possible use of our opportunities, both for our own improvement and for the service of our fellow men. The supreme opportunity, of course, is that of receiving Christ as Saviour and Lord. We are to realize that he requires no fixed

rite or ceremony. We are simply to turn away from that which we know to be wrong, and to receive by faith the free grace which he purchased for us on the cross, and then to overflow with gratitude expressed in kindly treatment of our fellow men. A nation doing that will surely have a joyful richness of life that will be a wonder in the earth.

YEARNING TO BE ACCEPTED

Deep in every heart is the yearning to be accepted, to be loved, and a feeling that one means something to somebody. But people do not express their appreciation very much. Most of them are like the nine whom Jesus healed. They just go on and forget you.

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In his very first political speech, Abraham Lincoln said to the voters of Sagamon County, "I have no other ambition so greatly as that of being truly esteemed by my fellowmen." Look into the hearts of most people and you will find their greatest desire is the same as was Lin-

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PLAYING THE GAME STRAIGHT By Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Sr.

Lemmie had been given a brand new checker board and men but, being only eight years old, he had never played a game. His Granny took it on herself to show him how to play, for she had once been pretty good at the game. "The most important rule about playing, Lemmie, is to be sure and play every game as straight as straight."

Lemmie was doing pretty well with the game for the length of time he had been playing when Ted came over and was invited to play with him. Ted was a bit older and had played a few games, but not very many. Granny showed him also, how to play and to keep the game as straight as straight.

When all went nicely for two or three games and the young players seemed to be pretty well matched, what with first one and then the other winning, Granny went back to her work.

It wasn't very long before she could hear angry voices and she saw that both boys' faces were about as worried looking as a business man's is at the end of a very hard day. "Oh, oh," said Granny to herself, "boys' faces should never look like that when they play, nor their voices sound that way either." She put down her work and moved over where she could closely watch the boys and the checker board too.

After a few moves Ted slipped one of his men into position. "Easily get into the Kingdom. Lemmie pretended not to see it, but he slipped his King into position to catch two of Ted's men, then Ted protested loudly, "You can't take my men that way; you slipped your king over; it was right there and you slipped it over; I know you did because I saw you. You can't take my men that way." His voice was sounding more and more angry and the wrinkles in his forehead (the frown) were terrible to see.

"Yeah, and you don't think I saw you when you slipped your man over so as to get into the Kingdom; I would have jumped him if you hadn't cheated and slipped him over. You did do it because I was looking right at you." Poor little Lemmie had thought the way to deal with a cheat was to try to out cheat him, and of course that wasn't right at all. And that's when Granny joined in the game again. "Look boys," she said, "you must both play every game fair and square; when you do you will have fun playing. You can laugh then over being smart when you catch each other's men. When you cheat you can't enjoy the game at all. For one thing, you worry all the time for fear of being caught cheating, or else you worry because you are sure the other one is cheating on you. You not only have to watch close to keep from losing your men but also to keep the other from taking them dishonestly. The way you play your games while you are young is the way you will play the game of life and of business when you are grown up. A wise old Proverb of the Bible says that, 'The eyes of the Lord are in every place, seeing the evil and the good.' Anything you win by dishonest methods is very displeasing to God. The way you may always know if you are playing fairly is by that little feeling deep down in your heart and by asking yourself, 'Now, would I want the

other fellow to treat me this way?' I'll help you start the rules of the game all over again and then you must play fair from now on or else not play at all."

Ted and Lemmie started again, with Granny watching very closely for some time. When she did go back to her work she could hear both boys laughing heartily every time one outsmarted the other and caught or hemmed his men. "Granny," they said after they had played until time to get their lessons, "checkers is real fun when we don't try to cheat on each other."

Granny said, "Yes, and life would be real fun to everybody if no one ever tried to cheat on another."

—Wesleyan Christian Advocate

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths,
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.

He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.
Life's but a means unto an end; that end
Beginning, mean, and end to all things—
God.
—Philip James Bailey.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

restrain our wrath? When one of those sullen, churlish moods settles down upon us, is it being true to ourselves to snap and snarl and is it insincere pretense to pull ourselves out of it by looking pleasanter than we feel? What is the real self to which we should be true?

To be true to one's self is not to surrender to the feeling of the moment but to be honest with the self which will feel proud or ashamed when the impulse of the moment has passed away. To be ourselves, we should be natural, yes, but naturalness does not mean mere rawness. The wild strawberry has a natural flavor, but so has the large red luscious berry which is the result of long cultivation. The girlish singer, we say, has a natural voice, but that naturalness is not necessarily lost by training. If the training is good, the full-throated richly mellowed tones of the opera singer still retain their naturalness. The rich natural grain of mahogany or walnut is not destroyed but rather brought out by proper dressing and varnish.

Let these facts be remembered by those who forget that good manners and polite refinements help to preserve the real integrity of personality. Lincoln talked about the "better angels of our natures." Let's give them a chance to be seen for the sake of those persons who have to live and work with us. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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J. C. Cornette

BOARD OF EVANGELISM URGES WEEK OF DEDICATION OBSERVANCE

The North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism, in session at Goldsboro February 5, urges every church in the Conference to observe the Week of Dedication and to make use of all materials prepared to aid in the observance. The offering is to be received on Sunday, February 22,

C. J. Andrews, secretary

THE GREEN THOUGHT

(Continued from page five)

leadeth me beside the still waters. Not waters that are turbulent.

One of our magazines devoted to the out-doors, prints these words on its front cover. "The Magazine that Brings the Outdoors In." A store selling sporting goods has this slogan: "Where the Trail Crosses Broadway." Christ brings peace within. He crosses the trail of our traffic lanes and the busy centers of our lives. In an office you will see a bookkeeper with a green shade over his eyes. He wants to shut out the garish light of the neon overhead. There is no artificial light in our religion. Where and when the Light of the World shines there are no headaches or heart-seizures.

God is everywhere but He is not everywhere apparent. He is in the country and He is in the city. He is in the Cathedral and He is in the kitchen. But it is hard to practice His presence among pots and pans as did Brother Lawrence in the monastery. The church does not create the Presence of God. But through its rituals it emphasizes His nearness. "Nearer is He than breathing, closer than hands and feet."

If you will hear the voice of your friend, enter the telephone booth and listen. If you will hear the voice of God step into the quiet place of prayer. Green waters and still waters are not a matter of geography. They are the status of our minds and the alertness of our souls. As Francis Thompson sings, "Turn but a stone and start a wing, His voice, did we but know it, beats at our clay-shattered doors."

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Our Readers Say . . .

WHAT DOES READER LINDSAY MEAN?

Dear Editor:

What does Reader Kathleen Lindsay (Our Readers Say, January 29) of Durham mean? If she means that our 'culture' or our version of Christianity ought not to be 'soiled', I doubt seriously that it can long exist in our world, and perhaps it ought not to.

Washington

Carl Newton

RETIRED TO BEST PLACE

Dear Editor:

I have, at the age of 84, retired from the teaching profession, and I have retired to the best place we know of—The Methodist Home. It offered my wife and me just what we needed. I came here with my wife on December 31, 1952. Life here is pleasant, everything is managed well, and I do not wonder that it is rated as the best of more than 200 homes for the aged in the United States. It is beautiful for situation, built to meet the needs of elderly people.

Your editorials are excellent; in fact the Advocate is one of the finest religious weeklies I know. You take a strong stand against the liquor and tobacco question. For that I honor you. Alcohol is public enemy No. 1, and tobacco is public enemy No. 2. Keep up the pressure against these two foes of decency and order. The Methodist Home Thomas C. Amick
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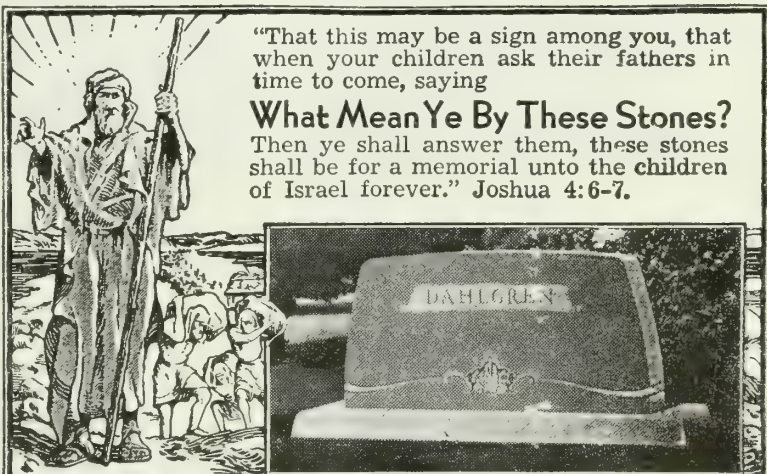
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On The Need Of New Episcopal Areas

(Editorial in the South Carolina Methodist Advocate)

Word comes from Western North Carolina that there is a growing feeling that all North Carolina should be one episcopal area with both the Western and the North Carolina Conferences having the same bishop.

In this connection, the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** writes: "There is a growing conviction that Methodism in North Carolina is being placed at a disadvantage because our two Conferences are in different episcopal areas. The time is approaching, some feel, for a restudy of the present episcopal arrangement which places the North Carolina Conference with the Virginia Conference to form the Richmond Area and the Western North Carolina Conference with the South Carolina Conference to form the Charlotte Area."

The editorial is careful not to trample upon any personal feelings of people or of an individual conference. "Now, let it be understood at once that there is nothing personal against any of our Methodist brethren in Virginia or South Carolina. Relations with these two outstanding Conferences have been exceedingly harmonious and extremely satisfactory. Moreover, let it be understood that there is no personal feeling on the part of anyone who questions the present arrangement against any episcopal leadership in either of these areas. The Richmond and Charlotte Areas have been unusually fortunate in the quality of their episcopal leadership. Nowhere in Methodism could we find two men who could give us better leadership than Bishops Garber and Harrell are now giving their areas. If we sense the sentiment correctly, both Conferences will want to keep their present bishops for years to come . . ."

All this is quoted so that one or two comments might be made from the point of view of South Carolina.

The **Advocate** agrees that there should be a restudy of the episcopal areas for North and South Carolina. Many of our ministers and laymen join in approval of a bishop for the whole state of North Carolina, and another bishop for the state of South Carolina.

It simply is not possible to get around facts of geography. Our bishop lives in North Carolina, and this is the Charlotte Area. We would, the **Advocate** believes, be better off with a resident bishop in Columbia.

A strong argument can be made for a Columbia Episcopal Area on the basis of Methodist membership in the state. Why should Florida with a membership of 152,172 (which includes the Cuba Conference with its 6,064 members) have a resident bishop, and South Carolina, with its 176,408 members, be forced to tag along with the Western North Carolina Conference in the Charlotte Area? Mississippi has its own bishop with a membership of only 10,000 more than South Carolina.

Over against this is the fact other conferences have even larger total memberships than South Carolina. The Western Conference has nearly 200,000* members, and the Virginia Conference has 235,000. Here the argument for a resident bishop based on membership seems to break down.

*actually 240,393

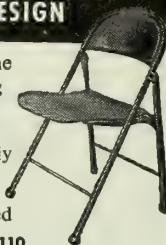
The answer that would balance both geographical and membership claims is more bishops and more episcopal areas. Just how many more bishops we need would have to be determined by a survey of the Southeastern Jurisdiction which would combine a factual analysis with an opinion poll of the various conference officials.

There is a spiritual and theological need back of this argument too. It can be only hinted at here, for it involves a revamping of the function of the episcopacy in the church. Methodism has made out of its bishops, to a large degree, merely administrative superintendents. The Episcopalians are closer to the theological meaning of a bishop when they call them "fathers in God." Bishops have a spiritual function, as well as administrative. If ever they are to return to their original purpose, it follows that Methodism must have more bishops. Many will doubtless disagree with this analysis. But it is close to the core of what ails Methodism now. **Life** magazine once called the Methodist Church "the Methodist activist church"

and not without some truth. As a church, we have been guilty of overloading our bishops with administrative responsibilities, and have come close to forgetting a bishop's spiritual and theological function.

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TRUE WISDOM

(For the evangelistic campaign)

*"He that winneth souls is wise,"
With wisdom coming from above;
Immortal lives, earth's greatest prize,
He leads to God's great realm of love;
He changes darkness into light,
And makes the world a better place;
A deathless history helps to write,
And shows the wonders of God's grace!*

*The greatest deed that one can do,
Of all that earthly days afford—
To give another Heaven's view,
To introduce him to the Lord!
Shall we live many earthly years,
Accomplish good, and win much praise;
But shun life's greatest task, for fears,
Then meet Christ's disappointed gaze?*

*They're wandering out there in the dark,
The perishing souls for whom He died;
Which way they'll go when they embark,
He pleads you'll help them to decide!
Will you forever miss them where
True life goes on, no storm-clouds frown;
Or in that Land, so sweet and fair,
Shall they be stars within your crown?*

—JOHN CLINE.

A Thought for the Week

FIRST GIVE SELF TO GOD

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord . . . II Corinthians 8:5.

St. Paul, in his second epistle to the Corinthians, expressed gratitude to the Christians of Macedonia for their unbounding liberality. In spite of their own trials and bitter poverty they had received a collection for Paul to use among the poor saints at Jerusalem. Praising them for this gift which he had not really expected, the great apostle gives the secret of their generosity: ". . . but first gave their own selves to the Lord . . ." Their gifts were liberal because they had first given themselves to God.

Very frequently we hear it said that a person has given everything to Christ except his pocketbook. He is willing to give liberally of his time. He serves faithfully. But when it comes to giving of his substance, he is not so generous. He is dedicated except at the point of his material possessions. Well, perhaps so. But we wonder. It is true, of course, that a person will need some guidance in the use of his material possessions after he becomes a Christian. Many give little because they haven't been challenged or inspired to be liberal. They haven't been led to see the need.

But really the giving of substance is the natural fruit of giving self to God. When the whole self is turned over to Christ, it follows naturally that all of life—our talents, our time, our treasure—are dedicated. Giving of money is an inevitable expression of the giving of self. If a man is not giving his money in the right proportion it will be well to look deeper. It may be that he hasn't fully committed self to God, for dedication is only complete when it offers not only what we are but what we control.

When Zacchaeus really offered his life to Christ, he offered all. "Behold, Lord," he said, "the half of my goods, I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold."

Our gifts to the church are small because our dedication is incomplete. We withhold our material treasure from God because we have first withheld ourselves. Give self fully, and our gifts will follow in proportion. Our gifts to the church will be adequate only when we first give ourselves to the Lord.

O Christ, we know that we have not fully offered thee ourselves. We have made a commitment with reservations. We have offered thee a part of self. This, we know, accounts for the barrenness of our lives. May we give all of self so that from the giving of self there may flow our substance—our all. Amen.

THANKFUL WORDS

By Marjorie Allen Anderson

Sometimes the prayers I try to pray
Don't sound like what I want to say;
The words are in my heart all right,
Deep down there hidden out of sight.
But God knows what I'd like to say,
And understands me anyway;
When He sees thankful words are there,
I'm sure God straightens out my prayer.

—The Christian Advocate

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

REAPING WHAT WE SOW

When I was a boy, the Sunday School lessons always had a Golden Text, which we were supposed to commit to memory. One of these has remained with me. It is so familiar that when I start it, most of you can finish it. Read: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked,"—you know the rest—"for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Now let us ask: When you first read these words, does the statement strike you as a threat or a promise? Perhaps this question serves as a test of the state of our own conscience. And maybe it was evidence of my own guilty conscience, but I have to confess that the words usually struck me as a warning of judgment, reminding me that I can't fool God, that if I sow in sin I shall reap in judgment.

We take this principle of sowing and reaping as an old and accepted theme; but do we stop to think what it meant to man when he first discovered it? Try to think back to the time when man first found out that he could drop a seed into the ground and produce a plant. Not too long ago a national magazine pointed out that human history could be divided into four levels of energy-use. Man first gained energy by gathering edible wild plants and by catching edible wild animals. This method, used until about 5000 B.C., yielded poor returns. Man never developed a high culture on what Nature put directly into his hands.

The first break-through came with the domestication of plants and animals. When man learned to raise crops and breed stock, he began to develop settled societies. Civilization took a great spurt forward.

Then came another break-through to a third level of energy-use in the early 1700's when western Europeans began to use fossil fuels, such as coal and, later, oil and natural gas. This led to steam engines, and a mighty multiplication of power.

And now level four in energy production has been evolved by the discovery of atomic fission which, if brought under divine control, can work immeasurable wonders.

Yes, in the material realm, when man discovered the principle of sowing and reaping, it made for a great new use of energy, it meant that man became an intelligent co-worker with God. Man puts the seed in the soil, and then God brings to bear on it the mighty forces of nature, the sun's rays, the air's breath, the earth's fructifying power.

And this principle of sowing and reaping is just as potent in the mind and spirit of man as in the realm of animals and plants. Life is not a mere collecting of experiences that grow wild in human nature; it is a cultivation of experience by cooperation with the Divine Creator. God gives the seeds. We sow them. God grows them. He and we reap them. Thus, every day we are reaping the fruit of past thoughts and actions and sowing for a future harvest.

Let's remember that we are sowing every waking moment, that we are sowing in every life we meet, and that we are sowing in immortal souls. This business of living is a great and serious thing, isn't it?

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth." And Thy name is also excellently written across the skies, for, in the words of the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

Thy name, O God, has always been hallowed and revered by Thy true followers. Great souls have found it easy to obey the commandment not to use the name of God in vain.

We are grateful for that high description of Thy name as we find these words of prophecy: "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father."

We know that Thy supreme call to us is: "Let my name be written across your faces."

If we do that, then people we meet can gladly say: "In the hearts of these, God must surely dwell, for we see His holy light in their countenances." Let it be, Lord, let it be. Amen.

THE CHRIST OF TODAY

By Thomas Curtis Clark

Not only on Judean hills,

Where he in distant ages trod,
Are seen the footprints of the Christ,
The gentle Messenger of God:

For in our midst he walks today,

In busy marts, in quiet ways,
And speaks to every soul that hears

And fills each waiting heart with praise.

Not only by blue Galilee

Did he the leper cleanse, the dead

Raise unto life, and on all hearts

That mourned his matchless glory shed;

Today he speaks, in homes of men,

To heal each spirit sick with sin,

And at the door of every life

He stands and seeks to enter in.

—Presbyterian Banner

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

President Begins With a Religious Emphasis

Churchmen of various political beliefs have been doubtlessly encouraged by President Eisenhower's emphasis upon religious faith. In the short time he has been in office he has demonstrated that he is not ashamed of his faith in God. He began his inaugural address with prayer. A non-church member before coming into office, he has professed faith and united with the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to attend church regularly. He met recently with a breakfast prayer group in the nation's Capitol and participated in the service. He seldom makes extended remarks without reminding his audience of the importance of applying moral and spiritual principles in solving the problems that confront the nation and the world. In many respects, he is setting a good example for the entire country.

Church people will want to remember the President in their prayers as he faces the long pull ahead. Our nation is at the crossroads. All of us have a tremendous stake in the ideological struggle going on in the world today. More is at stake than the success or failure of a political party. We shall, of course, continue to have our political differences. But in matters that affect the destiny of our nation we must be willing to close ranks. We shall want to encourage with our prayers and affection all who are dedicated to preserve our Christian ideals. We shall pray that sound Christian faith may motivate not only those who lead, but also those who follow; for as much as it helps to have religious faith at the top, the final test in a democracy must come at the grassroots. Do we have the courage to proclaim and live by Christian faith our President believes to be so fundamental?

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Remember Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces

A woman whose husband is on the Korean battlefield recently asked us to remind our pastors and congregations through the church paper to remember our men and women who are in the armed forces. Since we talked with her we have been thinking about her request. We recalled World War II. It was no trouble then to lift up to God and to write occasionally those who were in uniform. In nearly every service of the church those on the battlefields were remembered in a special way.

But today we don't do much about it.

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Have we become weary of war, of being reminded of war and battlefields? What about those out there in the frozen wastes of Korea? Don't you suppose they have grown weary of war, too? But they never stop. They carry on courageously, doggedly in spite of their personal feelings.

Or have we lost sight of the immensity and the destructiveness of the present conflict? We call the present conflict "police action" or the "Korean incident." But do you not think it is just as real to those who are on the firing lines as war can be? After all, about 3,600,000 men and women of this country are in uniform. For them, this present conflict is about as grim and bitter and real as war has ever been for any soldier. Death dealt by a Communist bullet is just as final as death dealt by a Nazi bullet.

Or are we taking war for granted? Are we just becoming accustomed to living in a world permanently at war?

Well, whatever the reason, the woman was right in reminding the church that it needs now—just as much as it needed to in World War II—to remember our men and women in uniform. We need to remember them in our prayers, by writing to them, and most of all, by putting into daily practice those principles for which some of them are giving their lives.

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Attitudes Various Communions Take Toward Alcohol

The United Presbyterian, in a recent issue, lists the attitude of various denominations toward strong drink. Requiring abstinence of its members are: Church of the Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Salvation Army, the Moravian Church, Evangelical United Brethren and Southern Baptist. Urging abstinence of its members are: Presbyterian USA, Evangelical and Reformed, American Baptist Convention, Friends, United Church of Canada, Mormon, Seventh Day Adventist and Methodist. Communions advocating moderation in the use of intoxicating beverages include Roman Catholic, Congregational-Christian, Protestant Episcopal and Jewish bodies.

Sometimes we may feel that denominational pronouncements are ineffective, futile. Perhaps so. But we are reminded that the battle against alcoholic beverages is being carried on virtually by the people whose church as a denomination has taken a vigorous stand against strong drink. Obviously, if the battle is to be won, it will be won by these de-

nominations that take a vigorous stand against this ancient evil and not by those who temporize or compromise. Even the liquor industry advocates moderation. Can a Christian church go no further?

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What a Religious Revival Might Do for America

Dr. W. E. Sangster, outstanding British Methodist preacher, recently delivered a sermon which has attracted widespread attention. Entitled "What a Religious Revival Might Do for Britain," Dr. Sangster listed ten things a revival would do for that beleaguered nation, as follows:

1. It would pay old debts.
2. It would reduce sexual immorality.
3. It would disinfect the theatre.
4. It would cut the divorce rate.
5. It would reduce juvenile crime.
6. It would lessen the prison population.
7. It would improve the quality and increase the output of work.
8. It would restore to the nation a sense of high destiny.
9. It would make us invincible in the war of ideas.
10. It would give happiness and peace to the people.

Dr. Sangster's message is as appropriate for America as it is for Britain. With a common ideological and cultural heritage, our nation and Britain are perhaps more alike than any two large independent nations in the world. The problems of both countries are fundamentally the same. These problems are moral and spiritual. There can be no permanent economic, political and social stability until the heart of each nation is made right. The chief need of these two nations is a revival of Christian faith and Christian principles in every area of life. Leading the nation to prayer and repentance and revival is preeminently a task for the church. Can Methodism, which once saved England from spiritual disaster, do it again? Can Methodism, which once sowed scriptural holiness all over this land, repeat? Perhaps not alone, but with the cooperation and partnership of other denominations that are awaking to their evangelistic responsibility it can be done. The task is not as simple and easy as it was in the nineteenth century. But men's spiritual needs are basically the same. Therein lies our hope—and our bewilderment. Are we—the Methodists of today—as well prepared morally, spiritually and intellectually to cope with the spiritual problems of our generation as were the early Methodists? Well, the United Evangelistic Mission may give us the partial answer.

An All-Out Call For Goodness

One of the mightiest forces in building righteousness into a nation is the Christian home. A noted president of a large university declared not long ago: "The greatest lessons I ever learned I have not learned from our public school system or our universities, but rather from my home."

It is in the home that all of us get our start in life. There we receive our first training. As babies, our lives are guided and developed by regulations. Every hour of a baby's life is planned for him. He is placed on a strict schedule in order that just the right thing may be done for him at just the right time. Then, too, in the home the child develops his disposition and character by imitation. He tries to follow the examples of his parents. Mothers and fathers cannot be too careful about the kind of examples they set for their child. A parent whose example is bad for his child is dangerous. Recently, I read of two young women who were serving as baby sitters. One of them suggested to the other that she go with her on a certain night to a social affair. The other young woman said she did not think she could go. Whereupon the young woman who invited her said: "Why don't you leave the child with his mother for this one evening?" And the other replied in amazement and with a note of evident distress: "Oh, no, I would never think of leaving that child with his mother."

Influence of Praying Parents

An only son went off to college several years ago. His mother and father had done everything they knew in their efforts to furnish him with superior Christian training. The boy had the greatest respect and love for his parents. The father and mother accompanied their son to the train. The three of them stood talking while they waited for the train at the railway station. The father said to his boy: "Son, we are sure that you will make good in all your college studies and in everything about your college life. But we are so anxious that you do nothing less than your best and be nothing less than your best always that your mother and I will be making a special prayer for you each night at nine." Of course, the boy assured his parents that he could not forget their prayers for him each night at nine o'clock. He bade them goodbye and boarded the train. After he had been in college for some days, one night he was persuaded by two of his college mates to go with them on a visit to a disreputable section of the town. As they made their way down the street they passed directly by the big town clock. Just as they came near the clock, it began to strike, one, two, three, four, five. The young fellow stopped and counted the strokes of the clock. The clock struck nine times. Suddenly he turned around and announced to his two companions that he was going back to the college. He told them of the agreement he had with his parents before he left home, and he said: "I must go back." When the other two heard what he had to say they said to him: "We're going back with you." The influence of understanding Christian parents can become a genuine inspiration to their son or daughter.

Jesus in the Home

If righteousness is to be woven into the very texture of the life of our nation the homes of this country must begin to put

By Eugene C. Few



Jesus, his ideals and teachings, at the center of everything. It is related that the famous Southern editor, Henry W. Grady, was much disturbed by the immoral conditions that prevailed in his day. He longed for a sweeping moral and spiritual revival. He wrote frequently about it in his paper, the **Atlanta Constitution**. Everywhere he went he was pleading for Christian decency. Once in his travels he spent the night in an humble little log cabin. In this cabin there lived a Christian mother and father and several children. After a plain but wholesome supper, the father took up the family Bible and read reverently from it. Then he motioned all the family to kneel for prayer. He commended each member of his family unto God. He included their guest, Mr. Grady. When they arose from the prayer, Mr. Grady said to himself: "Here, in God-fearing,

The home and the church must work together to build a righteous nation.

humble homes like this, is the best hope for America's future." These words of Henry Grady's are as true and applicable today as when he uttered them. The righteousness of our nation will never rise any higher than the level of righteousness in our homes. If our country is to become increasingly righteous, our homes must lay such emphasis upon the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the example and teachings of Jesus, the systematic and faithful study of the Bible, and the consistent practice of prayer.

Live Religion Daily

In contributing to the righteous character of our nation everyone who professes to be a Christian is called to prove his true religion daily. One who lived long ago said: "It isn't square acres, but square men that make a nation great." Men of strong Christian character will put righteousness into our nation. Men and women who keep themselves spiritually fit will give spiritual quality and tone to our great American Republic. Brutus Hamilton, director of athletics at the University of Southern California says: "We must eliminate the ugly and the unbeautiful in ourselves. That is the big war, and character is still our best national weapon." In eliminating the ugly and the unbeautiful in ourselves and in developing forceful Christian characters, as individuals we must establish our lives upon clean habits of body, mind, and morals. Those whose habits are pitched upon a lofty plane are able to respect themselves. But those who permit their base selfishness so to run rough shod over them as to make them the helpless victims of unworthy habits, surely cannot regard themselves with much esteem.

No doubt most of the church people of the United States would testify that they desire to see a spiritual awakening in our land. Surely the majority of us in the church would say that we yearn for much better conditions than we now have. But how earnestly and unselfishly are the church people of this nation working and striving to broaden and deepen the righteousness of our beloved country?

The Menace of Strong Drink

In the January 14 issue of the **Christian Century** is a disturbing editorial entitled "Drinking Has Become a National Menace." The editorial says: "Figures released by the Methodist Board of Temperance lay bare an alarming increase in the nation's consumption of liquor. The financial government figures show that in 1919 Americans over the age of 14 drank an average of 26.5 gallons of intoxicant apiece. This worked out to a consumption of four pints a week, or more than nine fluid ounces a day. Preliminary figures now available show that the 1952 average climbed above ten fluid ounces a day. That's a lot of liquor, and the figures do not show how bad the situation actually is, for they include non-drinkers in reaching average consumption. If it is true that 40 per cent of all Americans over 14 do not drink at all—that's the figure usually given—the remaining 60 per cent must be stowing away more than a pint of liquor every day. One need not be a bluebird to become exercised at such a disclosure. Nothing less than the future of the nation is threatened. And if it is said that the increase in liquor consumption simply reflects the increasing tension of our times then the reality of the threat should be the clearer. Alcohol is no prescription cure for a bad case of nerves—personal or national. Ministers in evangelical churches have been soft-pedaling on the liquor question for some years. In part this is caused by a feeling that their logical position should be to support a return to national prohibition, and they know they haven't a chance at present. In part, also, it stems from a knowledge that many of their congregations, especially in city centers, today indulge in "social drinking" to an extent which would have been unthinkable for Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and similar church groups a generation ago. It is very rare, therefore, to hear a sermon on the temperance issue. Has not the time come to end this silence? Never mind about prohibition for the time being. It is time for a great effort to promote personal total abstinence. What the nation needs in its citizens these days is clear minds and steady nerves. Few who are putting away a pint of liquor a day can have either. Teetotaler, therefore, becomes another word for patriot."

Teach Children the Evils of Alcohol

If we are to give to our country citizens with clear minds, steady nerves and strong Christian character, we must begin early with our children in teaching them the deadly dangers of alcoholic drinks. In the homes, the schools and the churches this teaching must be carried on. The latest and most scientific books and methods need to be used in this instruction. This teaching is no easy undertaking. Many obstacles are being thrown in the pathway. High pressure, glowing and misleading publicity, are running rampant these days. With some young people there will probably counteract all the teaching they get as to the poisonous nature of strong drink. Then there are grown up some of them parents, who serve as stumbling blocks to children. It is extremely difficult to overcome the far-reaching effect of drinking parents on their children no matter how efficiently the program of instruction. Being a stumbling block to the moral and spiritual progress of a

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One Great Dedication Needed-Our Money

By Horace R. McSwain

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One area of our lives has not yet been dedicated to Christ. As Christians, the area of our lives which touches our material possessions has not yet been dedicated to Christ and His Church. Consider, for example, the fact that the number of church members in America is about equal to the number of people who drink alcoholic beverages, though we hope they are not the same people. Yet those who love their alcoholic beverages invest NINE BILLION DOLLARS a year in their love, and those who love Christ and His Church invest TWO BILLION DOLLARS in their love! Does this suggest how weak is the hold Christ has on our material treasures?

Have we really begun to dedicate this area of our living to Christ? If we had, we would be giving as our tithe from TWELVE TO FIFTEEN BILLION DOLLARS a year rather than two billion! And a great number of us would in no wise be content to give only a tithe of our income. The church would no longer be on the defensive when it approaches its people with its great programs of worldwide missions, church extension, evangelism, Christian education, hospitals and homes, and colleges. Rather it would have the money and a program to encircle the earth with a great upsurge of love for God in Christ. We could no longer look back and say that in 1900 Methodists in North Carolina were giving proportionately 700% more to missions (and many other causes) than they are now giving. When the World Service Commission of The Methodist Church is asked by the participating agencies for \$18,000,000 a year as the amount necessary to carry out their programs, as it did in San Francisco last year, the Commission would not then apologetically cut this amount in half to \$9,600,000 as it had to do.

Dedication Translated into needs

If we as Christians had been dedicated in this area of our life, the headhunters of Borneo would not have had to beg for 15 years to get The Methodist Church to send them a missionary. The innumerable opportunities for Christian missionaries and trained native Christian workers and preachers in a nation like Japan, whose "god," the emperor recently "abdicated," would not go begging in these critical times in the conflict between Christianity and communism. The 700,000 villages in India would have innumerable more missionaries and native preachers and Christian workers provided and adequate funds for this ministry. The ministers would not have to serve up to 40 or 50 villages with more villages begging for their ministry, with no hope of receiving it. Our country, the largest free nation in the world, would have adequate missionary and native Christian personnel to give guidance to help it find strength and power for democracy through Christianity, when the great of communism is so real. The Korean Christian Church, in the tragedy, chaos, destruction, hunger, malnutrition and disease of war, and all the devastation that it knows, could call upon the resources of the great churches in America and know the love of God that the Christian has for another, and, above all, the loving ministry of a compassionate physician through all the hands and hearts of His children.

Africa, a great continent with vast material wealth and richness in human resources, has a mixture of nationalism, communism, interracial strife, materialism, secularism, and the Christian faith warring within it. Some say that 25 years,

others 10 to 15 years, is all the time Christian forces have to win the battle there for Christ and His Church! In addition to Africa, the many other areas of Asia, Europe, Free China, the islands of the Pacific and South America call for Christ and his healing ministry. With the financial strength that would come from real stewardship, these crying needs could be met!

A Tug at our Purse Strings

THE WEEK OF DEDICATION should tug at our heartstrings and purse strings with real meaning this year. Many in our Conference have heard Dr. George W. Harley, the "Good Witch of Ganta," a North Carolinian, the son of a Methodist minister who served in our Conference. He has told the thrilling and triumphant way in which Christ has worked through him in the "Jungle Mission of The Methodist Church" in Ganta, Liberia, Africa. This year he is to receive \$50,000 of the Week of Dedication Offering to build a hospital at Ganta Mission where he is already treating over 1,000 people a week in an outpatient clinic. Surely our people will want to be a part of this great work through their gifts!

The second project which should have a special appeal for our people, our hearts, and pocketbooks in the Week of Dedication Offering is the Savannah River Project right at our doorstep, in Aiken, S. C. The hydrogen bomb plant is being built, bringing "thousands of workers, billions of dollars, overcrowded schools, trailer camps, and inadequate churches." This comes under the jurisdiction of our own Bishop Costen J. Harrell. As a token of our appreciation to him we should give a great offering to participate in the ministry in

this mushrooming development..

Crusade Scholars are to receive \$100,000 of Week of Dedication funds. There is no more effective way of combatting communism, building the Christian church and democracy around the world than through Crusade Scholars—well chosen, able and promising Christian leaders of other nations coming to America to study and then returning to serve, being able to refute the great lie of communism about America, and thus build up dikes and bulwarks against communism.

Fifteen per cent of the Week of Dedication Offering, or \$150,000 of the total million dollar goal, goes to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. This will go largely to Korea for its reconstruction and rehabilitation program. Many of us have heard Dr. Charles D. Stokes tell of the devastation, destruction, chaos, malnutrition, hunger, disease and many other ravages of war that are striking at our Korean Christians, and of their valiant and heroic witness to Christ and His Church in these tragic times.

We need to pour out our souls in gifts of sacrifice and devotion in our Week of Dedication Offering on February 22. This is our participation in the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, sponsored by 36 cooperating denominations. If Methodists of America would tithe their income for the Week of Dedication (one week only) the result would be almost \$25,000,000 instead of the \$1,000,000 that has been set as our goal! A tithe of their income for the Week of Dedication by Western North Carolina Methodists would be over \$300,000 rather than our usual offering of only \$22,000 for the Week of Dedication.

We need, above all, to dedicate our material possessions to Christ and His Church during this Week of Dedication. Let us meet this challenge and give at least a tithe in the Week of Dedication offering.

Where Is God Now?

By ERNEST C. DURHAM

Two soldiers stood beholding wreckage on the battlefield—
Destruction, desolation, death! One of the two revealed
The inner struggle of his life—his shattered faith, his doubt:
"Where is God now?" he sternly asked. "Why all this talk about
The loving Father's tender care of all the sons of earth?
Where is he now? Why, after all, did mothers give us birth?"

And then they stood without an answer for a little while,
Until the man the doubter questioned formed a lovely smile
Upon his face, while looking out and pointing with his hand
To men with stretchers, going out to bring from "No Man's Land"
The wounded and the dying, prostrate on the bloody sod,
And said, with meaning, "There's God now; yes, brother, there goes God."

And isn't that the truth today, and won't it always be,
That wheresoever trouble is there God himself we see?
Yes, there He goes in every person who, with loving care,
Advances any way he can his brother's pain to share;
And maybe that's the reason why God lets men suffer so—
That He may through some human heart His love and mercy show.

Evangelistic Rally at Greensboro Draws 300; Tribute to Dr. Grant

RALLY AT GREENSBORO BEGINS EVANGELISTIC SERIES FOR W.N.C. CONFERENCE

Around 300 ministers and laymen of the Greensboro District attended a United Evangelistic Mission rally at West Market Street church, Greensboro, Thursday evening, February 12, first in a series of ten meetings to be held in the Western North Carolina Conference in preparation for the forthcoming evangelistic campaign scheduled for every Conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Featured speakers of the evening were Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, Charlotte Area director of the United Evangelistic Mission, and Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of Central church, Concord, and chairman of the Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference.

In charge of the meeting was Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District.

Other speakers included Rev. T. H. Swofford of Greensboro, who is chairman of the district radio and television publicity; Rev. Frank C. Smathers of Greensboro, who outlined plans for the evangelistic campaigns in the local church; Rev. Julian Lindsey of Greensboro, who discussed preparing members for church membership; and Dr. J. C. Stokes of Greensboro, who stressed spiritual preparation on the part of the pastor and laymen.

A quartet from High Point College under the direction of Professor William Collins brought several musical numbers.

Dr. Edwards, who is a member of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, outlined several essentials for the success of the evangelistic mission in the local church, including prayer, careful preparation and organization, training of workers and securing of names and addresses prospective members. "The time has come for us to go out into the byways and hedges," he de-

clared, "and tell people about Christ." He stated that plans for the Mission are well under way in the Charlotte Area and that prospects for a successful campaign are bright.

Western North Carolina Conference pastors are exchanging with pastors of the Virginia Conference during the Jurisdiction-wide campaign. Simultaneous revival services are scheduled in this Conference May 1-10 and in the Virginia Conference April 19-26.

Goal for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, which is made up of nine states, is 200,000 new members.

Other rallies set for the Western North Carolina Conference are: February 15, Salisbury District at Trinity church, Kannapolis; February 16, Marion District at First church, Morganton; February 17, Waynesville District at Bryson City; Asheville District, at Central church, Asheville; February 19, at 2 p.m., Charlotte District at Dilworth church, Charlotte; February 20, at 7:30 p.m., Thomasville District at Memorial church, Thomasville; February 22, at 7 p.m., Statesville District at Broad Street church, Statesville; February 23, at 7 p.m., Winston-Salem District at Burkhead church, Winston-Salem; and February 24, at 7 p.m., Gastonia District at Main Street church, Gastonia.

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BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DR. T. McM. GRANT

The Executive Committee of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference at its meeting February 9 passed the following resolution:

Whereas God in his infinite mercy has called from our midst a great minister and leader in the field of Christian Education, Dr. T. McM. Grant, and

Whereas the Board of Education of the

North Carolina Conference is keenly aware of the great loss it has sustained in his passing, and

Whereas the Board of Education is deeply appreciative of his many years of outstanding service as a member, and is desirous to recognize his tireless effort in behalf of Christian education in our conference and its related institutions of higher learning,

Be it resolved that we do hereby express to the members of his family our deepest feelings of love and sympathy in our mutual loss and assure them of our continued interest and prayers.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate and that it be spread on the records of the North Carolina Conference Journal.

Allen P. Brantley, president
F. Roderick Dail, secretary

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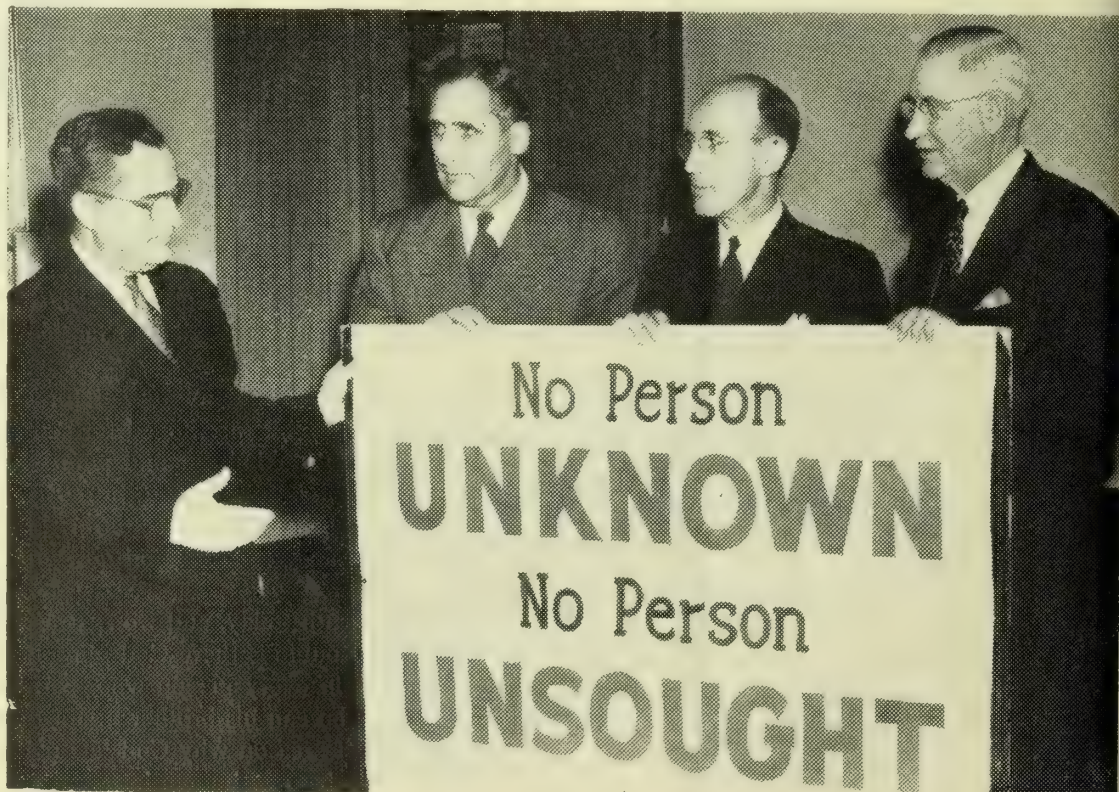
MRS. R. B. JOHNS INJURED FATALLY IN BLAST

Mrs. R. B. Johns of Fayetteville, widow of Rev. R. B. Johns who was a prominent member of the North Carolina Conference died February 10 from an explosion which destroyed her home. Funeral services were conducted at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, February 13, by Rev. R. Grady Dawson, pastor, and burial was in the Laurinburg cemetery. The blast which resulted in Mrs. John's death is believed to have been caused by leaking gas. A music pupil Henry Hammond, whom Mrs. Johns was teaching at the time, was injured also in the blast.

Mrs. Johns, the former Florina Worth, was born in Fayetteville in 1868, but grew up in Greensboro. She attended Guilford College, Greensboro, from which she graduated in 1889.

Mrs. Johns is survived by a stepdaughter, Mrs. Margaret Holland of Guilford College; a sister, Mrs. Louise Mayo of Clayton; one grandson and six great grandchildren. Her husband, who at one time was a district superintendent, died in 1931.

Leaders in the evangelistic rally held at West Market Street church, Greensboro, February 12, were: left to right, Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, Charlotte Area director of the evangelistic mission; Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District; Rev. J. Clay Madison of Concord, one of the speakers; and Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor-host. Dr. Edwards is explaining the campaign slogan. (Cut courtesy of the Greensboro Record.)



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Evangelistic Plans Being Made; Markers To Be Erected in Memory of Asbury

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PLANS FOR MISSION

Churches of the North Carolina Conference are preparing for a great United Evangelistic Mission from April 17-26. The plan involves bringing about 500 visiting pastors from South Carolina to assist the ministers in the visitation and preaching evangelism missions in about 300 charges, and involving a participation of nearly 800 churches in the program.

This is a part of a great revival of the "Methodist United Evangelistic Mission" which will be conducted throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction, covering nine states, (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi) and Cuba. Preaching services and visitation evangelism will be held in one half of these churches, April 19-26 and in the other half, May 3-10. The pastors in these two divisions will exchange their services, helping each other. In this arrangement, the pastors from the South Carolina Conference will assist North Carolina Conference pastors, and in May the N. C. pastors will go to the South Carolina churches. Participating in the entire Mission will be eight Episcopal Areas, 16 Annual Conferences, 141 Districts, 12,173 churches and 5,218 pastors.

A highlight will be the 7 youth rallies to be carried out on Saturday evening, April 18, in strategic centers over the Conference. An attendance of 10,000 youth and sponsors is expected.

A second feature of the United Evangelistic Mission will be the nine schools of evangelism for pastors, under the leadership of outstanding ministers from many parts of the nation. In the schools the pastors will be trained in the new techniques of visitation evangelism, pulpit evangelism and membership assimilation.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, will lead the United Evangelistic Mission in the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

The executive director of the movement in the North Carolina Conference is Rev. Eugene E. Golay of Nashville, Tennessee, an associate secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. The purpose of the Mission is to reactivate inactive members, to create a new spiritual atmosphere for the membership of the churches, and to go out to win new persons for Jesus Christ and His way of life. This motive is expressed in the sentence, "You need Christ now." The visitation program will utilize several thousand laymen.

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COMMITTEE TO SET UP MARKERS AT PLACES ASBURY VISITED

Taking their cue from "armchair tourists," five Methodist ministers are engaged in the figurative back-tracking of 270,000 miles of post roads and wilderness trails traveled by Francis Asbury, American Methodism's pioneer bishop, from 1771 to 1816.

They compose an editorial committee named by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies to study and revise Bishop Asbury's three-volume *Journal*, published in 1821 and long out of print.

Chairman of the committee is the association president, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.

He is being assisted in the research pro-

ject by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N. C., executive secretary of the association; Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., editor of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide; Dr. Lester A. Welliver, president of Westminster (Md.) Theological Seminary; and Rev. Dr. Jacob S. Payton, Washington, D. C., correspondent of *The Christian Advocate*.

Bishop Garber said the committee would welcome correspondence from Methodists and others who are familiar with Asbury lore in their home areas. Besides correcting and supplementing the *Journal*, the group hopes to stimulate placement of historical markers at points of special interest where the "Prophet of the Long Road" preached and presided over annual conferences.

Calling no place "home," Bishop Asbury's circuit was the Atlantic seaboard and the mountain parishes of the south and east. He crossed the uncharted Appalachians more than 60 times.

Geographical assignments of the research committee are as follows:

Bishop Garber: North Carolina; Dr.

Clark: South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee; Dr. Potts: Virginia and West Virginia; Dr. Payton: Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland.

Dr. Welliver, and others to be named later, will have responsibility for other states. The committee also is searching for Asbury letters. Several have been found recently, including a packet in England.

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BISHOP LEETE PURCHASES MORE WESLEY LETTERS

Bishop Frederick D. Leete, retired, who carries on a busy life as president of the Methodist Historical Library in St. Petersburg, Fla., has acquired 25 letters written by John Wesley to Joseph Benson.

Offered to him by a London firm of autograph and booksellers for \$1,250, Bishop Leete borrowed the money, purchased them for his collection, and is paying for them gradually. He now owns 70 Wesley letters as well as many more Wesley items.

A quarterly publication, *The Journal of the Methodist Historical Library, Inc.* lists the contents of Bishop Leete's library in the April-June 1953 issue, now available through Bishop Leete by addressing him at Randolph Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.



GOVERNOR UMSTEAD PRESENTED BIBLE BY HIS CHURCH

Governor William B. Umstead was presented a copy of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible at the January meeting of Methodist Men of Trinity church, Durham. Inscribed on the Bible is the following: "To William B. Umstead, esteemed citizen, faithful friend, loyal churchman and Christian statesman, this Bible is presented from Trinity Methodist Church with our best wishes, love and prayers for a happy and successful term as Governor of the great state of North Carolina." Governor Umstead, who has been a member of Trinity church for a number of years, was teacher of the Julian S. Carr Bible class for ten years, was chairman of the board of stewards and has served his church in varied capacities. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist Men, presided at the meeting and Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Prison System, was the speaker. In the picture above, Rev. C. D. Barcliff, pastor, presents the gift to Governor Umstead on behalf of the congregation.

Miss Betts Likes G. C.; Family Life Meet Set for 1954; Homecoming at High Point

LOVELY ANITA BETTS OF BRAZIL STUDIES AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Education in Brazil comes near to meeting the standard in this country, states Miss Anita Betts, sophomore student at Greensboro College who spent the first eighteen years of her life in that South American country.

Miss Betts, who is majoring in religion and minoring in music, comes from a family of workers in the foreign field. Her parents have been missionaries in Brazil for 33 years and her father, Rev. Daniel L. Betts, is also a district superintendent and last year was in charge of the school in his community. One brother, Rev. John Nelson Betts, is already a preacher in Brazil and another, William H. Betts, is making preparation at Canton, Ohio, to be a metallurgical engineer in Brazil. A sister, Joy Betts, serves as a medical missionary in Porte Alegre, Brazil. Anita's parents are now in the States on their sabbatical furlough.

Prior to coming to Greensboro College, Anita attended a public grammar school in Brazil, then high school and "colegio" in one of our Methodist schools. She had been to the United States twice before her entrance at G. C. last January, both times with her parents.

When asked about Greensboro College, Anita replied that the school had proved to be more than she had expected, and she emphasized both the cultural and religious aspects and the friendly atmosphere which prevails at the college.

"Not only the girls, but the teachers have impressed me as being characteristic of a truly Christian college," she said. "With the education I received in Brazil, I was able to adapt myself readily and feel perfectly at home here at G. C."

Anita's vacations are spent mostly with relatives in South Carolina, Illinois and North Carolina. Last summer, she spent her vacation at a camp in Warsaw, Indiana, as a National. She reported her stay there as a new and wonderful experience.

Anita likes North Carolina and Greensboro very much, especially the climate, which she says reminds her a great deal of the state of "Rio Grande do Sul," which is her home state.

After graduation, Anita says with a smile that she plans to join her parents, brothers, and sister in church work in Brazil.

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CHURCH TO SPONSOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

The Methodist Church will sponsor a national conference on family life October 8-10, 1954, in Cleveland, Ohio, and has set an attendance goal of 3,000 delegates.

The dates were announced by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the denomination's Family Life Committee. He met with an executive committee in Cincinnati to plan preliminaries.

Local church study groups are to be organized in Methodism's 106 annual conferences across the country prior to the national meeting, Bishop Werner said. This phase of the program will be directed by Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, Tenn. He is secretary of the committee and head of the Methodist Board of Education's Christian family department.

The committee also plans to send ques-

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Miss Anita Betts

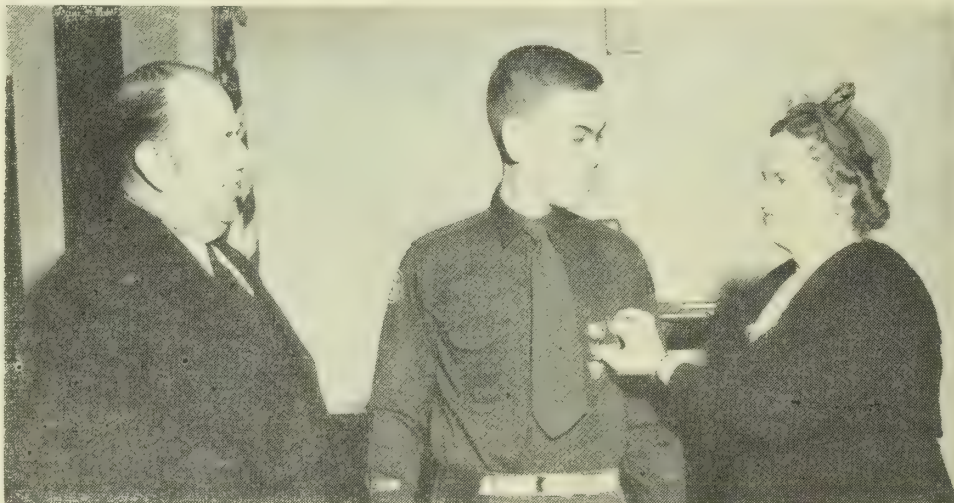
tionnaires to numerous groups, seeking information on problems and needs of families, parents and engaged couples.

The Cleveland convocation will be held in the city's huge Music Hall. A mass meeting, expected to draw several thousand Methodists from the surrounding area, will climax the three-day program.

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING FEBRUARY 21

The home office of the High Point College Alumni Association has sent out notices to graduates and former students of a big homecoming occasion on Saturday, February 21. During the morning visitors will register their presence, visit classes if they wish, tour the campus, and talk with their friends. The Alumni Executive committee will have a luncheon meeting at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. official registration



Pictured above are Yates Plummer and his mother, Mrs. F. O. Plummer, Jr., of Main Street church, Salisbury, with Mrs. Plummer pinning the God and Country Medal on Yates at the evening service, Sunday, February 8. Yates, who is 17 years old, completed 150 hours of service to his church. In addition, he painted the pastor's study. Active in scout work for a number of years, Yates is an Eagle scout. In charge of the service was the pastor, Rev. J. C. Kendrick also shown in the picture. The service was held in connection with Scout Week.

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takes place in Roberts Hall. At 3 p.m. a program in the auditorium by the college choir is scheduled, followed immediately by a play given by the College Dramatics Department. From 4 to 5:30 p.m. President and Mrs. Dennis Cooke will hold open house for alumni and friends. The alumni dinner will follow at 6 o'clock in the college cafeteria. At 8 o'clock in Harrison Gymnasium the varsity basketball team will play Lenoir Rhyne College, after which the alumni will conclude their day with an informal "get-together."

High Point College has graduates in all parts of the state, and Miss Louise Adams, executive secretary, reports that a large number have already signified their intention of being present for the celebration. "We think we have a program varied enough to provide at least something of special interest to everybody," Miss Adams states. "Besides, just coming home and meeting old friends is the real fun."

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WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS

TOTAL \$4,682,879

With only the final third of the fiscal year remaining, Methodists still have a little more than half of their annual apportionment to World Service to raise before May 31.

Figures released at the end of January by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer, showed an eight-month total receipts of \$4,682,879.19. World Service apportionment for the year is \$9,600,000. Even so, the total receipts for the eight-month period are 9% more than during the same period last fiscal year.

January receipts for World Service totaled \$773,813.84, a drop from the \$842,025.59 reported for the first month in 1952.

World Service specials totaled \$63,994.27 for the eight months since June 1st of last year—a 2% gain over the same period the previous fiscal year.

The General Advance fund dropped off 7%, with January receipts amounting to \$322,765.80 in contrast to \$362,780.69 reported in January, 1952.

Other January receipts were: Episcopal Fund, \$85,190.42; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$44,845.14; Week of Dedication, \$5,917.90; General Administration, \$36,631.26; Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$23,294.30.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. AND MRS. S. B. MOSS of Fletcher announce the birth of a son, Walter Samuel, on Sunday, January 18, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville.

"MINISTERING TO AN ECUMENICAL ERA" was the general theme of Boston University's 24th annual Conference on the Ministry, February 16-18.

DR. GEORGE D. HEATON, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Methodist Young Adult Fellowship of Gaston County held in Faith church, Gastonia, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, who was critically injured in an automobile accident the last of December, has been moved to an Asheville hospital, according to his son, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr. Dr. Nease's condition is much improved. Prior to being removed to Asheville, Dr. Nease was in the Oconee Hospital, Seneca, S. C.

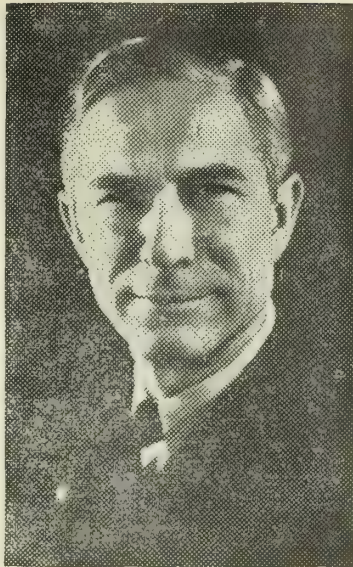
DEAN EMERITUS ALBERT C. KNUDSON of Boston University, School of Theology, was presented a check for \$500 and a bound book of letters from former students and colleagues on the occasion of his 80th birthday recently. A leading philosopher and theologian, Dr. Knudson continues his writing. His latest book, *Basic Issues in Christian Thought*, was published in 1950.

DR. DAVID D. JONES, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, will be keynote speaker at the Ohio State Conference of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church on Monday, February 23, in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Jones will speak on "Zest For The Unattained." Dr. Jones will come to the conference from New York City where he addressed a meeting of graduates of eastern colleges earlier in the week.

"SONGS IN THE NIGHT" is the title of a volume of poems published recently by Mrs. Metta Folger Townsend of Lenoir. Containing 47 poems of varied themes which Mrs. Townsend has written over a period of years, the book is dedicated to the Methodist ministers of North Carolina. Her late husband, Rev. F. L. Townsend, was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference and her son, Rev. Paul Townsend, is pastor of Central church, Albemarle.

DR. CLARENCE TUCKER CRAIG, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, is the one Methodist among the eight writers who collaborated on volume 10 of the Interpreter's Bible, published February 16. His fourth volume in the eventual 12-volume set covers I and II Corinthians, Galatians and Ephesians. This volume is timely in that it covers the Biblical material for International Uniform Sunday school lessons scheduled from April to September, 1953.

METHODISTS who wish to assist sufferers from the floods in Holland and other countries nearby, are urged to send their gifts of money to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Warm clothing, blankets, sheets, and other articles should be sent to the nearest church world service center. 360 bales of used clothing have already gone for this purpose and money is being sent as soon as received. Any further inquiries should go to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 5th Ave., New York 11, N. Y.



BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER, above, of Columbus, Ohio, will lead a Religion and Life Conference at First church, Hickory, Feb. 26-March 1. Three district wide rallies will feature the coming of Bishop Werner. Bishop Werner, justly famous as minister and personal counselor, makes his appearance at First church, Hickory, on Thursday evening, February 26, when he speaks to the Statesville district young adult rally. Rev. Cecil Heckard, district young adult director, will preside at a fellowship banquet earlier in the evening. District Superintendent Ralph H. Taylor has invited all his ministers to be his guest at a spiritual retreat at First church, Hickory, on Friday, February 27, at 10 a.m. Mr. Taylor will have the ministers as luncheon guests at noon at which time Bishop Werner will bring the message. At 2:00 o'clock, Bishop Werner will ordain one of his ministers who is a student in Duke Divinity School. The Statesville District Youth Rally will be held at First church, Hickory, on Saturday afternoon, February 27, at 6:45 for a banquet, with Miss Martha Witherspoon as director. Bishop Werner will address the rally at 8:00 o'clock. Sunday, March 1, Bishop Werner will bring the messages both at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. Elwood Carroll invites all ministers and laymen to all the services to be conducted by Bishop Werner, but dinner reservations must be made in advance through any minister of the Statesville district.

BURDETT ROBERTSON, superintendent of Rutherfordton City school, Rutherfordton, and formerly of Burnsville, was "Laymen's Day" speaker at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Sunday February 8, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. This was almost a homecoming for the Burnsville Methodists, Pastor Rev. D. B. Alderman announced. At the close of the service a sterling silver baptismal cup, purchased by the Men's Bible class and engraved to the loving memory of Dr. W. B. Robertson, his father, who had taught the class for some seventeen years, was dedicated.

CONTINUE the North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign during February. See that your people have an opportunity to read North Carolina Meth-

MOREHEAD CHURCH on the Summerfield charge will hold revival services February 22-27 with Rev. G. E. White of Greensboro assisting the pastor, Rev. J. C. Vernon. All three choirs of the charge will participate in the services.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN was reelected president of the Protestant Council of New York City at its recent annual meeting. This body is composed of 1164 churches in greater New York. Dr. Sockman is the long-time NBC network Sunday morning preacher and is Minister of Christ Church, New York City. His articles, "A Lift for Living," appear weekly in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

WAXHAW METHODIST CHURCH observed Layman's Day Sunday, February 8, at the eleven o'clock hour. Roger B. DuVal, church school superintendent, delivered the message on "What Is In Thine Hand?" H. A. Privette, charge lay leader, led the devotional service. Sara Emily Baker, member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, served as organist. The entire service was prepared and carried out by laymen of the Waxhaw church.

CLARK STREET CHURCH, Rocky Mount, recently dedicated a cross and matching candlesticks for the altar in memory of L. F. Lane who served as superintendent of the Church School for 40 years. A gift of the Church School, the memorial bears the name, birth date and date of death of Mr. Lane. At the same service a lovely hand-painted picture of Christ entitled "Inspiration" was presented to the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Jarmon by their daughter, Mrs. Tom Turner.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Rt. 9, Charlotte, has just completed an improvement project on the church plant and erected a cement block building for the full program of the girl and boy scouts. The interior and exterior of the church have been painted, the floors have been sanded and refinished, and the carpets have been cleaned. On the outside a huge parking lot has been made with crushed stone. Some \$2,500 was spent in this program. At the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park, two miles from the church on the Pleasant Grove Road, a scout hut, 25' by 60' has been erected with rest rooms, a kitchen, and locker rooms. Approximately \$5,000 was spent in this project.

THE METHODIST CHURCH has engaged Religious Films, Ltd., London, England, to produce a 55-minute motion picture on the life of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism in the eighteenth century. Rev. Harry Spencer, executive secretary of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission offices said production is scheduled to start March 16 at the Gate Studio in London. Religious Films is a subsidiary of the J. Arthur Rank organization. Spencer and Rev. Howard Tower, associate secretary of the commission, will go to London during February to review the final script and help select the cast. Filmed in color, the Wesley movie is expected to be ready for premiere showing next fall. More than 200 Methodist churches have already booked the film. Some are arranging for showing at local theaters. The premiere-showing period is September 1 to November 1. Advance rental payments of \$100 are being accepted from two churches in each district for these premiere-showings.

More Schools Planned; Station Wagon Secured; Miss Jones to Visit Durham

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ADDITIONAL CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOLS PLANNED

In addition to the fourteen schools for Christian workers announced in the Advocate on January 22 the following schools have been planned:

Clinton Area School, March 2-4, at Clinton.

Dean and host pastor: Rev. C. Freeman Heath.

1. The Children and the Bible, Mrs. John A. Haislet, Clinton; 2. Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Mrs. C. F. Hirschi, Warsaw; 3. The Use of the Bible in Teaching Adults, Mrs. C. F. Heath, Clinton.

Lumberton Area School, March 9-11, Chestnut Street church, Lumberton.

Dean: Rev. James G. White, Lumberton; host pastor: Rev. W. R. Stevens, Lumberton.

1. The Children and the Bible, Miss Sarah Puett, Durham; 2. Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Rev. F. R. Dail, Gibson; 3. The New Testament in the Life of Today (teacher to be announced).

Montgomery County School, March 15-17, Trinity church, Troy. Dean: Rev. Joseph F. Coble, Biscoe; host pastor: Dr. H. B. Porter, Troy.

1. Teaching Children, Mrs. J. A. Auman, Fayetteville; 2. Teaching Youth, Rev. F. R. Dail, Gibson; 3. Adult Classes at Work, Rev. J. F. Coble, Biscoe.

Manteo Area School, March 16-18, Manteo Methodist Church, Manteo.

Dean and host pastor: Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Manteo.

1. Teaching Children, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham; 2. Teaching Youth, Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth; 3. Bible Study Course—Dr. David G. Bradley, Duke University, Durham.

Goldsboro Area School, March, at St. Paul church, Goldsboro. Dean: Miss Mary Hester Hunt, Goldsboro; host pastor: Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Goldsboro.

(Courses and instructors to be announced).

Jacksonville-Richlands Area School, April 5-7, at Trinity church, Jacksonville.

Dean: Rev. J. D. A. Autry, Richlands; host pastor: Rev. T. B. Hough.

1. Teaching Children, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham; 2. Teaching Youth, Rev. T. A. Collins, Raleigh; 3. Adult Classes at Work, Mr. John Meares, Raleigh; 4. How to Improve the Church School, Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Durham.

Wilmington Area School, September 27-October 1.

Dean: Rev. Herman S. Winberry, Wilmington.

(Courses and instructors to be announced).

Pittsboro Area School, September 27-29, at Pittsboro Methodist Church, Pittsboro.

Dean: Rev. Brooks Patten, Pittsboro.

(Courses and instructors to be announced).

Caswell County School (sometime this fall) at Yanceyville Methodist Church, Yanceyville.

Dean: Rev. J. W. Spears, Pelham; host pastor: Rev. J. O. Long, Yanceyville.

(Courses and instructors to be announced).

Hayes Barton Teacher Training Class, each Sunday morning.

Course: Ways of Teaching.

Instructor: Miss Barnett Spratt

This is the first in a series of Sunday Morning teacher training courses planned by the Commission on Education with the guidance of Mrs. Frances R. Terry, Director of Christian Education, of Hayes Barton Church. The course will continue for six weeks and will be followed by another course.

SUBDISTRICT INSTITUTES VERY SUCCESSFUL

Subdistrict Institutes for church and church school workers have just been concluded in all the districts with the exception of the New Bern District. These institutes, which were planned by the district staffs under the direction of the district superintendents, were attended by hundreds of workers in each district. Each institute featured workshop sessions for workers with children, youth, adults, and administrative officers. These workshops were led by the district directors. We are indebted to these district directors and the district superintendents for their leadership in these institutes which for the second year have proved to be so successful.

DR. MARY ALICE JONES COMING TO DURHAM

Dr. Mary Alice Jones, director of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, will conduct a three-night workshop for

parents and teachers of children at Duke Memorial church Durham, February 25-26. This workshop is open to all who would like to attend. Those interested in doing so should contact Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Director of Christian Education, Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

Dr. Jones is being brought to Durham by Dr. W. A. Kale, professor of practical theology, Duke Divinity School. She will be lecturing in his classes each day during this period.

SOUTHEAST AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP

The Southeast Regional Audio-Visual Workshop will be held at Glenn Memorial Methodist Church (on the Emory Campus) Atlanta, Georgia, April 27-May 1. Sponsored by the Atlanta Christian Council, Atlanta Council of Church Women, Southeastern office of the National Council of Churches of Christ, and in cooperation with Emory University, the workshop will be organized into four basic work groups as follows: Ministers and ministerial students; directors of Christian Education and local church officers; teachers, program chairmen, and activity leaders; denominational and Interdenominational officials and seminary teachers.

Each group will be given the opportunity to work along the lines of their specialized interests. Specialists will be on hand to assist these groups in work in all areas of audio-visuals—motion pictures, projected still pictures, graphic materials, filmstrips, slides, recordings, radio, television, etc.

YOUTH STATION WAGON ARRIVES

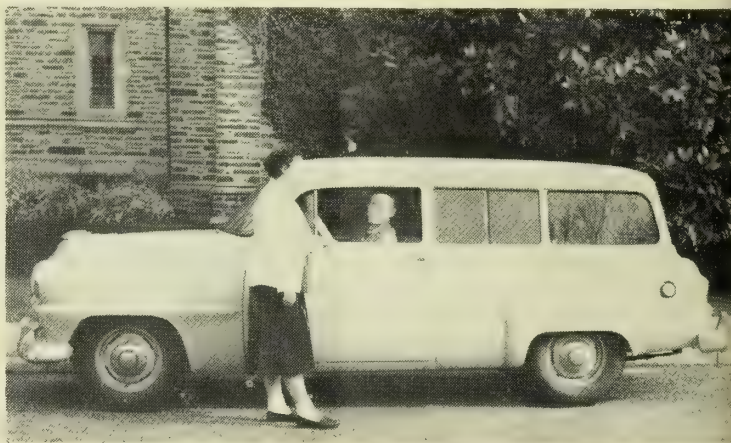
The much talked about station wagon for our Conference director of youth work, Rev. Curtis R. Gatlin, has finally arrived. "The great arrival," to quote Miss Cathy Wike, editor of **Youth In Action**, "followed eighteen months of dreaming, planning, and working by the conference youth and their council members." The need of a station wagon for the youth director was first discussed at the 1951 Louisburg Assembly. A drive for \$2,500 for this purpose was officially launched at the Annual Conference youth session at Wilmington on November 4, 1951.

According to Miss Wike "the money arrived in spurts and steady streams . . . Money was raised by cotton picking, cake bakes, banquets, and other projects of 'fun for funds.' . . . Though the wagon is here, the drive is not over. The goal of \$2,500 was set so funds would cover insurance, license, and a beginning on the maintenance fund." Slightly more than \$2000 of this goal has been raised.

The light green, 1953 Plymouth station wagon was purchased from the Ellis Motor Company of Henderson. The Ellises, who are members of First Methodist Church, Henderson, sold the station wagon at cost after hearing a youth report at a quarterly conference in their church. All of us are most grateful to the Ellises for this generous donation.

This station wagon project was approved by the Conference Board of Education, the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, and the Annual Conference. The title is held by the Conference Board of Education, and the station wagon is to be used by the conference director of youth work under the supervision of the executive secretary.

The youth of our conference are to be congratulated for initiating this project and seeing it through to a successful conclusion. It has already been put to good use and in the days ahead will be a great asset to our youth program.



Curt Gatlin Tries out the New Station Wagon

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Statesville Group Meets; 63 Enter Mission Field; Study Legislative Matters

STATESVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Board of the Statesville District met for luncheon and a business session January 27 at the home of Mrs. W. F. Gaddy in North Wilkesboro, with practically every member present.

Reports of the meeting at Pfeiffer College were given and each officer gave a brief report of her line of work. Mrs. C. P. Holland, Bost Street, Statesville, is the newly appointed reporter for the Woman's Page in the Advocate.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM AFRICA

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, secretary of Children's Work, shares a letter with us from Pastor Pierre Shutsha, Lay Leader Luhati Emile, and all the members of the Methodist Church at Wembo Nyama, Belgian Congo, for stained glass windows, which we think were purchased with money the children over our Conference raised for a piano a few years ago. Miss Kelly told us last year the piano was received, some other pianos were re-conditioned and the money still remaining was used for the windows. The letter is as follows: "Our Friends in the Church of North Carolina:

"Many greetings from us, we the members of the Church at Wembo Nyama.

"Our hearts are filled to overflowing with gladness that we find impossible to express in words for the great gift which you have sent us, the gift of the stained glass windows in the house of the Lord at Wembo Nyama. This is a marvelous thing to us. This gift has come about only through the love of God.

"The pictures in the windows which you sent give us an unspeakable joy. They are wonderful. Our church has become more beautiful because of them. They help to give us a sense of awe and peace.

"We give you our heartfelt thanks because of this great gift. Every time that we shall enter the house of God, we will remember your love.

"We remember you in our prayers to God, asking that He will bless you exceedingly. We need your prayers.

"Greetings of love from all of us."

The Church of Wembo Nyama (This letter was written in the language used at Wembo Nyama and was translated for us by Marshall W. Lovell, former district superintendent of the Wembo Nyama district, now on furlough.)

BOARD OF MISSIONS COMMISSIONS 63

Sixty-three new missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned when the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

The foreign missionaries included teachers, agriculturalists, doctors, experts in business administration, evangelists, social workers, and home economists. Thirty-four men and women were commissioned by the Board to work overseas under the Division of Foreign Missions. The Woman's Division of Christian Service had fourteen candidates for foreign service and fifteen for deaconess work in the United States and territories. The latter are primarily teachers and social workers.

These candidates bring to 102 the number of missionary applicants accepted for commissioning in 1952. Over 1000 missionaries have been commissioned by Methodism since 1948.

Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference

MRS. E. L. BALLARD, Editor
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\$15,950,519 APPROPRIATED FOR MISSIONS

At the same annual meeting of the Board of Missions a total of \$15,950,519 was appropriated for the home and foreign missionary work of The Methodist Church for the twelve months beginning in June, 1953. Under the law of the Church, the Board can appropriate for one year no more than it actually received from all sources in the preceding year—and this is the total amount.

The amount appropriated will be expended as follows: by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, for both home and overseas missions, \$6,874,537; for the Division of Foreign Missions, \$6,548,104; for the Division of Home Missions, \$2,527,878.

MISS BILLINGSLEY GOES TO ORIENT

Miss Margaret Billingsley, executive secretary of missionary work in Japan, Korea and the Philippines under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, sailed from San Francisco January 29 for a visit of a month in each of those countries. She will return by way of Hongkong, Malaya, Burma, India, and Pakistan, to observe conditions in these fields also and to report to the Board concerning future missionary services there.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service, with almost 2,000,000 members maintains missionaries in 29 countries. Eighteen are in Korea, 28 in the Philippines, and 75 in Japan.

BENNETT PRESIDENT HONORED BY BRAZIL

The highest decoration of the Republic of Brazil—rarely given to one not born in Brazil, and then only if one is "a Brazilian at Heart"—has been conferred upon Miss Eva Louise Hyde, of Denver, Colo., retiring president of Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The decoration is the "National Order of Merit." Miss Hyde has been a missionary-educator of The Methodist Church in Brazil since 1912, and during 32 years of that period was president of Bennett College. She was also the founder of the College.

The decoration will be presented in the spring at a ceremony in the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D. C. Miss Hyde is believed to be the first Protestant missionary to receive highest award, though the lesser decoration, The Order of the Southern Cross, has been conferred upon several.

DR. JAYA LUKE COMES TO AMERICA

When Dr. Jaya ("Victory") Luke left her native Sirchona—deep in the jungles of the Central Provinces of India—last month to start the long journey to America, she began her trip by bullock-cart and ended it aboard an airplane that landed at La Guardia Field, New York.

For Dr. Luke has spent the last 25 years—since her graduation from Vellore Medical School in Madras—in what is considered the most isolated area of India where The Methodist Church is the sole

Christian agency. Here she has a 26-bed hospital with two nurses and a Christian evangelist. In outlying villages Dr. Luke has six dispensaries, and these she visits on regular schedules, all travel being by bullock-cart. She has an especially equipped cart for itinerating among the sick, but the bullock has never increased his pace of three miles per hour.

Now Dr. Luke has been granted a year's scholarship by The Methodist Church in recognition of her years of service, and will spend most of this year studying at the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia. She will specialize in obstetrics—a field in which she is especially busy in Sirchona.

Dr. Luke left Sirchona by bullock-cart, then by jeep and tram she reached Bombay where she saw an airplane for the first time. By plane, and via Cairo and Zurich, Switzerland, she flew from Bombay to New York—and enjoyed the fast trip.

Her Christian parents named her "Jaya," which is the word "Victory" used in the most famous of all Indian Christian hymns. Her father was a Methodist minister until his death; she has a brother who is a minister; one sister, a school principal; and another sister who is an M.D. in a government hospital.

FOREIGN STUDENTS VISIT MT. AIRY

One of the greatest privileges a community can have is a visit from Christian foreign students in nearby colleges, as did Mount Airy recently. They visited in homes of many different denominations and spoke in churches on Sunday morning. Salem Church was blessed with the coming of Miss Thea Suursaar of Estonia, a post graduate medical student at the University of North Carolina. Miss Suursaar suffered the terrors of communism when she fled from her home in Estonia and has heard nothing of her parents and other loved ones since, and her appreciation of the freedom American people take for granted is convincing and challenging.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Through our Christian Social Relations department Methodist women over the state are taking an active part in the State Legislative Council, which is made up of 17 civic, professional and religious organizations, each of which has a State Legislative program with educational, religious, health and welfare objectives. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of both the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences are members of this Council, and at the meeting last week in Raleigh the United Council of Church Women was voted in as members. The Council includes in its 1953 program: To Provide an adequate appropriation for employment of attendance workers with State supervision for improving school attendance and for the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law; Provide for a Minimum Wage Law of not less than 60 cents an hour; Provide for the protection of children without natural guardians through clarification of legal procedures relating to personal guardianship of a minor; and Extend the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to children 16 years of age.

These bills were presented and explained to the Council by Hon. Dan K. Edwards of Durham and opportunity was given for questions. Attendance at the meeting verified the fact that women over the state are intensely interested in the social needs of the communities.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.—Longfellow.

Shrine Gift Received; Teenagers Organize; Cows Generous; Cole Building to Be Repaired

TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR CHECK

We are happy to announce to our friends in Sudan Temple and to Methodists of the Conference the receipt of our share of the revenue derived from the annual Shrine Bowl game of 1952. We have received a check for \$10,000, which amount is a tribute to those who organized, supported, and carried out this project. This sum will enable us to do many things which we would not otherwise be able to do, and will serve to enrich our entire physical development and recreational program.

We extend to everyone who had a part in making the Shrine Bowl game a success our most sincere appreciation and gratitude, and we offer our assurances that this investment in youth will be well spent and will return rich dividends.

These Shrine Bowl funds enable us to employ a specially trained recreation worker; to employ a varsity football, basketball and baseball coach; to purchase needed athletic and recreational equipment; and to supplement our entire recreational program. Shrine Bowl funds plus funds donated by J. W. Hinsdale, member of the Orphanage Board of Trustees, will enable us in the immediate future to light an area to be used for night recreational activities during the summer months. This field will also be sufficiently well-lighted for night football.

TEENAGE COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Democracy and leadership in action are anticipated results from the recently formed Teenage Council. This group of boys and girls consist of volunteers who will aid in the planning and undertaking of desirable campus recreational activities. It is the type of organization which we take special pride in having on the Campus. Officers of the group are James Pace, president; Janet Best, secretary, and Dickie Maultsby, treasurer. Adviser to the group is Mrs. Jacquelyn Yost, director of recreation for girls.

The first activity of the year for the Council was sponsorship of a talent show, and crowning of the 1952-1953 Queen of Hearts. Participating in the show were elementary and high school students, who presented to the Queen their songs, dances and skits. Mistress of Ceremonies Nancy Bell conducted the show as a TV program. Following the talent show everyone was invited to open house at the Recreation Center. The Queen of Hearts, selected by popular vote of all high school students, was Senior Natalie Willett. Her attendants were Joanne Albright and Frances Ellis.

A PASTOR BRINGS GROCERIES

We were pleasantly surprised the other day when Rev. J. R. Hailey, pastor of Orange charge, came to the campus bringing several boxes laden with canned peaches, green beans, corn on the cob, honey in the comb and many other items sent by the women of the church.

All of the items sent were given to the infirmary where we are filled to the brim with boys and girls with the flu. Many thanks to all who had a part in making this gift possible, our children and young people that are sick are going to thoroughly enjoy tasting these home canned delicacies.

THANKS ANONYMOUS DONOR

To the friend in Bethel who so thoughtfully sent the cash, and the coupons, we

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would offer our deep appreciation. Inasmuch as no name was given this is our way of saying, "thank you".

ABUNDANT MILK SUPPLY

Milk is necessary for growing bodies and minds, and is one item of food which appears in our dining hall three times a day. Milk production at our dairy farm is sufficient to abundantly supply the needs of our boys and girls and to offer some for bulk sale.

The present daily milk production at our farm is between 200 and 225 gallons per day, which is a considerable increase in yield from the 1951 level. Fifty-four Holstein cows, of a herd of 63, are now being milked. Two special crews of our boys are trained to be milkers, which is one of the most highly skilled duties to which a boy may be assigned, and one which is perhaps the most confining. This is because untrained substitutes cannot be used. One crew of five boys arise at the unlovely hour of 2:30 in the morning. Once returned from their milking, however, these boys are scheduled to sleep the remainder of the morning. This morning crew attends school in the afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and attend study hall in the evening from 7:30 to 9:15. Afternoon milkers attend school in the morning.

Eighth and ninth grade boys who compose the afternoon milking crew are: Kramer Jackson, Ralph Joyner, John Horne, Bobby Braswell, and Floyd Utley. Ninth grade boys working the early

morning shift are: Gary Perry, Donald Griffin, Dickie Maultsby, Leroy Hobson and Marion Erwin.

Milking is under the supervision of Mr. Robert Knapp, dairy manager, who replaced Mr. Sam Austin. We feel fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Knapp, who is a graduate of Cornell University and an experienced dairyman. He is a native of New York State, but now lists his home address as Lexington, N. C.

NEEDED RENOVATION TO BEGIN

A temporary home in our campus gymnasium is the outlook for those boys who live in the Cole building. Plans are now being made to begin this spring the complete renovation of this building, which will be of such an extensive nature that it is expected to continue into the summer months. Once this building is completed, similar renovation will be begun on the Page building, which is also badly in need of repair. The gymnasium home will be made as comfortable and livable as possible. Good shower, heating and toilet facilities are available, and will be used to best advantage.

Change to the Cole building will include the following: partitioning of large rooms into rooms for two; painting and papering of walls, rewiring and asphalt tiling of floors. Additional shower facilities will be added and the present back porch is to be converted into a living room.

The entire operation is designated to provide a more wholesome and desirable environment in which to live, which will greatly constitute and enhance our overall efforts to develop desirable and productive and happy citizens.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAMWORK COUNT

Ten young men of our family are shown in the picture for this page. In addition to their numerous other activities, they compose the 1952-53 Red Raiders basketball team. The winning record of this team has not been very impressive due to lack of height and experience, but sportsmanship and teamwork have been evidenced throughout the season.



BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right: L. B. Catlett, Jack Price, Richard Newton, Irvin Hasty, Robert Taylor, Jan McLaurin, Bill Bland, John Clark, Wilbur Hardin, and Donald Griffin.

What Is the Basis of Christianity?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

The basis of Christianity is the belief that the heart of God is revealed in Jesus who went to the cross for our salvation, and prayed as the soldiers nailed him down, Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. Hence of course we should love Him with all our heart, soul and mind. The task of the Christian is constantly to keep the divine Saviour before his mind so that he receives power to love him to the limit, and power to love his fellowmen even as Jesus loves them.

To find the best way to obey the two great commands, to love God and our neighbor, requires the fullest exercise of our intelligence. That is why, in addition to loving God with all our heart and soul, we are commanded to love him with all our mind. Indeed Jesus commanded his disciples to be as wise as serpents. And in our lesson today we see him illustrating by example his own precept.

The Pharisees hoped that they could entice him into saying something that would bring down the wrath of the Roman governor upon him; or else, on the other hand, something that would rouse the resentment of the rebellious Jewish nationalists. So after a shrewd attempt to flatter him by telling him how brave he was to speak the truth regardless of any higher authority, they asked him, Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar? But Jesus at once perceived their malice, and said, Show me the money for tax. So they brought him a Roman coin. We are told that in those days the coinage of the empire was regarded as the emperor's personal property. So Jesus said, Whose image and superscription does this coin bear? And they answered, Caesar's. Then said Jesus, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they were all amazed at his answer.

Everyone has problems like the question. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar? For instance, there are the demands that are made upon us to support community enterprises which are under very imperfect management, and yet are in a sense necessary. If we refuse to support them we will be misunderstood. And not only that, but these enterprises have a certain moral right to our support, just as the Roman government which held the Jews in humiliating subjection, kept the enemies of Israel at bay, and guarded them from invasion, and it was also as good a government as the Jewish leaders, who were so opposed to Jesus, would have set up if the Romans had been driven out (Matthew 21:13).

We are constantly under obligation to use our best judgment in making the best of bad situations. Some feel that the suspicious man who keeps saying in his heart, to his fellow mortals, You don't fool me, is the man least likely to be fooled. But the facts are the man who loves God with all his heart, and loves his neighbor as himself, is the man least liable to be misled. Love for God and his fellowmen gives him what may be called an intellectual sense of smell, and he is able to identify a moral skunk, no matter how fine and attractive his fur may be.

And not only that, but the man whose guiding and dominant principle is to love God and man, is kept from narrow prejudices and stress on nonessentials. He feels free to use his best judgment in the

face of whatever situation confronts him. And as this freedom is inspired by love he is kept from moral compromise, and he becomes like Jesus, utterly brave and positive in his opposition to evil. The true Christian glowing with love and sympathy, is at the same time an incarnation of the Ten Commandments.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY PROGRAM NOW READY

Nashville, Tenn.—The Church School Rally Day program for 1953 is now available, it has been announced by Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, Methodist Board of Education.

Written by Miss Virginia Henry of the staff of the Board's Division of the Local Church, the program is designed to emphasize the importance of Christian education and to induce Methodists to contribute to the work of their conference boards of education, as it affects Christian education in the local church.

The name of the program is "Take A Look"—at the accomplishments of Christian education as well as its need for expansion. Every effort has been made to make the program a means of promoting the effectiveness of our church schools and stimulating the offering on this day, which goes to the conference board of education for work in its local church division, it was said.

Last year the Rally Day offering was \$344,883, an increase of \$16,000 over the offering for 1951.

Order "Take A Look" by Virginia Henry (8290-BC) from your nearest Methodist Publishing House. Prices are: 10 cents each; 75 cents per dozen; \$5.00 per hundred.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

Now let us look at the reaping.

If we are to understand how we reap what we sow, we must first of all rise above niggardly, pinch-penny attitudes and catch something of the bigness with which God runs the business of the universe. This was the truth which Job had to learn. He had been such a righteous man he could see no justice in the calamities which befell him. He and his so-called friends were trying to trace causes and effects in their petty fashion and they could find no pattern of explanation. Finally, a voice out of the whirlwind said to Job: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the earth? Speak if thou hast understanding." When Job lifted his thoughts to see that God's business was too big to be kept in his little ledger, he found peace of mind and eventual recovery.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Can we really believe this? Yes, when we rise above our little petty bookkeeping to view the vastness of God's big business, when we measure results in terms of future fertility rather than quick utility, when we sow to the spirit rather than to the flesh.

The farmer who puts his best thought and energy into his sowing may not always reap a bigger crop, but he does reap more resourcefulness in himself. He

becomes a better farmer. The artist who puts his best talent into his canvas may not always sell his picture profitably, but what he does reap is more insight and skill in painting. The person who gives his best love to another may not always win the other's love in return, but what he does reap is more loveliness. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

By Mrs. Hubert Cox

Perhaps nothing is so indelibly stamped upon our memories as the poems we read at an early age. When we could make pictures in our imaginations far more beautiful than any found in our school readers. I guess there is none so well loved and long remembered as the "Village Blacksmith." It was one of the very first we were required to memorize in school. If someone were to ask me now why this poem is one of my favorites I'd say it was because this man seemed so happy and contented in his work. As the years have passed, his manly figure and cheery spirit have impressed many more school children as they, too, read this wonderful poem, deriving something from it that follows them on through life.

There aren't many communities now where the old-time way of working still persists, where a man was still complete master of his own craft. Today the trend has moved toward big business in which people are just cogs in a machine. In the old days the village blacksmith was highly respectable and a pillar of strength in his community. In this ever changing world, however, society now puts special premium upon this service and that so life's activities have come to be arranged in a graded system. Which leads me to ask if humble tasks always have the dignity they deserve? Do we appreciate the people who serve us in various ways, and these modern children coming along, are they being taught the value of honest work and the real pleasure that can come from it? The answers to all of this is a sad, sad, no. For the working class of people today are not wholly happy, and they do not work half as hard possibly as the village blacksmith. Peace and contentment are hard to find anywhere and unless it really does exist in the hearts of fathers and mothers, it is almost impossible to plant it in the hearts of their children.

It is indeed a comfort to know that with all of these changes which have come about, God has not changed. Society may judge men by their outward appearance but He still looketh on the inside. He judges men not by the dignity or the conspicuousness of their work, but by the faithfulness with which they perform it; therefore all service ranks the same in the eyes of God.

Henry Van Dyke once wrote: "Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil. Even though the days of the village blacksmith are gone forever, it is still possible that the joy of honest labor and happiness which radiated from him and made him a shining symbol for all humanity can be found today in the mechanic, the house painter, the college professor, and the president.

AN ALL OUT CALL FOR GOODNESS

(Continued from page four)

one is deplorable. Dr. Albert B. Coe tells of an acquaintance who said that he never drank, but he prided himself on the happy feeling he could give others by mixing their drinks for them. Little did he realize that in this way he was sinning against his fellowman. It is pathetic for one to put a stumbling block in the pathway of

anyone, but it is truly a shame for parents to do this to their children. Those who are waging a fight for soberness and decency cannot afford to let the obstacles discourage them. We refuse to admit that things cannot be improved. Hence, we are determined to keep everlastingly at the sacred business of teaching our youth to have nothing to do with strong drink, but to devote their energies and lives to lofty, clean Christian living.

Our nation will be built up morally as the Christian church devotes itself untiringly to Christ. The church is on trial today. It is on trial now either to prove false or true to Christ. If the church rings clearly with its message of hope and goodness and stands true to its holy mission, righteousness will thrive in this country and even in the world.

To the church is given the glorious privilege of making Jesus so thoroughly known to men that every one of them is faced with the necessity of deciding either against or for Christ. The Christian church is a living social and spiritual channel through which flows the very life of the Master, Christ Jesus, our Saviour. If the church will only stand out from and above all other institutions and represent Christ as only it can, righteousness will spread as never in the history of this nation. As Joseph Fort Newton has put it: "Our business is not to do something for the church, but to do something with it." If we but do our utmost with the church and permit it to do its most blessed ministry, righteousness will increase in our land and our nation will be lifted to heights never reached before.

THE BABY TREE

Today, in my garden, I planted a tree
That wasn't as tall as you are, or me.
Some day it will stand up straight to the sky

Like a soldier on sentry; and, by and by,
In spring and in summer it will be filled
With small fluffy things that will sing and build.

How magic it seems such a thing can be.
When now it is smaller than you are,
or me!

—Australian Baptist

LITTLE MISS PIT AND MASTER PAT

By Edna Osborne Whitcomb

Little Miss Pit and Master Pat
Fell down from the sky one day,
When the wind blew chill among the trees
And all the clouds were gray.
For miles and miles those raindrops fell,
Oh, my! 'twas so very far
That little Miss Pit said to Master Pat,
"I feel like a shooting star."
Leona and Ray were very sad,
As they watched the rain that morning,
Till little Miss Pit and Master Pat,
Without a bit of warning,
Chased each other down the pane
And then ran off together.
Then Leona laughed at the raindrop twins
And Ray said, "I like this weather."

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WOMEN TO HOLD JURISDICTIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 24-26

JACKSON, MISS.—More than 250 Methodist women of nine southeastern states, representing the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will hold their thirtieth annual meeting here February 24-26 at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn., will preside over plenary sessions. She is president of the WSCS in Methodism's southeastern jurisdiction of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Cuba.

She said the 150 voting members will comprise officers and elected delegates of 16 annual conferences with a total WSCS enrollment of 373,000 women. Others in attendance will include nearly 100 deaconesses, 20 missionaries and guest speakers.

Mrs. Robinson said the meeting also will mark the election of jurisdiction officers and program organization for the 1952-56 quadrennium.

Among the score of platform speakers will be the president and vice president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Ia., and Mrs. Paul Arrington, Jackson.

Others include Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson; Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Harold Bosley, Evanston, Ill.; President Hugh C. Stuntz of Scarritt College, Nashville; President Ellis Finger, Jr., of Millsaps College, Jackson; James W. Sells, Atlanta, executive secretary of the southeastern jurisdictional council; and three Mississippians who are Board of Missions staff members—Miss Thelma Stevens, Miss Lucile Colony and Miss Juanita Brown.

The program chairman is Mrs. E. V. Perry, Rolling Fork, Miss., jurisdiction vice president. She will also be in charge of a dinner meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women on Feb. 24.

President Robinson has scheduled a retreat for her 22-member executive committee Feb. 22-23 in advance of the meeting. The inspirational speaker for the preparatory sessions will be Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, spiritual life director of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The jurisdiction's Deaconess Association will hold its annual meeting in connection with the WSCS sessions. The president is Miss Ola Lee Barnett, Clinton, Mo.

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Announcements

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR MINISTERS ANNOUNCED

In my address at our North Carolina Conference at Burlington last October I made the following statement: "I know any you know that no evangelistic mission can be a success unless we preachers, who lead in the campaign, are worthy servants of our Saviour. We preachers can never convince people to follow our Saviour unless we, too, are living examples of the power of Christ in our own lives. Like our Saviour we need to have periods of meditation, when we re-examine our own lives and really ask ourselves if we are blameless in our lives and official administration. For that purpose, in cooperation with our Board of Evangelism, I am calling a meeting of all our preachers for a spiritual retreat before we begin our special evangelistic mission."

I am happy to report to my brethren that this spiritual retreat will be held at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, on Monday, March 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The program is being arranged so that we can adjourn at 4:00 p.m. It gives me much pleasure to report that Brother Albert E. Day and Brother Carl J. Sanders have accepted invitations to be with us and lead in the meeting. Brother Day and Brother Sanders are well known to all of us. Brother Day is pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore, and Brother Sanders is pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond. Their ministries have always been characterized by deep spirituality. I will be able to announce in the near future the name of the third religious leader who will help in the meeting.

March 23, 1953, should be a high hour in the life of our North Carolina Conference. I sincerely hope that every preacher of our North Carolina Conference will now make plans to attend this meeting. Let us pray that this meeting may be a modern Pentecost and Aldersgate for us as we prepare for our United Evangelistic Mission.

Paul N. Garber

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTS TWO TO FILL VACANCIES

At its called session in Durham, on Monday, February 9, the executive committee of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education elected two ministers to fill places left vacant by the death of Dr. T. M. Grant, a long-time member of the Board.

Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. Rev. T. J. Whitehead, pastor of Carr Memorial church, Durham, was elected to the Board of Trustees of Camp Don-Lee.

Allen P. Brantley, president F. Roderick Dail, secretary

CHANGES IN WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Bishop Costen J. Harrell announces the following changes in appointments in the Winston-Salem District since the Annual

Conference: Rev. Ray Stephens of High Point College is appointed to the St. Paul's charge as supply until the Annual Conference; Rev. Earl Kay Gibson of Duke University is appointed to the Pinnacle charge as pastor until the Annual Conference.

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WALLACE TO SERVE SALISBURY CHURCH

Effective February 15, the Rev. Brunson Wallace has been transferred from the North Georgia Conference to the Western North Carolina Conference, and for the remainder of the Conference year is stationed at First Methodist Church, Salisbury.

Costen J. Harrell, Bishop

The new South needs to become new in Christ. The industrial revolution now under way in the South must be accompanied by a spiritual revolution. We can sweep the Southeastern Jurisdiction with a mighty revival if we believe it. The church needs the faith and love of Jesus, and needs to give itself to God and man as Jesus gave himself. Let us not make this a campaign to save the Methodist Church. Let us be concerned about the people unreached by the church. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary, General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

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Preparing Children For Church Membership

By Edith Willis Reed,
Director Children's Work,
Western North Carolina Conference

It is the high privilege of every Methodist minister to help boys and girls to become followers of Christ; to commit their complete loyalty to Him; to unite with the church and to become active members of the church.

The Discipline of The Methodist Church lays upon the pastor the responsibility of conducting or supervising a special class for preparing boys and girls for church membership. This class should meet at least six times, and as many more times as possible.

In 1948 the General Conference appointed a committee to prepare materials for use in classes in church membership. These materials were approved by the General Conference of 1952: **The Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Boys and Girls**, Mary Alice Jones, 25 cents and **The Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Pastors**, W. Emory Hartman, \$1.50. All junior church school leaders and parents whose children are ready to take the vows of church membership should get copies of these books and read them so that they may cooperate with the pastor in preparing the boys and girls for this significant step. The materials may be secured from The Methodist Publishing House, Richmond, Virginia.

Why a Class in Church Membership?

If our church membership is to be an informed membership it is important that boys and girls have the advantage of such a class since 75-85 per cent of our church members come from the boys and girls of our church school. The instruction must be in terms that boys and girls can understand. For this reason it is necessary for the pastor to make careful preparation himself, in order that he may be a good teacher of children.

If our church membership is to become consecrated boys and girls need to be taught the following basic Christian beliefs: that God is always loving and good; that he knows each one as individuals; that he cares for every child whom he has created; that he wants our love and needs our help; that God is ever seeking his children; that he forgives them; that he saves them.

If our church membership is to be a group of growing Christians, boys and girls need help in specific ways of living which will show that they are on the side of Jesus, and that they are following His leadership. They will need to make many decisions all along the way as they grow in an understanding of the Christian faith and the way of life to which it calls them.

If the boys and girls of our churches are to move through the strain and storm of adolescence they need a satisfying personal relationship to God, and an inner sense of fellowship with Jesus. Of course, the child's experience of God is not an adult experience, but it is no less real because it is a child's experience.

Who Attends a Church Membership Class

The pastor should invite to the class not only the boys and girls who have not united with the church but boys and girls who have already joined the church so that they may be given opportunities to reaffirm their decision to follow Jesus. There is no reason why a child should not,

if he chooses, attend a church membership class several successive years.

Not only is the church responsible for the children of the church, but there are the thousands who are outside of Christian churches and Christian homes. They, too, must be reached. They will have to be reached by Jesus' method. Persons who love children must go where they are and bring them within the fold of the church. The tender heart of a child needs only an opportunity and he will respond to the love of Jesus.

The Day the Child Unites With the Church

Every child who joins the church ought to be able to look back on that day as one of the greatest days in his life. He will, if the pastor has looked upon the class in church membership as a time when God has given him the privilege of standing in the place of Jesus and receiving the children into the high fellowship of church believers. Such a service may be so reverent and so filled with understanding, by a consecrated pastor, that one can almost hear the words of our Lord as he said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them: for to such belongs the Kingdom of heaven."

In planning to receive the boys and girls into the church the pastor must let them know just what they will be expected to do and how they will do it. He should go over the ritual with them, helping them to learn the responses. The pastor's attitude is important. The beauty of our Methodist ritual, along with the reverent attitude of the pastor will make a deep impression upon the minds of boys and girls as they stand this day at the altar of the church and take their vows of church membership.

After the Children Unite with the Church

Every boy and girl who unites with the church needs the warm, personal interest of his parents, his teacher and his pastor. His understanding of church membership must be broadened and enriched. The meaning of the Christian life must be made clearer through opportunities for participation in Christian activities through study, worship and church attendance.

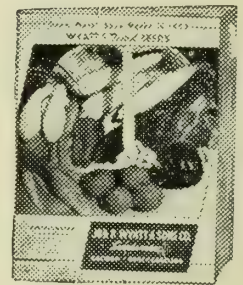
Other Age Groups

For pastors who desire guidance for the instruction of members in other age groups the materials recommended by the General Conference are: **Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Teen-Agers**, by Mrs. Lester Rumble, 25 cents; **Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Young People and Adults**, by James S. Chubb, 25 cents. These may be secured from The Methodist Publishing House.

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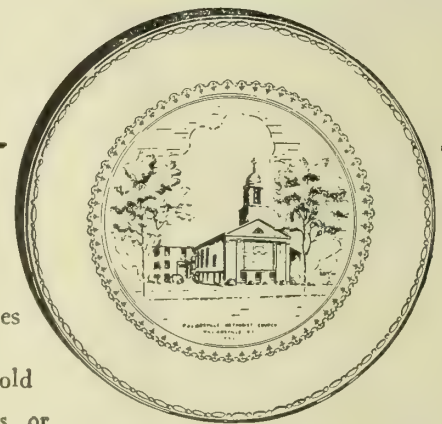


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A Thought for the Week

THROUGH NECESSITY WE PREACH

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. I Cor. 9:16.

It is both thrilling and awesome to be called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Indeed, it is the highest calling that can come to mortal man. To be commissioned to preach the gospel is to share with our fellowman the good news that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This commission has been entrusted to every follower of Jesus. Even more, it is a divine mandate. Each of us is under a divine imperative to preach the gospel. Through necessity we must share Christ with the whole world. St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, put it this way: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel."

Some of us mistakenly assume that it is primarily the responsibility of the minister to preach—that we pay him to deliver God's Word while the rest of us sit back as spectators and applaud. But preaching the gospel is much bigger than the formal services at church. The man who puts Christ into his business or profession or vocation is preaching the gospel. The young person who lives by Christian principles, who refuses to compromise to please the crowd, is declaring the Word of God. The family that lives Christ in the home, that has family devotions, that goes to church faithfully, that gives generously of time, treasure and talent to the church, is proclaiming he unsearchable riches of Christ. The layman who talks Christ to his neighbor, his friend or associate is preaching the gospel. We are in a great mess today because too many of us have been hiding the gospel under a bushel. Some of us have either been ashamed of the gospel, or we have been too busy with other things. Too often those of us who know Christ's remedy for the ills of the world continue to recommend economic and political and social panaceas for our sick generation. Necessity is laid upon us. We must preach Christ or we shall lose him ourselves. We must preach Christ or the whole world will lose him. It is, indeed, Christ or chaos—the gospel or Armageddon.

O God, lay upon our hearts afresh the sense of obligation—the divine imperative to share with a lost world the unsearchable riches of Christ. May laymen and ministers alike live Christ and proclaim him as the good news for which all mankind has been waiting. Amen.

THE LAW OF LOVE

For we must share if we would keep
That blessing from above.
Ceasing to give, we cease to have;
Such is the law of love.

—Richard C. Trench

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE FEELING OF FELLOWSHIP

Let me begin by asking: What have we in common to bind us together into a fellowship?

Of course, we all share the common purpose of making the most of our own individual lives. Each of us has but one life on this earth. Each of us wishes to live his own life to the full. We all have pretty much the same physical appetites and the same heart hunger. As we say, human nature is much the same the world around. But while these common features show our likeness, they do not guarantee our liking one another. The fact that we hunger for the same things is often one of the causes of our competitions, jealousies and divisions.

Another thing we have in common is the same quality of blood. As Saint Paul said nineteen centuries ago, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth." This fact which Paul declared to the Athenians has now been confirmed by modern biology. The blood of all races is sufficiently of the same quality that science is willing to have all our citizens, regardless of race or color, contribute to the same blood banks. But this biological fact of blood similarity has not proven powerful enough to bind men together in the bonds of brotherhood. It is one thing to recognize the need of brotherhood, it is quite another to experience the feeling of fellowship.

What is this sense of fellowship? Isn't it what we feel when we belong to a common center of loyalty?

Take it in the family. Perhaps you recall some occasion, such as high school commencement, when you were put up to make a speech. The faces before you looked as uninspiring as the desert sands to a traveller dying of thirst. Your throat went dry. Your mind went blank. And then you caught sight of your parents and a sprinkling of uncles and aunts. Their friendly faces were like oases in the desert. You knew they were with you. They belonged to the same family group. They were inwardly rooting for you. You must not let them down. Yes, the family ties of blood are thicker than water.

We know, too, the fellowship we feel through loyalty to a school. If out on some South Pacific isle or in the fog of the Aleutians, you run across someone from your college, how strong that school bond is under such conditions.

I once heard of a letter written home by an American soldier from the Fiji Islands. He and another American soldier were out walking one afternoon, when they met a couple of Fiji Islanders, dressed in native costume which was quite primitive and pretty diminutive. To the American lads the natives looked strange and wild. But when our boys stopped to make some signs to them, they were greatly surprised to discover that Fijians spoke good English. Their surprise was heightened still further when the natives invited them to church. And then the American soldier's letter added, "And, Mother, would you believe it, they weren't cannibals, they were Methodists."

Consider the fellowship which comes from common loyalty to our country. When we meet a man on the street, the mere fact that he is an American may

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Our Father, we are listening today to Thy voice which is saying: "Be still and know that I am God."

We are deeply impressed with the perfect stillness that takes place in an assembly of people when the call to prayer is made. At once all talking ceases, and the people bow or stand in reverence before the eternal God.

We are grateful for the power that comes to us in such a moment of quietness. In our calmness we actually think, and we worship, while God moves into our souls bringing peace and power. We are then just as conscious of Thy coming into our lives as we are of the penetrating power of the sun as we stand out in the open on a clear, balmy day. And when in a quiet moment we look down at our feet and see a little flower blossoming there, we seem to hear God speaking: "Tread softly, for you stand on holy ground." Help us to know how to be still, and contact the living, very present God. Amen.

THINGS I LOVE

I love thy Sanctuary, Lord,
Where prayers ascend,
And voices blend,
In hymns of praise to God.
I love thy Holy Book divine,
Precious treasure,
Beyond measure
The Book of books for all mankind.
I love thy Holy Sabbath day.
Day of rest,
Which thou hast blest,
For all who walk the narrow way.
I love America my native land,
Where all are free
To worship thee,
And be led by thy guiding hand.
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The Advocate Circulation Continues to Climb

The number of subscriptions we have received since the first of the year has been heartening. Some churches are doing an exceedingly fine job in circulating the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* among the people. The every-family plan is working especially well. Of the large number of churches sending the Advocate to every home only three so far since the Annual Conference sessions have failed to renew on this basis while at least 100 additional churches have adopted this plan.

Following the example of the Rocky Mount District, three additional districts in the North Carolina Conference are working to reach every family in the district. The Fayetteville District, with 35 charges already reporting, is rapidly accomplishing this goal. The New Bern District and the Elizabeth City District, also voting to follow this plan, are beginning to report. Churches of various sizes are adopting this plan. For example, there are St. Paul, Goldsboro, and Hay Street church, Fayetteville, with nearly 600 families each. At the other end are small churches with a dozen families, such as Cox Chapel, near Sparta. In between are tiny rural churches, small town churches, city churches,—churches way down on the coast, such as Mt. Olivet, Manteo, and churches in the far west like First church, Canton. Our circulation is climbing each week and by the end of February will reach approximately 27,000 subscribers.

This is a wonderful example of teamwork on the part of our bishops, district superintendents, pastors, boards of stewards and Methodist people generally. We of the Advocate staff know that without the full and sometimes sacrificial support of our leaders and people we could not have brought the circulation to what must be an all-time high. Moreover, we know that without this same kind of help we cannot keep the circulation where it is. We, therefore, urge all of our pastors and Advocate committees to continue to plug the Advocate. Help us to secure the renewals when they are due. Furthermore, encourage the people to read the Advocate. A suggestion from the pulpit or a sentence in the church bulletin or a recommendation of an article in the Advocate to a friend will stimulate interest. Our thanks to all who have worked for the church paper.

One more word. Those who have not yet put the Advocate in your church plans this year—and this number still runs into the hundreds—won't you begin

now to make plans for an Advocate campaign? The next three months in our church calendar are highly significant. Your people will find invaluable helps in their church paper which they can find nowhere else. When they fail to receive and read the Advocate all of us are the poorer and all of Methodism suffers. Give every Methodist family an opportunity to subscribe!

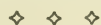


Tainted Money Has Tainted Strings Tied to It

Park Avenue Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass., has set an example which should encourage every Christian congregation in America. Offered a check for \$100, officials of the Massachusetts church returned the money and a letter to the donor, saying "its source seems to be a company which is engaged in the liquor traffic."

Now, the Park Avenue officials could have used the money. They were in the midst of a campaign to raise \$1,000 to complete the renovation of their sanctuary. But they didn't want to complete their renovation program with liquor money.

There is a great deal of tainted money floating around today. Much of it is available to the church and the institutions of the church. We hope that official boards will be as alert as were the officials of the Massachusetts church, for tainted moneys always has tainted strings tied to it. There is no money more tainted and more dangerous than liquor money.



Seek the Cooperation of Other Denominations

"We are going to the people—when-ever possible let us go with others." Thus wrote Dr. Colin A. Roberts, president of British Methodism, in a recent issue of the *Methodist Recorder*. Dr. Roberts was referring to the cooperation of other denominations in the current world-wide evangelistic mission.

We believe that Dr. Roberts' counsel is as appropriate for American Methodism as it is for British Methodism. As we plan for the forthcoming United Evangelistic Mission in the Southeastern Jurisdiction we need to enlist at the community level so far as possible the sympathy and support of other church groups. After all, as the British Methodist leader points out, we are not going out to preach Methodism, but to preach Christ. If we can get the support of other

denominations, all churches will benefit and the general moral and spiritual tone of the community will be lifted.

What are some of the practical steps Methodists can take to solicit the sympathetic understanding and the cooperation of other denominations in the community? For one thing, we can inform the ministers of other churches of our evangelistic plans. This can be done at a meeting of the ministerial association or in the case of communities that have no such organization by a personal visit to the pastor of each church. Explain what we are trying to do—to deepen the spiritual life of our own members and to seek those who are not related to any church. Inform the pastors, win their support and their people will follow. Make it clear that we are not trying to build up The Methodist Church at the expense of other communions.

Again, we can ask that other denominations pray for the mission. We shall need the prayers of all the Christian people of the community. An entire community praying together can achieve remarkable results.

Thirdly, we can ask the cooperation of other denominations in a religious survey of the community. Most of our pastors are planning to do this. It will be highly beneficial to all who participate.

Fourthly, explore the possibility of putting on a church attendance campaign on an interdenominational basis. Such a cooperative effort will benefit every church in the community.

Fifthly, it might be possible to have simultaneous visitation evangelism and simultaneous evangelistic services. Our dates, of course, are fixed, but other communions may be able to adjust their schedule to correspond with the Methodist program.

Methodists are well known for their cooperative spirit with other denominations. Sometimes in our efforts to stress the ecumenical spirit we have failed to impress upon our own people some of the distinct tenets of our faith. We should no doubt lay more stress on our own doctrines and polity, teaching our people the fundamentals of Methodist belief. At the same time, we must continue to join hands with all Christian groups who are willing to work with us in a common undertaking. Because we are numerically big, perhaps we should be the first to extend the hand to others. Whether or not they take our hand will be up to them.

If we are to have a religious awakening in this country all evangelical denominations must cooperate. The task is too big for one denomination to accomplish it single-handed.

DR. GEORGE W. HARLEY: A Man Who Lives in Two Worlds

By Horace R. McSwain

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A North Carolinian whose skill and versatility have won the respect of the medical and business world, whose gentleness and loving service have won the affection of the sick, and whose Christ-like spirit has won the hearts of all Christians who know him.

"We were all set for school commencement exercises and I was to present the prizes. The District Commissioner was to be present because his son was leading the rhythm band. But I didn't go because a man came running up, calling, 'Pa, come quick. Woman want to die.' That's all I could get out of him, so I went. The woman was alone, abandoned in her hut at the sick town. She was not dead, but she had cut her own throat across and then down, and for good measure stuck the knife into her liver.

"We took her to the dispensary, sewed her up and put in a tracheotomy tube. Just about the time we finished she came to and started talking. She said she had done it because her husband had gone off and left her to die. She argued with him that she knew the medicine at Ganta Mission would make her well. But he was not to be convinced and went home. Then she got mad. 'All right, if I am going to die, then I'll die.' So she proceeded to do what she could to hasten the process. After a few days, we took out the tube. Her original complaint was relieved. Her husband had been sent for—a most amazed and contrite man.

"They used to sit quietly together thinking about what had almost happened, and trying to figure out why I didn't just let her go ahead and die. Both of them had accepted death for her—and now she wasn't dead at all. Instead she was cured. What a strange God the white man had! And this command of love—it just didn't make sense! They went home still wondering and talking about it."

Thus Dr. George W. Harley describes one of the innumerable instances that has endeared him to thousands on thousands in his medical ministry at Ganta Mission, Liberia, Africa.

Ganta Planned in 1922

Until 1947 Ganta was inaccessible by road and was reached only by trail. Yet Dr. Harley reports that hundreds of patients are treated in his dispensary every week. This has come about because of his courteous and loving ministry to the natives. Dr. Harley has always taken seriously the agreement which Dr. Thomas Donohugh, Africa secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions, made with President King and the village chiefs in 1922 when Ganta Mission was planned: "We want to set up an exchange center, where the natives share their knowledge with us and we share ours with them." Even while the plans were being made, God, in his great wisdom, was preparing someone for this post, "someone who could combine the skills of a modern doctor and the inquiring spirit of a true anthropologist, someone who would live with the people in a primitive society and try to understand them." The job seemed to call for a magician as well as a farmer, machinist, carpenter, Christian doctor, and a student of tropical diseases." Dr. Harley has more than measured up!

All sorts of people with their various plans for Liberia drive the 175 miles to Ganta to discuss their ideas with Dr. Harley and get the benefit of his experience and advice. Among the projects that he has been called on to discuss are the Liberian Institute for Research in Tropical Medicine; Stettinius' Liberia Company; Le Tourneau's big new venture in large scale community development; the malaria and yaws control program of U.N.I.C.E.F. and World Health Organization; and various

aspects of the Point Four program. A program of help to underdeveloped areas of the world, before it was ever called Point Four, was written in Liberia and Dr. Harley was one of those who participated in the writing, while he was consultant to the United States Economic Mission to Liberia. He has been awarded the decoration of "Knight Commander of the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption" by the Liberian Government. He has been honored by the Liberian Government as no other foreigner has ever been honored, by having a government building named in his honor, the G. W. Harley Hospital.

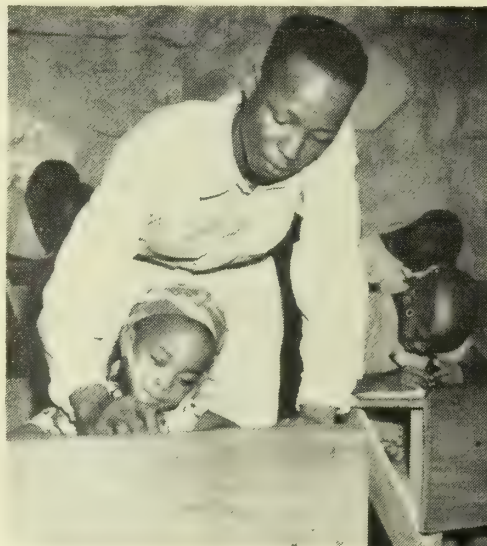
Dr. Harley opened his medical ministry 26 years ago on the screened porch of a mud hut. He asked the patients to bring a chicken in payment for two years of medical care. The fee of a chicken became too cumbersome and was later changed to the cash equivalent. The cost for two years medical care is now one dollar. The rapid way in which the natives responded to this is indicated in a letter Dr. Harley wrote about 18 months after the clinic was opened: "Yesterday I had 160 patents; 118 of them received intramuscular injections of Bismuth. Of all the forlorn, crippled, pain-tortured people you have ever seen, imagine a group of over a hundred; some with great sores that have twisted a knee or an elbow, or crippled an entire hand or foot, or eaten out a nose; some with swollen painful joints so severe that they have not walked for years . . . Group these all together and tell them that in one month the pains will vanish, their sores heal, and that those who came in hammocks will be able to walk, and you will understand why they are beginning to come for miles around.

This group who came yesterday came for their weekly treatment of yaws."

Dr. Hyla Watters, recently transferred from the Wuhu Hospital in China to Ganta, made this statement which was quoted in last year's report of the Division of Foreign Missions about the Ganta Clinic: "I don't think people outside the actual work here have any idea of what a big clinic this really is. The daily average of outpatients here is more than THREE times the number at Wuhu Hospital. But there we had in our two departments of outpatient work, three or more doctors and from three to seven or more nurses, aside from the ward crews and the doctors on duty for inpatients. When I heard about the size of the clinics here I frankly thought it was an exaggeration. It isn't! It's the honest truth! It speaks wonders for the efficient way the Harleys have developed and systematized this work that so many patients can be seen and treated by so few people." Dr. Harley reports that over 1,000 patients are treated a week; until recently this was all done by Dr. and Mrs. Harley with some trained native assistants.

Love Begets Love

The high esteem with which Dr. Harley is held by the natives comes from the respect he has had for them and their customs. He went in the spirit of a true Christian doctor and anthropologist, to share their knowledge and wisdom and to share with them what he had in medical skills. He joined the native societies—blacksmith's guild, snake society and others. He called in a native doctor for consultation to determine whether a man was drunk, drunk and sick, or drunk and sick and poisoned with some native poison. The native doctor said he was really sick and not poisoned. So the two doctors administered their two types of medication. This did not heal them and so they operated and the patient recovered. This native doctor, one of the most powerful and respected men of his community, was a friend of Dr. Harley for the rest of his life. When he was near death he called Dr. Harley to him and, giving him all his religious relics, he said, "I have no one near me to give them to. You have been like a son to me." Valuable information con-



Native medical technicians and teachers greatly aid in the program of health and education.

cerning the lives of the people and their religious beliefs was placed in the hands of Dr. Harley. Over 200 ceremonial masks have been acquired by him in one way or another. Many of them have found their way into the Peabody Museum at Harvard University.

Another experience which placed him high in the estimation of one who is now paramount chief, came when the chief was only a town chief. There was sickness and death from amoebic dysentery throughout the village. The question the chief had to decide was whether it was witchcraft or sickness. Three old women were imprisoned for trial to try to determine who was causing the deaths. Punishment would be certain if they were found guilty of witchcraft. Dr. Harley found it easy to demonstrate the amoebae under a microscope, treated the patients, had the water supply condemned and another well dug. The people got well, the epidemic stopped, and the suspected women went free.

"The Good Witch of Ganta"

Dr. Harley has thus endeared himself to the people and is now known as the "Good Witch of Ganta." A person who possesses knowledge beyond the experience of ordinary men is considered to be a "witch," but there are good witches and bad ones. From Dr. Harley's knowledge of drugs he is considered a witch, but because he uses his knowledge beneficently he is considered a "good witch."

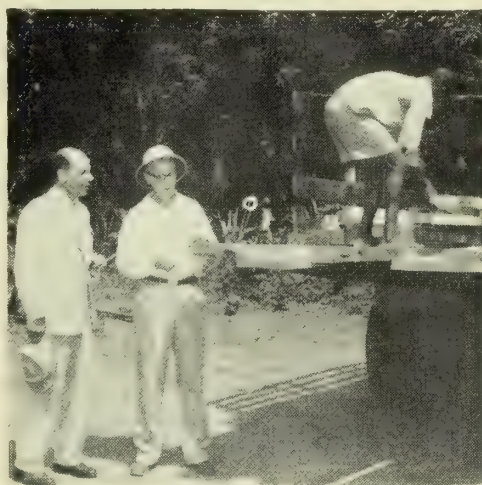
The response to his ministry is more phenomenal when one realizes how utterly foreign to the natives was the idea he brought to them. When the Harleys arrived at Monrovia 27 years ago, they had a 14 day hike by trail to get to Ganta. After the second day on the trail their approach set the villages in great commotion for the natives had never seen a white woman before. For some time the natives, though friendly, were not sure whether to accept the Harleys as people like themselves. When a small son of the Harleys died at Ganta, one of the chiefs said to Dr. Harley, "We were not sure up to now whether you were one like us, or whether you were from the Spirit World. Now we know that you are one like us, for your son died as our sons die."

The "jungle mission," 14 days by trail from civilization when it was begun 27 years ago by Dr. and Mrs. Harley, can today be reached by motor road in a few hours. There is one recently completed wing of a hospital with 25 beds and soon, from the Day of Dedication Offering this year, other wings with 50 more beds will be begun. There is the leper colony with about 300 lepers under treatment. From 400 to 500 patients are treated each week for yaws. Over a hundred are regularly under treatment for sleeping sickness. From 60,000 to 70,000 people have participated in the program of two years paid-up medical care for one dollar. The income from this would be significant if large numbers participated at the same time, but the trouble is that after they get well many of the people do not renew their tickets—and most of the patients get well.

A Self-sufficient Community

The Mission has been built on the basis of being a self-sufficient community. Dr. Harley taught the people to use the pit saw and with the lumber built the first permanent building, the dispensary. To haul the lumber, he made a crude wagon with homemade wheels, the first wheels ever seen at Ganta. After living ten years in a large mud house with thatched roof, where their children were born, the Harleys started digging stones out of the back yard. They built a home with these and lumber which was sawed with the sawmill run by a \$25 second-hand Model

T Ford motor he bought in New York while on furlough. He built a pottery kiln, blacksmith shop, garage and furniture shop in which all the furniture of the Mission is made. Furniture of mahogany was made for the home of President Barclay of Monrovia. A brick yard was laid out and clay from the river used for burned brick. The Firestone Company, with its rubber plantations in Liberia, sent specialists to Liberia to find clay for tile. They found none. Dr. Harley found clay through the Women's Pottery Guild and persuaded them to let him get it. He thus has what is probably the only tile yard in all of West Africa. The buildings of the Mission, made of local materials, have a stone foundation, brick walls and tile roofs to



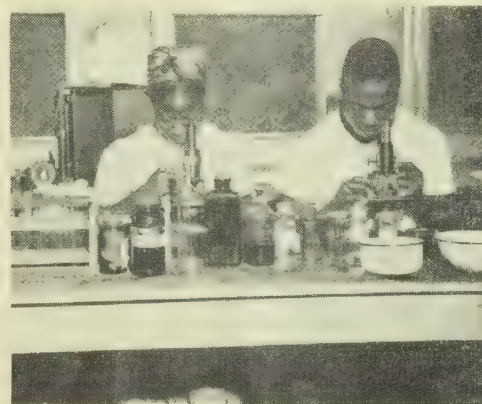
Dr. Harley discusses timber with U. S. Ambassador Dudley, visitor to Ganta.

withstand the severe tropical climate. The furniture for the buildings is made in the furniture shop. Building up the physical plant has been a slow, tedious, laborious task involving teaching the native workmen the use of unfamiliar tools.

The Mission compound, in addition to the shops mentioned above, consists of four missionary dwellings, a dispensary, hospital ward, a school where 150 students receive instruction, several dormitories for boys, a dining hall and a new church, which is still under construction. There are a number of preaching places in surrounding villages. A total of 25 preaching services are held each week.

Many Needs Unmet

In this rapidly expanding work the needs are numerous. One of the most urgent is a surgical wing for the hospital, which is not included in the Day of Dedi-



Two of our students match blood slides for trypanosomes.

cation Offering. A training school for nurses and a girls' dormitory are greatly needed. In the beginning girls were not permitted by their parents to attend school, so the boys were provided for first. Now girls are anxious to come and there is no housing for them. The boys who go to school are asking for educated Christian wives and there are not enough to go around. Five thousand dollars is needed to complete the church. A new building is needed to house the industrial arts work. A boy now has to stand outside the window and watch the teacher demonstrate the lathe and other equipment to learn how to use it! Ganta Mission has grown tremendously, but the opportunity for Christian witnessing and teaching has just begun.

In addition to the many abilities demonstrated above, Dr. Harley is a road builder, map maker and surveyor, having made the first acceptable map of all Liberia. When helping a surveyor fix a point of latitude and longitude on the border of Liberia, Dr. Harley said that he felt nearest to the heart of the great missionary, doctor and explorer, David Livingstone. Dr. Harley had read the story of David Livingstone as a boy of 8 and from that time had set his heart on going to Africa as a missionary.

Born in Asheville

He was born in Asheville, North Carolina, the son of Rev. G. G. Harley, a minister in the Western North Carolina Conference. He grew up in North Carolina, graduating from Concord High School in 1912. He graduated from Duke University (Trinity College) in 1916 and was later elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M. D. from Yale Medical School. He studied at the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut, where he received his Ph.D. At night he studied mechanical arts in the local high school. He received a diploma in Tropical Medicine from the School of Tropical Medicine in London, England, where he stopped over on his way to Africa.

Mrs. Harley has been Dr. Harley's helpmate, companion and indispensable assistant in all his work. She is a botanist, medical technician and treasurer of Ganta Mission. This year, while on furlough, she has been preparing a botanical paper on the ferns of Africa.

So significant has been Dr. Harley's work among the people of Africa, so careful has been his study of their ways, their religion and their medicine, that he is one of the most highly respected men in this field. He wrote his findings in his doctoral thesis, "Native African Medicine." He is a member of the Harvard University faculty as Res arch Fellow in Anthropology, currently doing a series of studies on his collection of 300 chimpanzee skulls. The high esteem he has won in the field of anthropology is given in the words of Professor Carleton S. Coon of the University of Pennsylvania when he says of Dr. Harley: "He has a specialized knowledge of the black man, and the detached understanding of the exceptionally gifted white. He can think black or white at will. Harley's rare accomplishment is his ability to live in and describe a second world, without removing his feet from that in which he was born and educated. In other words, he has perhaps gone further into the native consciousness than any other man who has not himself passed irretrievably over the line."

Thus a great Soul serves His Master.

(A series of 50 Kodachrome slides on Ganta Mission, with script, is available from Rev. Horace R. McSwain. Box 1015. Shelby, N. C., for a rental fee of \$1.00. Please state first, second and third choices of dates after March 15.)

Bishop Harrell to Dedicate Church; Cartwright Discusses Church in China

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED MARCH 1

Bishop Costen J. Harrell will preach and dedicate Pleasant Grove church near Charlotte Sunday morning, March 1. Other ministers expected for the dedication are Frank Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte District; J. Leonard Rayle, pastor at Boger City; John Carter, minister at Weldon; J. O. Ervin, resident retired minister; and Charles Rhinehart, minister at Farmer.

Following this service, which will be broadcast over Radio station WAYS, a picnic lunch will be served. An afternoon service of praise, recognitions, and special singing will follow the luncheon hour. The concluding service of the day will be the evening preaching hour at 7:30 o'clock.

Pleasant Grove church was organized in 1888 and has had two church buildings prior to the present one which was completed in 1948 at an overall cost of approximately \$75,000.

The present membership stands at 600, 180 of whom have been added during the two and one-half years of the pastorate of the present minister, Rev. Jack H. Cooke.

All former pastors, members, and all friends of the congregation are invited.

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MISSIONS TO "RING" COMMUNISTS WITH CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

BUCK HILL FALLS, PA.—The Christian church still "functions as an organization," and congregations still meet for worship within Communist China, Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, administrative secretary for China, told the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church at its recent annual meeting. But he warned that control of the church and its organizations are gradually being taken over by men "who adhere to the party lines."

"Carefully guarded statements in letters from China to Chinese now in the United States indicate also that some conferences have been held and some evangelistic campaigns, though these have been partly political in nature," said Dr. Cartwright, who was formerly a missionary in Foochow. "There are indications that a small group of leaders, leftist even at the beginning and *persona grata* to the People's Government, are agitating with considerable prospect of success for the 'unifica-

tion' of the denominations. This is in line with policies of all totalitarian governments, and the effort may have been suggested by the Peking politicians.

"Nationalized" is the word for the institutions once sponsored by the Christian church. This means simply that they are completely under the control of the Chinese Communists. Of the thirteen Christian colleges in China it is reliably reported that only three now function under even their own name; the others have been merged with government institutions. All are directed by men and women who adhere to the party line even though they may not be members of the party. No one holds any responsible position in China today who does not convincingly accept and follow that line."

No Methodist Missionaries in China

There are today no Methodist missionaries serving in Communist China, the last one having been released from jail in December, Dr. Cartwright said. There were five in 1951 still in service; 50 at the end of 1950; and more than 300 as far back as 1930. But "the other China"—the vast island world, including Formosa, where millions of Chinese live, is still "open to the Christian gospel," and there the churches are planning to reinforce their missionary staffs. They look forward to a day when from these islands there will go a great "task force" of Chinese Christians to convert what is now Communist China, he said.

"Most Americans forget, even if they ever knew, that there are millions of Chinese who are **not** on the mainland," said Dr. Cartwright. "Of these the majority seemingly are anti-communist, but no one is in position to estimate with accuracy the ratio. Formosa has a population of 8,000,000, largely descendants of South Fukien immigrants and speaking the Amoy dialect. No one knows exactly how many Chinese from the mainland have moved to Formosa since the Communists gained control of continental China. Counting 500,000 troops under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, it is variously estimated that between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 are now there. Practically all of these use the national language Mandarin.

"In addition, there are probably 12,000,000 Chinese in other areas of Asia. These are scattered over most of the Pacific area:

Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, Borneo, even India. They usually live in large colonies and are influential in all the lands where they reside. The Methodist Church has major responsibility for missionary work among millions of those in Southeast Asia, notably in Malaya, Burma and the northeast coast of Sumatra and Sarawak (Borneo).

"Pleas have been made that a missionary or missionaries be sent to Taiwan (the Chinese name for the island of Formosa), to work among the mainland Chinese, many of whom were members of Methodist churches back home. Christian work among native Formosans, both aborigines and the Amoy-speaking population, has historically been fostered by missions from England and Canada. But the Methodists have been invited to join, and we have sent Rev. and Mrs. Edward K. Knettlar, who had been in West China. They are now in Taiwan. We expect to send other missionaries there later.

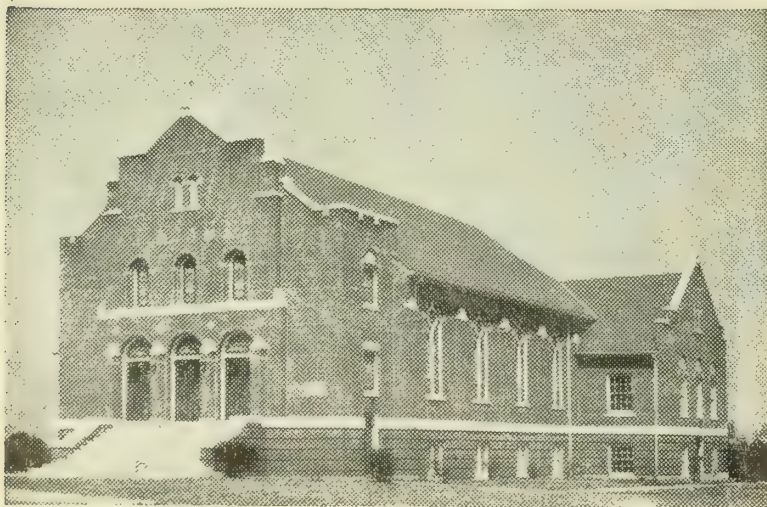
Many Chinese Settle in Hong Kong

"Also, large numbers of Chinese from the mainland have settled in Hong Kong. It is probable that more than 1,000,000 new residents have arrived since communism took over China proper. Among them are many who were members of Methodist churches or alumni of Methodist schools. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney R. Anderson live in Hong Kong and minister so far as possible to such Methodists, while they serve as representatives of American Methodism. Through the United Board for Christian Colleges in China we cooperate in educational work in the colony and through Nanking Theological Seminary Board of Founders with the Lutheran Seminary. The British Methodists work almost entirely among the Cantonese-speaking population, and it may well prove desirable for our church to cooperate with these missionaries for work among Chinese who speak Mandarin.

"American Methodism has been an active participant for many years in the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. Our contributions to the colleges, both regular and conditional, have been made through the United Board. Since the communist government has taken over the schools on mainland China, the work of the United Board has been largely directed to aiding Chinese students in Christian colleges outside the mainland of China, to fellowships for Christian Chinese professors for advanced study, mainly in the United States, and to translation projects into the Chinese language.

A Christian College in Formosa

"The United Board has now begun active preparation for a Christian college in Formosa. An initial appropriation of \$50,000 has been made. H. D. Beeby, a British Presbyterian missionary, has been loaned for a year to help with the initial plans, and he has come to the United States for consultation and for observation of American colleges. The trustees are seeking an experienced Christian educator with the requisite administrative experience to return to Taiwan with Mr. Beeby for a year. These two men, with selected Chinese Christians, representing both the mainland and the Formosan church, will then determine the site and begin the actual project. Meantime, several Formosan Christian Chinese have been selected for advanced training in the United States as members for the future faculty. The plans look toward a good but relatively small institution designed to minister to the needs of the people and the churches on the large island, regardless of future developments on the continent."



Pleasant Grove
Church near
Charlotte.

Church to Raise Building Funds; Duke Supply Pastors' School Announced

VALDESE METHODISTS LAUNCH DRIVE FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS

Members of First church, Valdese, on Sunday, February 22, launched a special drive to raise funds to build a new church.

According to the present plans, the proposed new building will be of Colonial architecture and with brick exterior walls, steel columns and beams, wood stud partitions plastered and wood floor.

The sanctuary contains 3,200 sq. ft. including an entrance vestibule and seating 300 on the main floor, 50 in the balcony and 50 in the choir.

The basement, first floor and second floor will have a total area of 16,546 sq. ft. The basement will contain a social hall with stage containing 3,560 sq. ft., which will seat approximately 300 persons at tables.

At the rear of the church, in a wing at right angles to it, will be the educational building containing 9,786 sq. ft. total for the three floors and serving a Sunday School enrollment of 400 to 450. The basement floor of this building will also contain a kitchen, and there will be rest rooms on each floor.

Total cost of the building will be approximately \$125,000. Roy Bogg is chairman of the drive. There will be an every member canvass for pledges to be paid by June, and it is hoped that enough money will be raised to start the new building at that time.

The First Methodist Church of Valdese was organized in 1929 with four members. In 1932 the present church building was erected, the membership having grown to 33. Since then classrooms have been made in the basement of the church and a hut built in back of the church.

The present building has a sanctuary which will seat 165, five classrooms in the basement, three classrooms in the hut and one class meets in the parsonage.

These accommodations have become inadequate with the steady growth of the church. The membership is now 285 with a Sunday School enrollment of 235. The average Sunday School attendance last year was 160 per Sunday.

The church is served by Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., pastor.

CALDWELL COUNTY METHODIST MISSION SOCIETY ORGANIZES

The Caldwell County Mission Society met at First church, Lenoir, on February 9, with the district superintendent, Rev. Ralph Taylor. Reports on a survey of 1500 persons in the Cajas mountain section of the county were heard and plans were formulated for another survey to be conducted on the Lenoir-North Wilkesboro highway. A nominating committee was appointed and instructed to select officers of the society for another year. Following the meeting of the Society, Rev. Ralph Taylor met with the Caldwell pastors in one of five sub-district meetings held in connection with the evangelistic mission.

The officers of the Society were selected by the nominating committee in another meeting on February 15. They are: President, L. M. Rash; vice-president, Olin Moore; secretary, A. D. Huffines; treasurer, Danny M. Corpening. Lay members of the society are: Walter Fox, Paul Wilams, W. W. White, Richard Starnes, Henry Clay, M. R. Reese, Sharpe Sherrill, John Clark, R. T. Green, Henry Burgers, Paul Oakley, E. M. Dudley, Fred Prestwood, Ledford Benfield, J. C. Bolick, C. E. Greene, Boyd Teague, Robert Helton, Hill Carter, Walter Scott, H. T. Carlton, Roby Walker, T. H. Row, Clyde Keller, W. T. Cannon, Charlie Simmons, Dayne Reid, Earl Bradford, W. D. Tuttle, O. G. Queen, Aleck Wilson.

APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS' SCHOOL AT DUKE SET

The annual Approved Supply Pastors' School will be held on the Duke University campus, Durham, June 15 through July 1, 1953, according to an announcement made by Dr. W. A. Kale, dean of the school.

Courses will be offered for both traveling ministers and supply pastors who are studying to complete the required courses of study as outlined by the 1952 General Conference of The Methodist Church. Under a working agreement with the correspondence school, it will be possible for a man to complete a full year's course by attending the Supply School and taking 70 hours of credit work to be supplemented by correspondence work to cover three specified books.

Scholarship aid is available in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$50, but this aid is limited to Supply Pastors. Application for scholarships should be made directly to the dean. The expense of the school is small, there being no tuition charge and only a minimum room rate. The cost of board will be determined by an individual's taste.

A descriptive folder with full information regarding plans for the school will be circulated soon. If a copy is not received, request should be made to Dr. W. A. Kale, Box 4353, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

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AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP SET FOR APRIL 27

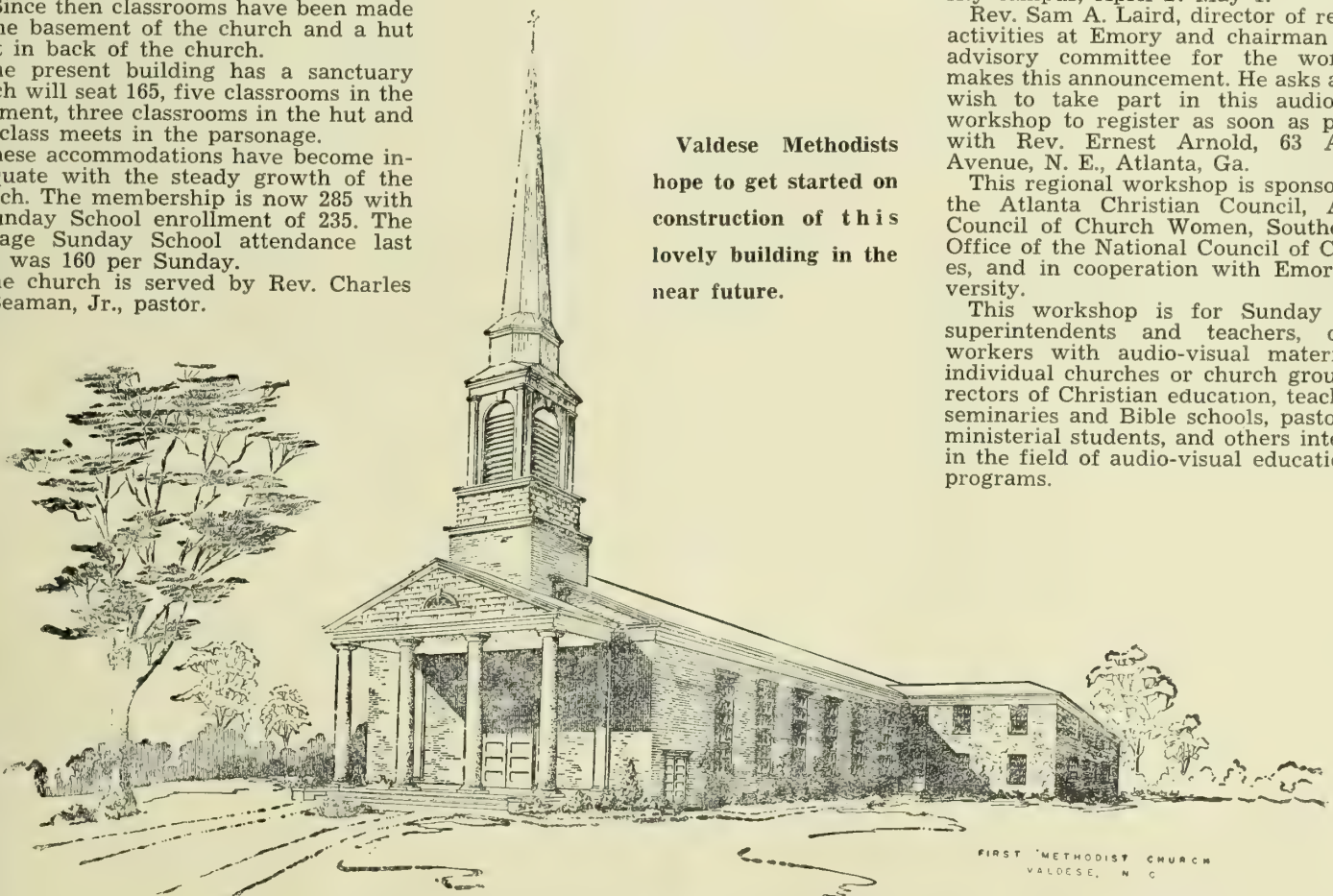
The second Southeastern audio-visual workshop dealing with production, selection and use of religious audio-visual materials will be held at Glenn Memorial Methodist Church on the Emory University campus, April 27-May 1.

Rev. Sam A. Laird, director of religious activities at Emory and chairman of the advisory committee for the workshop, makes this announcement. He asks all who wish to take part in this audio-visual workshop to register as soon as possible with Rev. Ernest Arnold, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

This regional workshop is sponsored by the Atlanta Christian Council, Atlanta Council of Church Women, Southeastern Office of the National Council of Churches, and in cooperation with Emory University.

This workshop is for Sunday school superintendents and teachers, other workers with audio-visual materials in individual churches or church groups, directors of Christian education, teachers in seminaries and Bible schools, pastors and ministerial students, and others interested in the field of audio-visual education and programs.

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New Bern District Reports on UCA; Boards Co-operate in Evangelistic Effort

NEW BERN DISTRICT REPORTS \$51,879 ON UCA DRIVE

The New Bern District has reported in cash and pledges \$51,879 on its quota of \$55,000, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina sponsoring agency of the United College Appeal. With five charges of the 47 in the District yet to report, it is expected that the District will go over the top in its current campaign to give financial aid to the four Methodist colleges which are benefitting by the UCA program in the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences.

At the kick-off dinner meeting held at Centenary church, New Bern, February 2, more than 250 were present and at the report meeting February 13 around 125 attended. At the former meeting the message was brought by Mr. Holt and at the latter meeting Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke University Divinity School was the speaker.

Rev. H. K. King is superintendent of the New Bern District and has been in charge of the campaign in the District.

The campaign is under way in the Wilmington District and report meetings are to be held February 26 and 27. Campaigns in other Districts of the Conference are planned during the next month and during the fall. The Durham District has already held its campaign.

The North Carolina Conference has a goal of \$400,000 to be raised in the special drive which will extend over the next three years. In addition, \$600,000 has been added to the sustaining fund of local church budgets to be raised over a period of ten years, bringing the total to \$1,000,000.

The Western North Carolina Conference has completed its UCA program for \$1,500,000 with the exception of a portion of the Greensboro District which is planned for this spring.

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BOARDS TO COOPERATE IN EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

Nashville, Tenn.—The Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education is cooperating wholeheartedly in the World Mission of Evangelism now under way, according to Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the division.

Sponsored by the World Methodist Council, which includes all branches of Methodism, the World Mission of Evangelism will continue throughout 1953.

In order to cooperate to the fullest extent in the movement, the Local Church Division has decided upon seven lines of action, Dr. Schisler said. They are:

1. Emphasize evangelism in all field engagements of the division's 35 staff members.
2. Interpret and emphasize evangelism through Christian education in the programs of conferences, in seminars, and institutes, and in all leadership training projects.
3. Emphasize and teach John Wesley's life, program, and purpose to the different age groups.
4. Lead teachers to do evangelistic teaching—that is, teach for a verdict.
5. Prepare special materials on evangelism for use during 1953.
6. As a part of the General Conference quadrennial youth emphasis, underscore



Carlos Hill, above, member of West End church, Thomasville, has a record of church loyalty which is hard to beat. Joining West End church 27 years ago, he has missed only one Sunday at church in 27 years. He has served as Church School superintendent, as chairman of the board of stewards and is now president of the Methodist Men's Club and a teacher in the Church School. Carlos has been an inspiration to all his fellow-church members as well as to his many friends, and his church honors him for his devoted service.

in 1953 a strong program in youth evangelism, with the understanding that in 1954 and 1955 the bishops and others will give leadership to the other phases of the youth emphasis.

7. Undergird a strong youth evangelism program in 1953 by (1) promoting Christian Witness Missions in cooperation with

the Board of Evangelism, (2) teaching and stressing evangelism in youth institutes and assemblies, and (3) building strong evangelistic emphasis in the local Methodist Youth Fellowship programs.

Already new free materials to stimulate pre-Easter evangelism in the church school have been prepared by the Division staff and are now off the press. They are: Evangelistic Teaching—Children (184-B), Evangelistic Teaching—Youth (2367-B), Win Youth to Christ (2368-B), Evangelistic Teaching—Adults (4450-B), Evangelistic Teaching (8287-B), and Teacher's Responsibility List (881-B). These can be secured from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

Also cooperating in the World Mission of Evangelism is the Joint Committee on Materials for Training for Church Membership. This committee is composed of members from the boards of Education and Evangelism and the book editor. With Bishop W. Earl Ledden as chairman, the committee has prepared four membership manuals—for boys and girls, for teenagers, for young people and adults, and for pastors. The manuals may be had from the Methodist Publishing House and its several branches.

It is a well-known fact that the church school is the pastor's chief assistant in evangelism, Dr. Schisler said. Since unification in 1940 about two million church school pupils have joined The Methodist Church on profession of faith. It is expected that through the Local Church Division's participation in the World Mission of Evangelism, a large number of persons will be brought into the church through the church school.

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CROWN PRINCE STUDIES CHRISTIANITY

Crown Prince Akihito, of Japan, will leave Tokyo on March 30 for a trip to Europe, United States, and finally to England where he will attend the coronation ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II. In preparing for this visit into the Western World, the Prince is studying Christianity under the direction of Yoshizo Kitamori, professor of Tokyo Theological Seminary.

To The Pastors And District Superintendents Of The Southeastern Jurisdiction

Dear Brethren:

Your College of Bishops in a recent meeting gave serious consideration to the pending program of Evangelism in our local churches. We are wholeheartedly supporting the United Evangelistic Mission in our Jurisdiction. We wish, however, to lay upon your hearts the necessity of carrying on the regular pre-Easter program of Evangelism in every Sunday school and local church. We do not wish for the UEM to interfere with any pastor's plans for the Lenten Season and the reception of classes into the church Palm Sunday and Easter.

We are, therefore, greatly concerned that in February or early in March at the latest, a children's membership class shall be formed in every local church throughout the Jurisdiction. This is a solemn obligation which the Church specifically lays upon every pastor. Read again Par. 129, 1952 Discipline, and see how the Church looks to our pastors faithfully to lead to Christ the children of each generation. This is one of the primal functions of the pastoral office, and must not be neglected. Our observation is that children's membership classes are generally formed in churches located in cities and towns, but we fear that the annual membership class is not so well established in our village and country churches. Can we not find in the smallest and most remote church at least one child waiting to be brought into the fold? And is not "one of these little ones" worthy of our best pastoral care and effort? We especially request that each district superintendent shall bring forward at each Quarterly Conference during 1953 the importance of children's membership classes, and shall receive a report from the pastor concerning the plans and results of such classes in each church in his pastoral charge. Faithfully yours—Clare Purcell, President; Arthur J. Moore, William T. Watkins, Costen J. Harrell, Paul N. Garber, Marvin A. Franklin, Roy H. Short, John W. Branscomb, Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

DR. MARK DEPP of Winston-Salem delivered the sermon Sunday, February 15, at the Duke University Chapel.

DR. EMBREE H. BLACKARD of Asheville was one of the 75 preachers participating in the recent Cuban evangelistic mission.

SALUDA METHODISTS observed the World Day of Prayer Friday, February 20, with a service at the church sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MRS. E. G. COWAN of Goldston is recovering slowly from a serious illness. Hospitalized 22 days, she has returned home now and requests the prayers of friends and others.

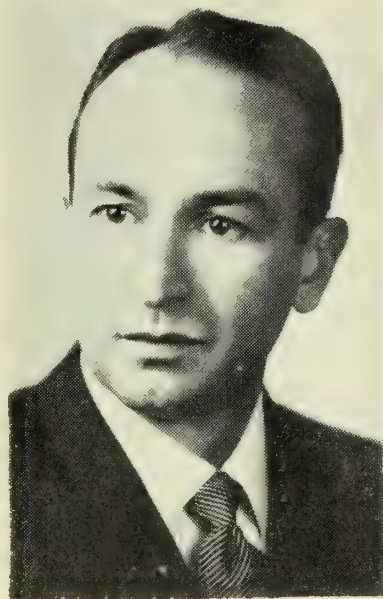
DR. THOMAS CLAY, Mayodan physician, conducted the worship services recently at the Draper Methodist Church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. O. Plyler, who is recovering from an extended illness.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Thomasville, will have a Lenten School each Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with a devotional message by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Robinson, followed by classes. Adults will be led by Miss Virginia Smith; intermediates and seniors, by Miss Betty Kate Jones; and primaries and juniors, by teachers in the Children's Division.

BURGAU METHODISTS recently dedicated a lovely altar set at the morning service with the pastor, Rev. Grady L. Kinley, in charge. The cross was given as a memorial to the late Robert Grady Johnson by Mrs. Johnson and their children. Candlesticks were given as a memorial to Mrs. Effie S. Brown by Mr. Brown and their children. A new hot air furnace has recently been installed. On January 26 the congregation gave a reception honoring the pastor and his bride, the former Miss Mildred Vinson of Smithfield.

REV. WILBUR G. McFARLAND of High Point has been awarded a Doctor of Theology degree by the American Bible School of Chicago, Ill. Dr. McFarland, who is pastor of Main Street church, High Point, received his A.B. degree from Duke University and a Master of Theology degree from the American Bible School. He has done post graduate work at Guilford College, Duke University, Emory University and graduated from the U. S. Army Chaplains' School of Harvard University. The American Bible School serves as a ministerial training school and is chartered by the State of Illinois.

"YOU . . . Modern Disciple" is the title of the Fourth Sunday World Service leaflet for March using as a point of departure the meeting of Christ and the eleven disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The leaflet points out that the modern disciple is ready, also, to obey the command of the Master. Most Christians cannot themselves go to some foreign field but in The Methodist Church through gifts of World Service it is possible for "modern disciples" to have a part in a ministry of preaching, teaching and healing, in mission fields in the United States and many foreign lands. The leaflet is illustrated and printed in two colors. Copies are available for general distribution on order of pastors. Address the Service Dept., 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.



REV. BRUNSON C. WALLACE, above, has been transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and has been appointed to serve as pastor of First church, Salisbury, until the next session of the Conference. Mr. Wallace fills the vacancy left by Rev. George B. Clemmer, who gave up the pastorate of the Salisbury church on account of the illness of Mrs. Clemmer. Mr. Wallace for the past two years was director of the Wesley Foundation of the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga. Earlier appointments included the pastorate of Grace church, Savannah, Ga. and four years as chaplain in the armed forces. He grew up in Tulsa, Okla., and received his A.B. degree from Oklahoma City University and his Th.M. degree from Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. He was a member of the Colorado Conference before transferring to the South Georgia Conference. He and Mrs. Wallace have three children.

SHILOH CHARGE in the Thomasville District recently had 31 receiving credit in the Lexington area training school. Credits by churches: Shiloh, 13; Reeds, 13; Friendship, 4.

FIRST CHURCH, Hamlet, had as guest speaker Rev. Yosip Benjamin, Persian native, who has served as a missionary in Persia and Russia. Experiencing many hardships and trials at the hands of the Communists, Mr. Benjamin was once sentenced to be shot but escaped, as he testified, only through the power of prayer.

THE YOUTH EUROPEAN CARAVAN sponsored by the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference is now being formed for work in Austria and Germany next summer. Young people interested in becoming members of the group are asked to write Mrs. E. L. Hillman, 1002 W. Knox St., Durham, N. C., for application blank. To be composed of eleven young persons and an adult counselor, the caravan will sail from New York June 24 and will sail from Southampton, England, September 3 on the return trip. Pastors, directors of Christian Education and other workers who know young people interested in this unusual experience are urged to see that application is made by March 15.

CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH, Charlotte, plans for remodeling the sanctuary. To cost around \$20,000 including new pews and pulpit furniture, the building will be enlarged to seat an additional 100 persons.

MRS. LINDA RAND BURTON of Reidsville, has given the Garner Methodist Church a baptismal font in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Rand. This gift matches the other church furniture.

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, recently organized a Methodist Men's Club, with W. J. Bullock, superintendent of Kannapolis City Schools and Salisbury District lay leader, as speaker. C. M. "Bud" Stack was elected president, with other officers to be elected later.

THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL held recently at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, enrolled 233 from eleven charges in Cumberland County. The Fayetteville Circuit had 47 enrolled: 28 from Camp Ground, ten from Cumberland and nine from St. Andrews.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE will confer three honorary degrees at Commencement exercises June 1, according to action taken recently by the college's board of trustees. Rev. C. D. Barclift, pastor of Trinity church, Durham, and Rev. J. C. Madison, pastor of Central church, Concord, will be awarded Doctor of Divinity degrees; and Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, will be awarded a Litt. D. degree.

SWEPSONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH observed Laymen's Day on February 22 with two special services. The speaker at the morning hour was Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University and at the evening hour the message was brought by one of the laymen of the church, R. Hoyle Farrell. Laymen led the services entirely. Special music was provided by the choir and by the Haw River Quartette.

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN is reported as greatly improved following an illness of several months. Bishop Kern is in Burnet, Texas, for an extended rest where he and Mrs. Kern are visiting their son, Dr. J. Campbell Kern, and his family. Dr. Kern is a physician. "I am taking an extended rest necessitated by what my doctor describes as a 'fatigued heart,'" Bishop Kern said. He and Mrs. Kern plan to remain in Texas until late spring, and after May 1 they will be at their summer home at Lake Junaluska. Until his retirement last June, Bishop Kern had presided over Methodism's Nashville Area since 1938.

REV. F. OLIN STOCKWELL'S story of his two years as a prisoner of the communists in China will be off the press in May. It is also announced as the May selection of the Pulpit Book Club. The title is "With God in Red China." Most of the book was written between the lines and along the sides of the pages of a Bible which Mr. Stockwell, a Methodist missionary, had with him in his prison cell and which the communists ("miraculously," he says) did not confiscate before he left from behind the iron curtain. The volume gives much fresh insight into how the Christian faith sustains its followers while in prison, and also something of what is happening to the church and its adherents in Red China today. Harper and Brothers will publish the volume.

Methodist Student Conference Draws 225 from 25 Colleges

By Troy Barrett

From some 25 college and university campuses over the state, more than 225 Methodist students and directors of Wesley Foundations met in the new educational building of West Market Street church, Greensboro, February 13-15 for the annual North Carolina Methodist Student Conference.

Carl Edwards of Duke University presided. R. Harold Hipps, associate minister of West Market Street church served in a double capacity, as State director of the N. C. MSM, and along with Dr. Eugene C. Few as host to the conference. Greensboro, W. C., Bennett and Guilford Colleges were the host colleges.

Planned by the state student council in seven council meetings and a fall retreat, the activities of the three day meeting included worship services with three conference addresses; seven sub-conference groups to discuss specific topics and map plans of action; a seminar for directors and advisors of local campus groups and for Secretaries of Student Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; business sessions to elect new officers, receive information about summer service projects, vote on resolutions and act on other business at hand; directed recreation, including folk games and fellowship singing, a conference banquet, "Our Valentine to You," and a religious drama, "Wanted: A Merry Christmas," by the Wesley Players of Duke University; and a special service of Holy Communion Saturday night, the free will offering going to the International Christian University in Japan. There was opportunity to meet new friends and strengthen old acquaintances. "There was a definite spiritual warmth permeating the entire conference, making for a wholesome and uplifting week-end," voiced many of the students. Even the reporter covering the Conference for the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS said it was more than "just another meeting."

Three Major Addresses

Dr. Waldo Beach, professor of Christian Ethics at the Duke Divinity School, gave the three conference addresses on the theme, "The Christian in Community."

Speaking Friday night, he told the students that the Christian community was a worshipping community, a God-centered community, a learning, a serving, a suffering community—a community that will take a stand, however unpopular.

In Saturday morning's address Dr. Beach pointed up three areas of campus life as judged against the Christian community: the intellectual area in which the Christian student should be seeking truth and understanding instead of grades; the campus social life in which the student must determine whether he will take a stand on hot issues or follow the crowd. "As a Christian, we must respect the intellect of conservative opposition. We must speak the truth in love, and remain integrated." The third area was that of world citizenship. "The last two wars, right or wrong, have put us in world responsibility. America must seek to understand all cultures, the international exchange of students is but one way to do this."

"Salvation by faith," doesn't mean much to the college student," said Dr. Beach in his Sunday morning sermon. "Most of us believe in salvation by works as is depicted in our activism. But much of the time, our hearts are simply not in these

activities. The inner being makes the difference. We become inwardly the image of what we rely on, what we put our faith in. Whatever we trust is our god. Only as we trust and put our faith, our whole unselfish selves, in God as made known in Jesus Christ can we be true Christian witnesses, on the college campus, or anywhere else for that matter."

Sub-Conference Groups

Much of Saturday's activities were centered around the seven sub-conference groups held throughout the new building. These discussion-action groups and their leaders were: "Campus Life," Miss Clarice M. Bowman, professor of Sociology and Philosophy, High Point College; "Economics, Law and Order," B. Tartt Bell, executive secretary, Southeastern Region, American Friends Service Committee, Greensboro; "Moral Standards," Howard C. Wilkinson, minister, First church, Lexington; "Race Relations," J. Floyd Moore, professor of Religion and Ethics, Guilford College; "War and Peace," J. McNeill Smith, attorney, Greensboro; "World Church," Charles M. Ramsey, professor of Philosophy and Religion, Greensboro College; "World Philosophies," Harold H. Hutson, president, Greensboro College.

J. Lem Stokes II, secretary, Religion and Higher Education, Department of College and University Religious Life, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, led a seminar for the adult directors. He told the students and leaders in business session of some of the summer service opportunities and pointed out that the General Board had added a new phase, or rather revived an old one, namely, evangelism. "It is transforming lives on college campuses," informed Dr. Stokes, "and the students are welcoming it."

Symposium

On Sunday morning, reports were heard from the sub-con groups. One could tell that the students had done some deep thinking on these different aspects of the Christian community. "War is not inevitable and could be prevented if we in the world community would organize a central governing group to provide justice

and law for all people." "Legislation can help to change human behavior." "Moral standards should be determined by how they affect the total personality." "Individuals should understand and practice their faith, seek God's will for their lives and love their neighbor as through the church they unite to form a world church." "Segregation is not Christian," voiced the group on race relations. "Christians should, with God's guidance, work together in bringing about wholesome integration for all."

The Race Relations sub-con brought a resolution before the group urging The Methodist Church and its affiliated colleges to "break down the bars of segregation" and favored acceptance of Negroes in the church-supported Methodist institutions. The resolution was passed with only one dissenting vote.

Other Business

There was much discussion concerning the lack of a full-time state student director.

C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education and secretary-treasurer of the Inter-conference Commission in Student Religious Work, explained to the business session that the Inter-conference commission, upon survey of the colleges and universities receiving funds from the commission, had drawn up and presented a financial request to the World Service and Finance Commissions of the two Conferences, asking for an increase in the budget of the Inter-conference Commission to enable them to increase the askings of the colleges and universities receiving financial aid and also have sufficient funds to employ a full-time state director. The N. C. MSM has had three part-time directors—Miss Louise Panigot, Troy J. Barrett and R. Harold Hipps—but has never had a director full-time. The World Service Commission did grant an increase in the aid to the colleges receiving funds through the Inter-conference Commission but did not see fit to grant funds necessary to employ a director for student work full-time.

Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference and a member of the Inter-conference Commission, added an "Amen" to what Mr. Morris had said and pointed out that this was not the only

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New officers of the North Carolina Methodist Student Movement elected at Greensboro recently are: Left to right, president, Carl Edwards, Duke University; vice president, Baxter McIntyre, University of North Carolina; secretary, Mary Esther Brown, Greensboro College; and treasurer, Don Kearns, High Point College. (Greensboro Daily News photo).



Bishop Costen J. Harrell

NEW TRANSLATION OF AN OLD BOOK

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

On a number of occasions in the last few months reference has been made to the Revised Standard Version of the Scriptures as "the new Bible." This is, of course, a totally erroneous idea. No one has attempted to write a new Bible. What we have is a new translation of the old Book, loved and revered by Christians everywhere. If one will examine the Revised Standard Version, he will find it to be an old familiar friend in slightly different dress. In it there are the same number of books—39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. They stand in the same order, beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation. On its pages is told the story of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Some critics of the new translation have not read it. A devout reading of its pages would dissolve many of their difficulties.

The Most Translated Book

The Bible is the most translated book in the world. It must be translated into innumerable languages and dialects in order that its message may be made known to all nations and peoples of the world. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew. Had not the scholars of other years translated it into a language known to us, the Ten Commandments and the Twenty-third Psalm would be as unreadable as a Russian newspaper. The authors of the New Testament wrote in Greek. For the great majority of us Greek is an unknown tongue. Because the words of Jesus and the Apostles were more than three centuries ago translated into English, the New Testament is a familiar and priceless book to all of us.

King James Version, 1611

The best known and the best loved of English translations of the Bible is the King James Version, issued in 1611, only four years after the settlement of Jamestown. This version and the town were both named for the man who then ruled over Britain. The majestic simplicity of the King James Version, its directness, and the richness of its phrases have become a part of our heritage and our culture. It will doubtlessly continue to be loved and honored by us of the English-speaking world. Its chaste and reverent phrases awaken in us a sense of God. We will continue to read it in private and public devotions, and for general reading and study. The discovery, however, of ancient copies of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures,

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The Bible - Our Guide



hitherto unknown, and the changes in the meaning of many common English words since the days of James I, have made a modern translation necessary. God's Word must be made clear and understandable. The new translation is for that purpose.

Revised Standard Version In Twentieth Century English

A few illustrations from among hundreds that might be offered will demonstrate how our most recent translation renders the old truths of the Bible in twentieth century English, and thereby saves us from misunderstanding what the Bible teaches. In Psalms 88:13 we read according to the King James Version, "In the morning shall my prayer prevent thee." Shall we understand that our prayers can hinder God? Turning to the Revised Standard Version we read in the same place; "In the morning my prayer comes before thee." Three hundred years ago "prevent" meant "to come before." In twentieth century English "prevent" means "to hinder." It is plain to every one that the translation must be changed if the original meaning is preserved.

In 1611 when devoted scholars produced the King James Version, "conversation" meant "conduct" or "manner of life." Three hundred years later in speaking of a conversation we refer to informal talk or an exchange of ideas in which two or more persons participate. Accordingly the translation of Philippians 1:27 in the King James Version is rendered, "Let your conversation be as cometh the gospel of Christ"; while in the Revised Standard Version the original meaning is recovered, and we read, "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ." In like manner, in Ephesians 6:4, Paul's instruction to parents is rendered in words which we can readily understand, "Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Further Future Revisions

No one has claimed that the Revised Standard Version is a perfect translation. Since the publication of the revised New Testament in 1946, the revision has in a number of instances been revised. This will doubtlessly continue as one edition follows another. One criticism of the new translation is that in the four Gospels Jesus is not addressed as Deity—that is, he is addressed as "you" and not as "thou." Peter is made to say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16), and later, after the resurrection, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." There can be no doubt that the authors of the four gospels believed that Jesus was divine. In English we address Deity, in praise and



**Dr. L. A. Weigle, Chairman
Standard Bible Committee**

prayer, as "Thou," and to address Jesus as "You" does violence to the intent of the gospels. It is hoped that in later editions this will be changed.

In our use of the Revised Standard Version, then, let us remember: First, that the new translation in innumerable instances corrects earlier translations and renders Holy Writ in words more easily understood by us who speak twentieth century English; Second, that the Standard Revised Version does not take from us the King James Version. Still we love, and may use the version that across the years has become familiar to us; Third, we wait for a further revision of the revised version.

CRITICISMS ARE NOT NEW

Dean Luther A. Weigle, eminent scholar, continues his distinguished service in interpreting the purpose of the Revised Standard Version. His message to the General Board of N. C. C. as reported in the **Christian Century**, February 18, calls attention to attacks which continued for 70 years on the King James Version of the Bible after it was issued in 1611. The theology of that version was denounced as unsound. It was held to be ecclesiastically biased, and was alleged to "truckle to the king." It was believed to ignore the Hebrew text and to cater to the Septuagint. The translators were accused of being "blasphemous, most damnably corrupt and intellectually deceitful." One attacker insisted his objections were "not in words of passion but . . . the just resentment of a zealous mind."

PURPOSE OF CHURCH SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM

It is both the privilege and responsibility of the forces of Christian education to interpret the scriptures to our people and to help them to understand the reasons for new translations from one age to another. Bishop Harrell has very graciously given us his evaluation in **A New Translation of an Old Book**. A well prepared service using the suggestions in **The Bible-Our Guide** with a brief talk based on Bishop Harrell's article will be effective in giving our people a positive, constructive approach to versions of the Bible both Old and New.

(The program **The Bible-Our Guide** and reprints of this page will be sent to each minister and church school superintendent within the next few days.)

Retreat Planned; Reports from New Bern, Raleigh, Durham Districts

EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT

On Monday, March 23, there will be a retreat by the enlarged Executive Board. This is scheduled for noon in order that all officers may be present at the beginning of the session.

Mrs. Louise Eggleston, secretary of spiritual life of the Virginia Conference, will lead the meditation and she urges that all may be on time so that all will have the same trend of thought from the beginning. This will be held at Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

NEW BERN DISTRICT

The Executive Board of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service met in Centenary church, New Bern, on February 9, with fourteen present. The president, Mrs. J. B. Chase of Eureka, presided. Mrs. W. B. Rouse, spiritual life leader, gave the devotional for the day.

Plans for the annual District meeting to be held at Queen Street church, Kinston, on May 13, were made. The fall Seminar meetings in the four sub-districts were also planned. Other items of business were the part that the Woman's Society can do in the help of the evangelistic mission to be held in the spring, and the prospects of the research committee to be held in the spring.

RALEIGH DISTRICT

Report of officers, plans for the annual district meetings, and the semi-annual sub-district meetings, announcement of plans for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference, and a devotional led by Mrs. T. G. Stem highlighted the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Raleigh District held on February 5 at the S. and W. Cafeteria, Raleigh.

Mrs. M. M. Person, District president, called attention to the comparative report of the Raleigh District with the other six districts in the conference. Mrs. Person also announced the scheduled meeting of the Raleigh District to be held in Hayes Barton church, Raleigh, on May 10, and the sub-district meeting to be held on April 8, 9, and 10.

Mrs. H. A. Davis, Conference treasurer, told the group that an increase in giving throughout the conference has been notably related to the increase in study classes held. She urged that district and sub-district needs be widely publicized.

DURHAM DISTRICT

Durham District Executive Committee met at Harvey's Cafeteria on Saturday, February 4, at 12 o'clock noon, for lunch. Mrs. G. B. Robbins, the District president, presided and there were nineteen present including Mrs. C. D. Barcliff, the Conference recording secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Warren of Chapel Hill, Conference secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. John R. Poe, Promotion secretary, urged full participation in the evangelistic mission this spring and good attendance in the sub-district meetings and the annual district meetings to be held in Long Memorial church, Roxboro, May 12.

Prior to the Executive Committee meeting Mrs. Poe met with the sub-district leaders at 10:30 o'clock and planned the program for the sub-district meetings. She also urged that weak churches be encouraged by the larger churches in progressing their own activities.

Woman's Society of Christian Service North Carolina Conference

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWS

Two new Guilds were organized in February in the Fayetteville District, announced Miss Elsie L. Parker, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Pee Dee church in Rockingham organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Bruce Taylor; vice-president, Mrs. Charles Maske; secretary, Mrs. Max Richardson; treasurer, Mrs. Stan Hatcher; and the following secretaries: spiritual life, Mrs. John Langley; missionary education, Mrs. Marvin Hewitt; Christian social relations, Mrs. Frank Pate; supply work, Mrs. D. C. Frye. There were nine charter members and they planned to hold their meetings on Tuesday after every third Sunday.

The other Guild was organized in Rockingham Zion church. The president is Mrs. Zach Nicholas; vice-president, Miss Charles Allred; secretary, Mrs. Billy Cole Nichols; treasurer, Miss Virginia Slate; and the following secretaries: spiritual life, Miss Betty Hicks; missionary education, Miss Virginia Slate; Christian social relations, Mrs. John Adams; supply work, Mrs. Tom Nicholas. There were twelve charter members in this Guild and they planned to meet the first Thursday of every month.

The Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Conference, to be held in Steele Street church, Sanford, starts Saturday, March 21, at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Elsie Parker will be the presiding officer. The welcome will be given by Mrs. Ray Wood. After the organization of the meeting and the stating of the business, greetings will be brought from the Woman's Society of Christian Service by Mrs. H. I. Glass, the conference president. "Proclaiming the Good News" is the theme for this session. "Through Our Gifts" will be presented by Mrs. H. A. Davis; by Mrs. W. N. Davis, "Through Recognition of Service"; by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, "Through 'Second Mile' Giving"; by Miss Charlotte Hodges, "Through our Daily Work"; and by Miss Lillian Johnson, "Through our Guild Program." At 6 o'clock Saturday there will be a banquet at which time Mrs. Harriet Fraley will preside. Mrs. Gurney P. Hood will bring the invocation and then a film will be presented by Mrs. Avis Knight. At 8 o'clock in Steele Street church, Miss Sarah Godfrey will preside. Miss Lillian Johnson will be introduced by Miss Elsie Parker. Her theme will be "That the Kingdom of God May be Realized." Miss Pete Hill will lead the commitment service. Following this there will be a reception at the Wilrik Hotel at 9:30 o'clock honoring Miss Johnson, at which time she will be presented gifts which are products of North Carolina, such as peanuts, ball of cotton, hose, pottery, etc.

On Sunday morning the Woman's Service Guild Conference will continue with a service at 8 o'clock at Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church at a breakfast. Mrs. H. I. Glass will preside. The invocation will be given by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie and greetings

will be brought by Miss Flora Wyche. The morning meditation will be given by Miss Pete Hill and the benediction by Rev. A. S. Parker. Following the breakfast, there will be meetings of special groups studying the various phases of the work; at 11 o'clock the Woman's Service Guild Conference will worship with the Steele Street church and Rev. A. S. Parker will deliver the sermon; at 12:30 p.m. there will be a dinner at the Wilrik Hotel and Miss Elsie Parker will preside. "Occupations through which Guilders Proclaim the Good News" will be discussed by Mrs. L. M. Hall and the closing message will be brought by Mrs. L. C. Larkin.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The registration for the annual conference to be held in Rocky Mount on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 24, 25 and 26 is to be sent to Mrs. L. B. Aycock, 119 S. Harris Street, Rocky Mount by March 14. The fee is \$7.00. This should be sent along with the name of the delegate from the local church, the office she holds, the name of the church and charge, the name of the district and if she has any preference for a roommate that should also be enclosed.

METHODIST WOMEN INCREASE THEIR GIVING

The women of The Methodist Church increased by almost 50% their giving to the missions through the Woman's Division of Christian Service during the period of 1948 and 1952, reports Miss Henrietta Gibson, treasurer for women's work in the Board of Missions. In 1948, the women of Methodist churches throughout the United States gave \$4,661,464 for home and foreign mission service, and in 1952 they gave \$6,874,537. The women are organized into 29,716 local societies.

METHODIST WOMEN WRITE TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

At the request of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, missionary and welfare "arm" of the women of The Methodist Church, the national president, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, wrote to President Eisenhower expressing the appreciation of nearly 2,000,000 Methodist women, for the President's "forthright stand in support of the United Nations." It also urges greater support for the technical assistance program, and "the utmost care" in the selection of personnel representing this service in overseas countries. Said Mrs. Brooks to the President: "We believe that this nation, under God, must reaffirm its faith in fundamental human rights for all people everywhere, and that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights must become the standard of practice."

STATUS OF WOMEN

One of the most serious of modern sins is "complacency," according to Mrs. W. J. Ratliff, of Sherard, Miss., chairman of the status of women committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Pointing out that there are 1,500,000 more women than men of voting age in the U. S., Mrs. Ratliff said: "Women have a tremendous potential ability which needs to be awakened, trained, and channeled into constructive purposes. We do not let our voices against life as we find it. We need to become mentally and spiritually mature and accept places of responsibility. Our concern is that our gifts will be used for that church, community, nation, and world be enriched."

How Can I Be Humble?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 23:1-12

One of the difficult problems of the engineers is to repair a railroad bridge without interfering with the traffic. Our Lord desired to expose the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders without encouraging the people to forsake their habit of going to the synagogue and hearing the law expounded. Hence he said, The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do, for they preach but do not practice. How applicable these words are to some of our churches today! The sermons are inexcusably barren, but it would be a still greater calamity if the people all stayed away from church.

One answer to the question, How can I be humble? is, Do your best to get some good out of poor sermons, and from associations with your very imperfect Christians. Then we are to make sure that we are honest with ourselves, and that we recognize and mourn over our own shortcomings (Matthew 5:4). A man who is utterly honest with himself has a pure heart, and Jesus says, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. No man who sees God is ever proud and self-sufficient.

It is a great help toward a vivid consciousness of God to make a habit of thinking about Jesus, and rehearsing to ourselves his teachings. There is an atmosphere surrounding Jesus that pasteurizes the hypocrisy and pride out of us, just as the blazing sunlight kills off the germs of disease. We should all realize that hypocrisy and pride are subtle diseases; hence we should keep praying, Lead us not into temptation.

But to keep from all pride requires not one remedy but an all-sided treatment. If, for instance, we center our minds on the Saviour He may inspire us to say and do some things that will subject us to criticism; and when we are criticised for Christ's sake we are moved humbly to look to him for help.

Then too, Christ always leads us to attempt certain tasks that we cannot accomplish in our own strength; and in the course of this adventure we are impelled to look to him for reinforcement. When Columbus was sailing in search of a new world, and he and his crew were in danger of starvation, it was easier to be humble and continually look to God in prayer, than it was before they set sail from the fruitful fields of Spain. Soldiers at a dress parade are apt to strut proudly, but they do not strut when they are in the front line of battle.

Jesus warns us that religion which lacks sincerity and humility is not merely vain and useless, but it will certainly lead to tragic consequences. This fact should inspire us all to special watchfulness in order to avoid every element of pride and pretense. The Jerusalem whose children Christ would fain have gathered as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, was destroyed because they were too proud to receive his message.

The hypocrite not only disgusts men but he often impels them to turn away from God altogether. Men become profane from hearing others swear, but still more by hearing hypocrites say, Let us pray. Do not let any mortal do your thinking for you, says Jesus; neither let him look to you to decide his questions, for one is your common master, even Christ.

Jesus said to the people at Jerusalem,

You will not see me again till you say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. If we refuse to obey Christ the time will come when the overwhelming manifestation of his glory will force every hypocrite to acknowledge in terror the majesty of his triumphant coming. Blessed are we if we can receive Him with exultant joy.

FAITH

Faith looks across the storm—
It does not doubt
Or stop to look at clouds
And things without.

Faith does not question why
Why all his ways
Are hard to understand,
But trusts and prays.

It seeks the greatest gift
And asks not sight;
It does not need to see—
He is its light.

Above the tempest's roar
It hears his voice;
And, with its hand in his,
Faith can rejoice.

It fears no cloud, or wind
That it can bring;
Faith looks across the storm
And still can sing.

—Author Unknown

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

not arouse any particular bond of sympathy. Surrounded as we are in our home towns by fellow Americans, we take the relationship for granted. We compete among ourselves. We even quarrel among ourselves at times.

But I recall one Sunday in Mexico quite a number of years ago, in the turbulence of their election day, we were ordered to remain in our hotel to avoid the dangers which threatened on the streets. After four o'clock in the afternoon a few bullets began to fly outside our window, causing us to feel a bit homesick, to use a mild term. And then just at the height of the confusion a friendly voice from the American Embassy called to invite us to dinner on the following evening. At such a time that voice of a fellow American warmed the cockles of our hearts.

There are times when the mere fact of our citizenship and the sight of our flag do stir our souls with a sense of brotherhood. Here at the birthday of the aristocratic Washington and a few days after the anniversary of the humble Lincoln, it behoves us to review those common loyalties which bind Americans together despite the differences of wealth and color and creed.

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NOT QUITE

By Helen L. Toner

It was such a beautiful morning that Tom Adams paused to have a last romp with his new puppy before going to school.

His mother called from the front porch, "Tom, you'll be late for school again."

Sure enough, he was the last one in his place in the classroom, and Miss Williams asked, "Tom, must you be late every morning?"

"I was almost on time. The bell rang just as I came in," Tom mumbled defensively.

Later that day he handed his arithmetic problems to Miss Williams, but she turned them back saying, "You didn't do all the problems, Tom."

He explained impatiently: "I almost finished them. I'm in a hurry to get out on the baseball diamond."

After staying to finish the last problem, he hurried out to the ball field and took his turn at the bat. He knocked the second ball across the field and into a vacant lot. Trotting toward first base, he thought, "Shorty won't find it right away."

When he passed third base, he saw that Shorty had the ball. The fellows on his team shouted, "Hurry, Tom, Hurry!" But Tom didn't change his pace because he felt sure that Shorty couldn't throw that far. Before he knew it, however, the catcher had touched him with the ball and he was "out."

"Almost, but not quite," the coach said sarcastically.

On his way home Tom saw a fire engine speeding toward the edge of town. There was his father's car by the post office. Tom ran over in time to meet him coming out of the building with his hands full of mail. "Dad, let's go to the fire," he urged.

"All right, son, it isn't quite dinner time yet." The two climbed into the car and drove after the fire truck.

A mile down the road they found that a truck carrying gasoline had caught on fire. While the firemen worked at putting out the blaze, the fire chief talked with the driver. He was pointing to the back of the truck and Tom edged closer to hear what the men were saying.

"That last link on your safety chain was gone. It was static electricity that caused the fire," said the chief.

Tom turned to his father. "What is a safety chain?"

"It's the chain you see dragging under certain trucks. It acts as a conductor and carries off accumulated electricity. Unless it touches the ground it doesn't work."

"But, Dad," Tom pointed out as he walked closer to the truck, "look, the chain's almost to the ground."

"Yes, son, almost—but not quite."

That sentence sounded vaguely familiar to Tom. Those were the words of the coach and of Miss Williams.

It seemed to Tom that there was a meaningful twinkle in his father's eyes as he continued: "It's like some people, Tom—'almost people,' I call them. They're almost on time, almost honest, almost kind, almost there when you need them. They're the folks who make this an almost happy world."

As the two climbed back into the car, Tom didn't say a word. They drove home in silence. Pulling into the driveway, Mr.

Adams asked, "What's up son? You haven't said a word all the way."

"Oh, nothing," grinned Tom a little sheepishly. "I was just thinking about the safety chain that didn't do any good at all because it wasn't quite long enough—and about those 'almost people' you spoke of, Dad, would you say I'm an 'almost' person?"

Mr. Adams put a friendly hand on his son's shoulder. "Sometimes lately I've thought you might be leaning that way."

"I'm glad you told me," Tom spoke thoughtfully. "Miss Williams was trying to tell me that at school, I guess, and the coach too. But somehow I didn't really get the point till I saw that safety chain!"

—The Christian Advocate.

THE CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER

The children's laughter on a winter day is something to remember, something bright

Against the tapestry of snow, and gray Sombre folds of sky; a glowing light Across the early evening. Children shout Brief greetings to each other as they go Along the street, and while they are about Their busy play in crystal drifts of snow. The children's laughter is a melody That lingers when the sound of voice is still;

When children shall be grown, in memory We will recall their laughter, gay and shrill.

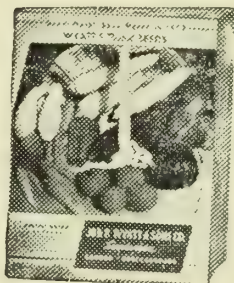
Oh, let us raise the window, and throw wide

The door, and listen to their treble joy; When darkness falls, each one will go inside

His quiet home, each laughing girl and boy.

Billy B. Cooper
in the Christian Science Monitor.

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Announcements

Our Readers Say . . .

METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE DRAWS 225 FROM 25 COLLEGES

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group whose request was cut. "All groups had to cut or re-arrange their budgets," said Dr. King.

"If we can do as well as we are doing on the shoe-string we have to go on," voiced one observer, "what could we do with a director working full-time, helping to integrate the program on the various campuses over the state."

A student committee, already having had several meetings about this matter, brought a resolution before the business session. Asserting that the Methodist Student Movement in the state has actually regressed, the resolution termed the request an "emergency" one and urged that the Inter-conference Commission again ask the World Service and Finance Commission for funds to enable them to appoint a full-time director of Methodist student work in the state. The resolution was unanimously passed.

At the business session on Saturday the delegates re-elected Carl Edwards of Duke University and Asheville as their new president. Baxter McIntyre of the University of North Carolina and Ellerbe was elected vice-president. Mary Esther Brown of Greensboro College and Asheville and Don Kearns of High Point College and Troy will serve as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Other officers, selected by the outgoing and incoming councils included: three district chairmen: district 1 (East), Edwin Yancy, N. C. State; district 2 (Middle), Marilyn Brannon, Woman's College; district 3 (West), Imogene Dickson, Brevard College.

Dot Byers of Appalachian State Teacher's College and Carl Edwards of Duke University were appointed as representatives to the Inter-conference Commission on student religious work and to the two conference boards of education.

Editors of THE TAR HEEL FELLOW-SHIP, conference newspaper, were Jo Schwartz of Greensboro College and Gilbert Caldwell of A. and T.

R. Harold Hipps, Associate Minister of West Market Street church, will continue as State Director of the MSM.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT WORKS!

Dear Editor:

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We have done this at Central for three years and it has proved to be most successful. From a prayer group averaging six, we now average more than 100. This service also serves as the devotional period, for the meetings that follow. It has also been proven that now we have a great many more people attending the other regular meetings of the different groups.

I commend this idea to others. It works!
Mt. Airy Jinks Waggoner

WERE WE HALF-COCKED ABOUT THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE?

Dear Editor:

I wish to refer to the editorial, issue of February 12, "A Cocktail Lounge Within the Shadow of the Capitol." I believe that Dr. Shirkey went off half-cocked in making his statement and that the editor also went off half-cocked in publishing the article. In the first place, two words Republicans and Democrats should not have been used in the statement or in the editorial. Those words are political words.

Twenty years ago our great country was legally dry because we had during the twenties statesmen and presidents in Washington with enough backbone and Christianity to stand up and tell the big whiskey distillers of this country "No" when they offered their millions of dollars for a wet nation. During the twenties we had an administration in Washington that placed God and their country first. They wanted our youth to be sober, Christian leaders of tomorrow. They were not only driving alcohol out of the city of Washington, they were driving it from the nation and trying to make our country a sober country and a Christian nation when along comes a man wanting to be president so bad that he would stoop so low as to run for the office of President on a wet ticket with the backing of millions of dollars from the big distillers. Ministers, laymen and church members along with whiskey distillers supported this wet candidate. And the open whiskey bottle was not only placed in the city of Washington, but also in the White House and the Capitol building. Now here in 1953 the people of this great nation have elected and sent to Washington the same dry political party who worked so hard for twelve years to make our country a sober nation and one of their first moves was to move the open whiskey bottle out of the White House and the Capitol building, and into the streets, where those who participate can be seen in public, and now a minister and a Christian paper will take up their valuable time and paper space to publish an article against this move. Now that a new spring season is coming to our nation the odor of the White House and the Capitol buildings can be one of fresh spring air and spring flowers instead of an odor of a saloon.

Route 9 Dallas H. Robinson
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CHURCH EXTENSION SECTION OFFICERS

At the last Annual Conference the Section of Church Extension of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was re-organized. Mr. J. F. Harrelson, Salisbury, was elected secretary-treasurer; Ivon L. Roberts, chairman; and Mrs. J. W. Payne, Cherryville, N. C., vice-chairman.

All persons who desire application blanks from this section, or who have business with this organization will please correspond with Mr. Harrelson, 216 N. Jackson St., Salisbury, N. C.

Ivon L. Roberts, chairman

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Thomasville District Conference will meet April 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Hopewell church, Trinity-Hopewell charge. Those who represent the various concerns of the church will be welcome.

The District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications will meet at First church, Lexington, Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Will the pastors please see that each man in the district to appear before this committee, under paragraph 675, (a) & (b) of the Discipline gets in touch with the district superintendent at once?

M. Teague Hipps, D. S.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE ALUMNAE DINNER AT ROCKY MOUNT

The GREENSBORO COLLEGE ALUMNAE DINNER, for all alumnae and former students of Greensboro College and Davenport College who are attending the North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Rocky Mount, N. C., either as delegates or visitors, is to be held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 1953, in the New Orleans Room of the Ricks Hotel.

Tickets to this dinner will be \$1.50. Alumnae and former students who plan to attend the Conference, Alumnae and former students in the vicinity who may not be attending the Conference yet who would like to attend the dinner, present students and their parents who may be in the vicinity at that time, as well as friends of the college are urged to make their reservations for the Greensboro College dinner as soon as possible, at least by March 18. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Box 1296, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College, is to be the speaker. You will want to hear him and become personally acquainted with him. He is a popular speaker, much in demand by religious, educational and civic organizations.

THE CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences are interested in securing information about Methodist historical markers in North Carolina. The two organizations plan to cooperate in publishing a brochure on Methodist historical markers in the state. Data concerning the markers should be sent as follows: North Carolina Conference, Rev. C. D. Barclift, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.; Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. E. P. Billups, Leaksville, N. C.

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Preparing Children For Church Membership

THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS ON A RURAL CHARGE

By Clegg W. Avett, Pastor
Mt. Pleasant-Cold Springs Charge

This title suggests a need many of us circuit-riders have felt. An honest confession on the part of many of us would reveal that we have often felt rather sheepish when we received a membership class into the church. We read from the ritual: "... the persons before you ... who have learned the nature of these privileges and these duties, and who have also been instructed in the teachings and the aims of The Methodist Church, come seeking admission. But actually we know that those joining have not learned the nature of these privileges and these duties, nor have they been instructed in the teachings and aims of The Methodist Church.

At other times we have received classes after one session in which we discussed what it means to be a Christian and what we do when we join the church. But we knew quite well that this effort was not adequate.

With several churches we find it impossible to hold ten or twelve sessions as a minimum with our class. We have to adjust the instruction to the time we have available. While we know more sessions would be preferable, we must remember that we are doing something that will not be done unless we do it. And why neglect to do a good job because we are not able to do what may be considered ideal? As many as four one-hour sessions spent with our class would be a wholesome improvement for many a small rural church.

As to when best to conduct our membership class may hinge on several things. A class may be received on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, following the annual revival or the vacation church school or on any suitable Sunday. There is a value in making their reception coincide with some such special Sunday, but this by no means should outweigh all other considerations. Candidates received the second Sunday in August can become just as good Christians and churchmen as those joining on Palm Sunday.

An Opportunity to Know Children

The membership class should provide the pastor an opportunity to know his boys and girls better. The pastor who has to preach at ten and eleven o'clock each Sunday morning, as is so common among us, never gets to attend his church's Sunday school session. He needs to know his candidates and be able to call them by name.

A common failing in our instruction is that we take too much for granted. These children or youth live in a world that may be and often is very different from our adult world. It is easy to spend time answering questions they aren't asking and aren't interested in asking. We should keep in mind this question: How does the Christian message apply and how can it help these boys and girls be true to Christ when social pressure from their friends and schoolmates make such an ideal difficult?

Our Publishing House has membership manuals for pastors and manuals for boys and girls, and for teen-agers. If our candidates are to reap the most benefit from

their personal copies of the manual, their parents' help should be enlisted. This is certainly no less important than home work assigned in the public school.

Our interest in winning boys and girls to Christ and his Church should be genuine and reasonable. There is the temptation to use ecclesiastical pressure to enlist children who are too young in order to make our reports look good. And on the other hand we often neglect a boy or a girl who was ready to take this most important step until it is never taken or is a joyless experience. Neither we pastors nor the parents should make the decision for the child or youth, but we pastors should discuss this important step with his parents.

Our teacher of intermediates and seniors can give us valuable help in finding those who should be candidates. While we encourage our intermediates and those older, we should not turn a deaf ear to the junior who may be as ready and worthy to be received as his older brother or sister.

Steps to Follow

Here are some suggestions which might be helpful. Set a date for the class well in advance. It is easy to postpone our plans until there is not sufficient time to do justice to this important task. "Too little and too late" becomes our condemnation. See that the members have transportation. Parents may help here, or it may mean meeting them at the school or taking them home after they have ridden the school bus to the church.

Make the actual service of reception a holy hour by going through the ritual in the sanctuary during the last session with the candidates. They remember their birthday. They ought to remember this day. Invite their parents and teachers to stand behind them for this sacred service. After they have taken the vows of membership, have the church membership come forward and give these new members the right hand of fellowship. This can be an enriching spiritual experience for both new and old members. Be sure to issue membership certificates.

Our membership class should be impressed with the fact that joining the church does not mean that they have arrived. It takes plant food, sunshine and rain, and a proper atmosphere for a plant to grow. Just so Christians grow in the church through such Christian habits as Bible reading, Church attendance, Christian stewardship and service. As with our friends, so with Christ, our friendships grow by cultivation.

Book Reviews

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
by Leslie D. Weatherhead, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville, 60 pages, \$1.00

Any sermon by Leslie Weatherhead is worth reading, whether you agree with all of it or not! And these five sermons by the noted Minister of City Temple in London are focused upon the grandest fact in Christianity, the living Christ. There are five chapters which are so apropos of the approaching Lenten season: "Christ Is Risen," "Christ Is Alive Today," "Christ Offers Life Now," "Christ Offers

Life Hereafter," "Christ is Relevant To Life Today."

Leslie Weatherhead knows how to blend the personal and the social emphasis, the relevance of religion for the present and for the future, as well as any preacher in the English-speaking world. It was my privilege to hear him preach three sermons in his own pulpit in London during the summer of 1951, and these sermons in this little Lenten volume attest to that magnetism which is his in the spoken word.

The fact of the resurrection leads ultimately to the relevance of Christ for you and me in the day-after-day struggle. Here is one of his paragraphs on this fact: "It means that Christ not only is relevant, but is the clue to the problems we are facing. His way is God's way, and no other way will work. For do remember this: We exist for God. God doesn't exist for us. The world exists for His purposes, and not ours. And the minute we try to twist life and make it serve our purposes instead of his, we get into trouble." (p. 52)

Here is a small volume which will help any layman clarify his faith, even as it will enrich the preaching of any preacher.

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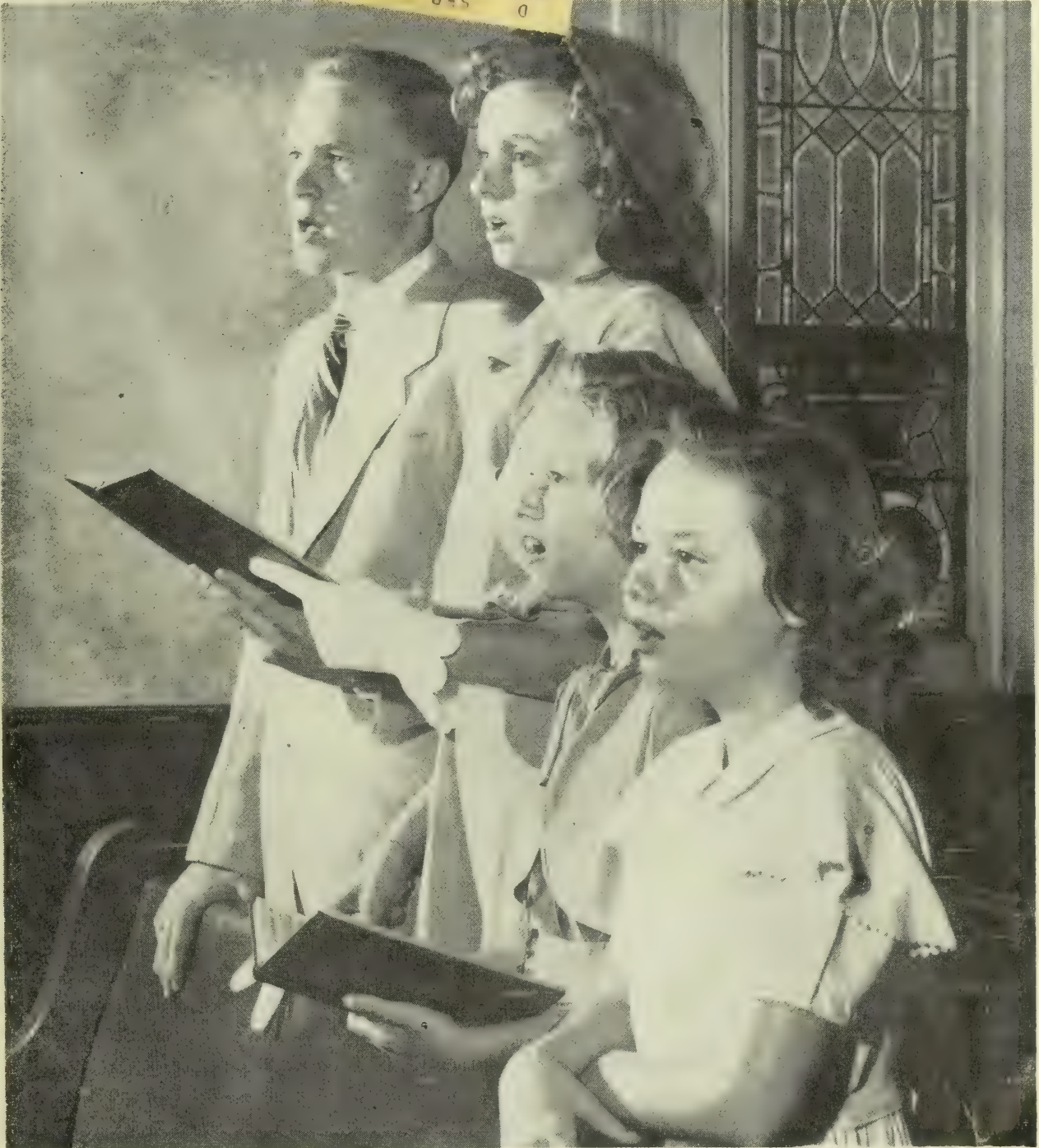
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A Thought for the Week

SIN WON'T LET US ALONE

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:2,3.

David said one thing about sin which all of us who have done wrong know to be painfully true. In an hour of penitence the Psalmist confessed that his sin was ever before him. He was referring to the sin he had committed against Uriah and Bathsheba. Nathan the prophet had confronted David with his sin. In contrition, the King admitted his wrong-doing, saying like a helpless, hounded, broken man: "And my sin is ever before me."

Sin can never be put away easily. It stays with us to haunt us, to destroy our peace of mind and happiness. How many of us today are suffering from a bad conscience? We know we have done wrong. Try as we may, we cannot forget it. We can run away, but our sin goes with us. We can hide in a crowd, but the memory of sin breaks through to trouble and terrify us. We can drown the memory for a moment with alcohol, but again it raises its stubborn head to torment and condemn us. We can drown one sin with another more craven than the former, but lo, two sins raise up to convict.

Sin is as real as memory. It is as unforgettable as a terrible illness. It is illness—spiritual illness—cancerous and painful and unrelenting.

What can we do with our sin? Well, the only thing we can do is to do what David did—confess it, carry it to God, seek his forgiveness and lay it at his feet. As long as we harbor it in our memories, it stays there to fester, to grow and to become an open sore. When we carry it to God, asking his pardon and help, the sin is taken away. The scar will remain, but the pain and misery of sin depart. We can be our best selves again. Thousands each day find peace as David found it. All other remedies fail.

O Christ, we come before thee with contrite and broken hearts. We have tried to handle sin our own way. But we know we have failed. Thou art the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Take away all that is unclean and unholy in our lives and restore to us through thy grace and mercy the joy of thy salvation. Amen.

THROUGH HIS NAME

I look at the sun, and I think of the power
And majesty of God;
I look on the earth where the flowers bloom,
And I think of the path he trod.
I look at the trees, and think of the wood
Which made his cross of shame;
Then I look in my heart, and see my sin,
And believing, I've life through his name.

—Author Unknown

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

How did it come about that you are reading this column today? Perhaps some of you may answer that in your case it was pure chance, you happened to be turning the page of this paper and you saw it. But were all the inventions which contributed to our modern newspapers a mere matter of chance?

When we start our minds running back along the skein of events which have led our lives up to this point, we do not find in mere chance or coincidence very adequate explanations. Only recently we celebrated the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington. Was it only by chance that Columbus discovered this continent? Was it merely coincidence that our founding fathers drew up the kind of Constitution which we have? Was it only the accident of birth which gave us in the crisis of our history men with the characters of a Washington and a Lincoln?

It is beyond my belief that blind chance could shuffle the material elements of earth and draw from the mixture the conscience of a Socrates, the mind of a Plato and the genius of a Shakespeare. For me, the doctrine of chance does not explain the emergence of that orderliness which the physicist finds in the electron and the astronomer finds in the heavens. There seem to be purpose and plan running through Creation.

In my student days, a book made a deep impression on my mind. It was entitled "The Pulse of Asia." It told of the mass migration a thousand or more years ago from the Central Asia plateau of Turkestan westward until Palestine was occupied and the eastern end of the Mediterranean was closed as a trade route between Europe and India. The occupation of Palestine by infidels aroused the conscience of European Christians and they launched the Crusades to free the Holy Sepulchre.

The Crusaders, in crossing eastern Europe, made contact with the old Greek culture and thus was stirred a revival of learning in Europe. Vitalized by that renaissance, Europe sought to expand her trade but because the eastern route to India was closed by the Turks, Christopher Columbus tried to find a new approach by sailing west and thus discovered America. When I trace the sequence of such events I can hardly escape the questions of divine guidance and human destiny.

Whatever you and I may think about it, this nation was founded by men who believed that there is a higher power presiding over the human scene. Often quoted is the remark of Benjamin Franklin, one of the least pious though perhaps the most learned of our Constitution makers. When the convention seemed deadlocked by divisiveness, the aged Franklin moved to invoke divine guidance, saying: "The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men; and if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice it is probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

There are various methods of guidance. The rider guides his horse by rein and whip. The shepherd guides his dog by voice and gesture. By wireless we can guide the plane in the air. But when we

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Dear God, we look to the Eternal in this moment of swiftly fleeting time. We look to the Infinite the best we can through our finite minds and hearts. We are thankful that we were created by the eternal God and in His image, and thus endowed with the yearning and the power to look up to Him with reverence, and awe, and a burning desire to know Him and to be conscious of His holy presence.

We, Thy children, realize that there is a spiritual gravitation drawing us heavenward and when we yield to that gravity, we find God. When we find God, we find communion, and rest, and peace.

And then we find a restlessness which sends us out to discover the multitudes who do not know what it means to come close to God for fellowship and peace. What we have seen and heard we must declare to others. Draw us often very close to Thy bosom, O God, and then send us out into the cold world to tell others how warm is Thy great heart of love for all people. In Christ's name. Amen.

I LOOKED TO JESUS By Irene Averitt Mills

My heart was weary with the weight of my sin,
Yet I would not let the Saviour in;
I closed my ear to his pleading tone
To enter my life and reign alone.
I could not always walk with eyes fast closed,
And looking up, before me arose
His face, so sad and full of grief,
My tortured heart flew to his relief,
And lo, in this contrite gesture of mine
I found forgiveness, and healing divine.

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A Time for Tolerance, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Thoughtful churchmen of all denominations have been distressed over the apparent cleavage that has developed between the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church and the Orange Presbytery, centering around the church's pastor, Rev. Charles M. Jones. Many have hoped that the differences might be amicably resolved. The firing of Mr. Jones by the special commission appointed to investigate the situation would indicate that the matter is far from settled. The Chapel Hill congregation wants Mr. Jones to stay on as pastor, the commission to the contrary notwithstanding.

The controversy, according to reports, has arisen partly over Mr. Jones' unorthodox doctrinal views. Some feel that his strong social views, particularly regarding race, enter into the picture. We do not, of course, understand all the circumstances surrounding the case.

The action of the commission, however, from the viewpoint of an outsider seems to be rather drastic. Could not a better way be found to handle this delicate problem? One member of the commission, Rev. Joseph M. Garrison of Greensboro, evidently thinks so. Not agreeing with the action of the other members of the commission, Mr. Garrison filed a minority report in which he recommends a more moderate course. He recommends that the Chapel Hill church and pastor agree to certain changes that will be more in harmony with Presbyterian doctrine and practice and that reports on progress be made at the end of six months and a year. Mr. Garrison counsels tolerance and forgiveness which are evidently pretty badly needed in this tense situation.

The Presbytery has a right to expect that all of its churches and pastors adhere at least to the spirit of Presbyterian tenets, traditions and practices. There are certain fundamental doctrines which every Christian should believe. Therefore, it would seem that Mr. Jones and the officials of the Chapel Hill church would want to observe as far as conscience and wisdom dictate the basic standards set up by the Orange Presbytery. If they cannot meet at least the spirit of these standards then conscience would dictate their future course. On the other hand, the Presbytery must realize that in a university community the churches cannot be tied rigidly to traditional denominational patterns. No university community is as sympathetic with traditional denominationalism as is the average community. Furthermore, it must realize that many persons in a university community hold social views

more radical than those accepted by more conservative communities. So getting rid of Mr. Jones will solve neither problem.

Friends of Presbyterians will be praying that tolerance and forgiveness will prevail, that no principle will have to be sacrificed by either side, and that full reconciliation may be achieved. God needs the church too badly in this critical hour to allow disharmony to mar its effectiveness even in one community.

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Methodism and Its Increasing Special Observances

There is a feeling in some quarters that The Methodist Church is putting into its calendar too many special observances, special days and special weeks. There is scarcely a Sunday or a week left now for the pastor and the local congregation to promote their own program. That day is rare indeed when a North Carolina Methodist preacher does not receive a communication either from New York or Nashville or Chicago or Charlotte or Richmond or Salisbury or Durham or Greensboro or some other headquarters of a church agency urging him to promote some good cause. We were in a church on a recent Sunday when three particular interests were lifted up.

Perhaps in the face of so many observances and so many collections our first impulse is to throw up our hands in despair and file some, if not all, of the appeals in the already bulging waste-paper basket.

But hold on a minute! Let's look at this situation a little closer. We begin by remembering two inescapable facts: The Methodist Church has a big, sensitive heart and human need is more critical than perhaps it has ever been. The Methodist heart is as big as the needs of the world. Of course, we could draw in the lines, retreat into some quiet corner, take care only of our own. We could close our eyes to the spiritual and physical needs of children, of youth, of old people. We could close our schools and colleges, our homes and hospitals. The Communists have demanded just that of the church in China. We could forget our obligation to minority and underprivileged groups in America. We could refuse to heed the cries of needy people overseas. We could lower our spiritual horizons. But when we do we cease to be Methodists. In fact, we cease to be Christians.

Christ never told any of his followers that it would be easy, that there would be no sacrifices to make, no hardships to bear. "If any man will come after me,"

he said repeatedly, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

Now, we are not arguing that we ought to keep all of these special observances. We are surely not arguing that we continue to do it the way we are presently doing it. Perhaps some observances could be combined or eliminated. Perhaps there is a better way to get results. We are simply saying that there can be no retreat from responsibility, that being Methodists and being dedicated to Christ and His church, our church calendar must remain necessarily crowded. Let's find better ways for getting the job done. But let's be sure that no interest of the church is neglected. Let's be certain we grow up to meet the demands of our times.

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Get the Parents in Church School, Too

The importance of going with rather than sending children to Church School cannot be overemphasized. For example, here are some figures which should make all pastors, Church School workers and parents who are interested in the spiritual welfare of children sit up and take notice.

A Church School secretary, making an analysis of why pupils dropped out, discovered that of 700 persons who quit the Church School over a period of 20 years only three of the 700 dropped out in cases where either the father or mother was enrolled in Church School. This, of course, did not include those who had good reasons for stopping. He traced 69 members from the time they enrolled as beginners to the date of their withdrawal. In more than 90% of the cases, he learned, those dropping out for other-than-good reasons came from homes where parents set a poor example. On one occasion he stationed himself in front of a church as people were coming to Church School. An assistant who knew all the people helped him to take down the names of all children whose fathers and mothers brought them in the family car and left them, but did not themselves stay for Church School. A year later he rechecked to discover that more than 50% of these children had been lost to this Church School. On the other hand, only 15% of the children whose parents came with them and stayed for Church School had quit.

These figures speak for themselves. It is not enough to get the children in the Church School. It is just as important to get the parents. Church-going parents are our best assurance of church-going children.

In The Evangelistic Mission:

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION IS THE KEY

The United Evangelistic Mission is essentially a spiritual undertaking. Conceived as a deeply felt concern for the spiritual welfare of people, it has been planned out in an atmosphere of fervent prayer and evangelistic zeal. Our bishops and other leaders have put this stamp upon it and have passed on the challenge to make this Mission a heart warming and a soul winning experience in the life of every Methodist church. While plans and schedules of a most practical nature have been set up, and much hinges upon their faithful observance, yet the key to the success of the Mission is in the spiritual preparation which we as ministers and laymen put into these next days and weeks. We are not merely interested in counting noses, swelling church rolls, setting records; our vision is upon deepening the religious experiences of our people, so that every church member will share a vital relationship with God in Christ Jesus, and so that every single unreached person in each community will receive an invitation to come to Christ, and be given an opportunity to find Him.

How may we go about preparing ourselves and our churches spiritually for this Mission?

First, we should prepare our own hearts and minds. Let us each one assume our present unfitness for the task before us. If we, any of us, are entertaining the comfortable conviction that we are altogether fit and ready without further spiritual preparation, then we are not ready and we are not fit. Our spiritual preparation should begin with the self-addressed question, "Lord, what lack I yet?", asked in an attitude of earnest seeking. This prayer of the Psalmist should become the key to our personal quest: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Begin with Cleansing

Specifically, we should seek cleansing: every one of us, preacher and laymen alike. In a former pastorate, I had the opportunity of close association with a doctor friend who often practiced surgery. He allowed me the privilege of watching a number of interesting operations. Though I was moved to great admiration by the skill displayed in the operating room, what most impressed me about the whole procedure was the preparation which the surgeons, technicians and nurses made. Each was literally a fanatic about absolute cleanliness. I watched the surgeon as he scrubbed his arms and hands, not just once or twice but many times; he used soap and water and a brush until I thought he would scrub the skin off. Then in spotlessly pure uniform he stepped into a room which had been carefully disinfected. Wearing sterilized rubber gloves, every instrument and material which he used was bacteria-free.

We would shudder to think of a surgeon who would ignore this ritual of cleansing, and would hold him to be criminally negligent if he should perform surgery with soiled hands and dirty instruments. We, as Christian ministers and laymen would be equally remiss if we undertook the surgery of the soul without first purging from our hands and hearts all known sin of deed and spirit. Indeed, we would be criminally negligent if we entered into this evangelis-

By James C. Stokes

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tic mission without clean hands and a pure heart. Let us, therefore, put away from us all attitudes of self-righteousness and self-satisfaction. If under the sharp, gentle probing of God's Spirit we are touched at sensitive spots, let us not shrink back from the light. Rather, let us make the classic confession, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Then with the cleansing touch searing our lips and cleansing our hearts, we will be ready to say, "Here am I Lord; send me."

Get the Message on Our Hearts

In the second place, we should prepare ourselves spiritually by getting the message upon our hearts. The Methodists of Great Britain, in their Annual Conference last July heard a stirring address from their president, Rev. Colin Roberts. Among other fine things, he declared: "Historically we are a people with a message to proclaim . . . The message is gathered up in 'our doctrines'—salvation by Faith, the Witness of the Spirit, Scriptural Holiness . . . We call them 'our doctrines', but they are only ours by reason of the emphasis we put on them. They are rooted in the Scriptures, and are of the essence of the faith once for all delivered to the saints." Can we improve upon this historic message that salvation is within the grasp of

every human being through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that every man may receive the inner witness to the fact that he is a child of God; that the Christian way need not then be a perpetual wilderness experience of frustrated living in the twilight of a half-Christlikeness, but that it may and ought to be a growing experience in faith and hope and love?

A Deeply Felt Concern for People

Then, in the third place, we should fulfill this spiritual preparation by getting a deeply felt concern for people. Only one thing will send us out as preachers and laymen to seek the strayed and the lost: a consuming concern which will not let us rest in peace until we have given all there is of us to the task. Do we care so much for the careless and the indifferent, for the confused and the fearful, for the sin-cursed, that we will search them out and seek to win them to Christ and the Christian fellowship? Bishop William F. McDowell once said: "Soul-winning is not an incident in a minister's life. It is not some thing tacked on to a ministry. It is its very heart. And it ought to be the heart of every kind of ministry."

In a charge to his pastors, John Wesley stated it thus: "Let us all be men of one business; we live only for this, to save our own souls and the souls of those who hear us." This may be said and done by devious means and methods, but it ought to be said and done clearly and decisively through our preaching and our lay leadership. Let us prepare ourselves to do it as never before in this United Evangelistic Mission.

AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

By Frances L. Jones

"Give Thy Servant, therefore an understanding heart." I Kings 3:9.

An understanding heart, My God,
I pray Thou givest me.
As the tender, loving heart of Him,
Who walked in Galilee.

A kindly heart, a loving heart
Which grows richer day by day.
With a deeper calm and inner peace
As I walk along His way.

A gentle heart, with mercy filled;
That my fellowman may know
That Christ who walked in Galilee,
Still walks with us here below.

An humble heart, that no longer seeks
To have a way of its own.
But is glad to yield to the Master there
Who has made this heart His throne.

A patient heart, where unrest is stilled;
By the voice of the Blessed Guest,
And my soul rings out in anthem sweet,
That my heart has gained its quest.

A heart made great, by Thy power Divine;
Thru the love Thou gavest me.
And this heart of mine is lost in the heart
Of the Christ of Calvary.

CEDAR GROVE CHARGE: PLANS FOR THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION

As the plans for the UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION begin to take shape, one can see that the total program can well be the focal point for the year's work. It is the real reason for the existence of the church. Each phase of the mission outlined in the Guidebook is of great importance. One can also see why our "annual revivals" have been so ineffective. The UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION entails a tremendous amount of careful planning and prayerful executing of the plans if it is to be successful.

The Walnut Grove church is sharing in the UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION during April, but the other three churches will benefit from the mission. The same general program, covering the five periods (Initiation, Preparation, Operation, Developing New Members, and Continuation) will be used in the Carr, Cedar Grove, and Prospect churches. Following is the plan for the Walnut Grove church:

I PERIOD OF INITIATION

The three points covered under this section have already been carried out: (1) the official board assumed the responsibility for the U.E.M., and has already sent the district superintendent and bishop copies of the agreement; (2) the cooperation of the entire membership is now being enlisted; and (3) the planning committee has been organized.

II. PERIOD OF PREPARATION

The necessary committees outlined in the Guidebook have been organized, and the needed material has been ordered. The first part of spiritual preparation, *Call To Prayer*, has been given at the Walnut Grove church, covering a preparation of the mind and heart in order to bring forth fruit "that befits repentance." The "Prayer Covenant Cards" were used at a communion service, with good response. The Shut-Ins will be asked to pray for the mission. Neighborhood prayer meetings have been planned for the week preceding the preaching services. A loyalty visitation of all members is being planned, visiting the homes within the bounds of the church. The congregation will be divided into classes, placing about ten families in each class. As many teams as classes will be formed, and these will visit each home, talking about the mission, inviting the members to come to Sunday school if not attending, sharing and leaving with them the pamphlet "Alone With God." The week of March 9-13 has been set aside for loyalty visitation, and a check-up meeting will be held Friday at 9 p.m. at the church, to see how many families have been visited. The prospect list will be prepared from three sources at least: (1) a Sunday school class survey; (2) a church roll survey of families; and (3) a community census. This list will be completed by April 5. The evangelistic visitors will be commissioned the morning of April 19. Having only one morning worship service a month, a roll call of the membership of the church will be made, half the first Sunday in March and the other half the first Sunday in April. The people are being urged to read the Bible and use the Upper Room, which is sent regularly to every church family on the charge.

By Henry B. Lewis, Pastor

The United Evangelistic Mission has already begun on this four-point rural charge in the Durham District.

III. PERIOD OF OPERATION

The period of operation outlined in the Guidebook will be followed. Walnut Grove church does not have a kitchen but the ladies of the church will serve a supper each evening at 6:00 o'clock. The outlined visitation evangelism will be undertaken in a spirit of unity, and the order of the evening service will be followed.

IV. PERIOD OF DEVELOPING NEW MEMBERS

A meeting of the planning committee will be held sometime in June to evaluate the work of the mission. The prospect list will be kept alive, and plans for another

UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION will be considered.

A detailed time table, including the check list, has been made for each church, in which every item has been placed. When each item has been taken care of it is so indicated in the check list. With this method one can be sure no major item has been neglected.

The one business of the church is to witness for Christ. The UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION provides practical plans to enlist the entire membership of the church to do the one thing for which it exists—to witness to others about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The dates for the revivals at the other churches are: Cedar Grove, March 15-20; Carr, March 29—April 3; Prospect, May 10-15. It is frustrating to attempt to do so much in so many communities in so short a time, but with careful planning and with the churches cooperating, as they always do in such a fine way, much good will be done for the glory of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND REVIVALS

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

In that stimulating book, "Vision and Power,"* by Dr. John A. Kern, there is a chapter on "The Power of the Indwelling Spirit." A paragraph or two of this chapter treats of evangelism and revivals. For many years Dr. Kern was a teacher of preachers—and a great teacher, too! His suggestions here on the subject of promoting revivals make profitable reading for us today, and with the permission of the Publishers are reproduced below.

Dr. Kern says: "There is nothing that lies nearer to many a Christian pastor's heart than a genuine revival in his congregation. On what conditions may the desire of his heart be realized? Volumes, replete with the teachings of Scripture and of modern experience, and vibrant with stirring appeals, have been written on the subject. Meetings are to be held—and how best conducted? Much personal work with individuals is to be done—zealously, tactfully. There must be plans, expedients, methods. But amid it all the wise pastor and the evangelistic church will ever have in mind that Divine method through which revival power is always available. It is no recently-discovered method, but as old as the Church itself, and as familiar, at least to the ears of a Christian congregation, as the apostolic benediction. We know quite well that it is no other than 'the communion of the Holy Spirit.'

"And into this life-giving communion, not some select class but all who will may enter. Observe, it is not a matter of human wish or expectation, which may or may not be fulfilled, but of God's word, His will, His law. There is a 'law of sin and death,' which is this: 'If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die.' There is also a 'law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus,' and it is this: 'If by the Spirit ye mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.' For here is the kingdom of the Heavenly Father with whom there is no blind force, on the one hand, nor any variableness and uncertainty, on the other. All is personal and all is sure. The law is holy and inexorable love.

"A church, therefore, on its knees, repentant, trusting, making supplication according to the will of God—entering thus into the communion of the Spirit—must be recipient of spiritual power. It must be quickened into newness of life.

"And such a revival will not be something apart from the regular life and work of the church, but an intensification of that life in preacher and people. 'So the church . . . walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.'

"Thou ever-present Spirit, may we not turn here and there in search of Thee. Create within us the willing mind, the responsive heart. May we let go every evil thing, the idol, the bad temper, the bad practice, that would hinder Thy abiding in our inmost self. So shall we have Thee, even Thee Thyself, Thou Light of light, for our teacher, and so be clad from Thee with the garment of power."

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Women's Meet Draws 250; Rural Group Plans Meeting; Ohio Sets Evangelistic Pace

MRS. ROBINSON DISCUSSES LIVE ISSUES AT JACKSON

JACKSON, MISS.—"Peace, race and liquor are the liveliest issues of our day and must be our chief concern," Methodist women of nine southeastern states and Cuba were told here by their president, Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn.

She made her annual report February 25 to more than 250 representatives of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, southeastern jurisdiction, in session at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Delegates represent 378,500 society members in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, and Cuba.

"War and race are so inter-related that we cannot work toward peace unmindful of this fact," Mrs. Robinson said. "We can hold peace meetings from now on, but unless we bring into clear focus the point of the story of the Good Samaritan, our efforts cease to be a venture of faith . . . we cannot reconcile our faith with our failures in the whole scope of human rights."

Stating that seven-eighths of the world's population is non-white, Mrs. Robinson declared that "the recognition of Christian brotherhood carries with it the privilege of working 'with' as well as 'for' our brothers."

She said the "alcohol problem" is to be included in the WSCS program of study courses this year, and warned:

"We might as well skip this study unless we bow in penitence that as Methodist women we have helped bring social approval to the use of alcoholic beverages by our voiceless acceptance of such a status."

One out of four of the estimated 4,000,000 alcoholics in the United States is a woman, Mrs. Robinson said.

"The only answer is total abstinence," she declared. "As Christian women we can bring information into our homes about the effects of alcohol, and help our youth to know that science has discovered nothing that can prevent a person from crossing the invisible borderline between social and compulsive drinking."

Mrs. Robinson challenged the delegates

to set a goal of 900,000 members of the WSCS in the southeast. She said the figure was based on the fact that approximately 40 per cent of the Methodist Church membership (2,481,139) in the southeastern jurisdiction are women.

Urging more activity in the field of Christian social action, Mrs. Robinson said "the whole range of human rights spreads before us and we have scarcely touched the fringes . . . we must start by beginning where we are."

She defined the WSCS program of work as "concerned with spiritual, physical and cultural hunger, disease and ignorance."

The society's national enrollment totals 1,722,000 women, Mrs. Robinson reported. The organization spent \$2,780,000 during the last year in support of 700 mission stations and institutions in 27 countries with a personnel of 588 women missionaries and nationals, and \$2,340,000 for home missions, embracing 283 deaconesses, 22 missionaries and 1,200 unordained workers.

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CHURCHES URGED TO ENTER CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

By G. R. Stafford

A report on February 16 shows that North Carolina has the second highest number of churches entered in the church development program sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Georgia has only two more than North Carolina. The program is being administered by the Town and Country School of Emory University, and Dr. Earl Brewer is the director.

Any church of any faith in communities up to 5,000 population may enter and is invited and encouraged to do so. Each church is to report on progress and achievement in three areas:

1. Improvement and development within the church itself.
2. Contribution in the development of a better community.
3. Contribution toward the development of a better world.

Awards of recognition for outstanding achievement from April 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953, will be given to five churches in each participating state. One church in

each of thirteen southern states will be named "Rural Church of the Year" and will receive an award of \$500. Four others in each state will receive recognition and awards of \$100. The "Rural Church of the Year" for the entire south will receive an award of \$1000.

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader, State College, Raleigh, N. C., is the chairman of the North Carolina Committee. Garland R. Stafford, Lewisville, N. C., chairman, W.N.C. Conference Town and Country Commission, is a member of the state committee.

Churches may be entered through but not after April 1, 1953, and reports of progress will be accepted through but not after May 1, 1953. Entry blanks and a manual of directions for filing the report may be secured by writing to Mr. Harrill or Dr. E. D. C. Brewer, Box 787, Emory University, Ga.

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RURAL FELLOWSHIP TO MEET MARCH 10, 11

The Methodist Rural Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold a two-day meeting March 10 and 11 at Midway church which is located on U. S. Highway 52 halfway between Winston-Salem and Lexington, according to Rev. C. O. Kennerly, president.

Open to all ministers, pastors serving rural and small town churches are particularly invited. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. on March 10 and a panel discussion entitled "Ministering to the Rural Community" will begin at 2:30 p.m., led by Rev. Garland R. Stafford, chairman of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. followed by a worship service and another panel discussion on "Ministering to the Industrial Community," led by Mr. Kennerly.

On Wednesday, March 11, Rev. James Sells, director of Rural Work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, will be in charge. Discussions will center around various phases of rural church work.

The meeting, sponsored by the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work, is similar to one held at Glen Alpine last year. The Commission will provide meals for the occasion. All pastors planning to attend are urged to notify the host pastor, Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Route 1, Lexington. Those attending are expected to bring their own bedding.

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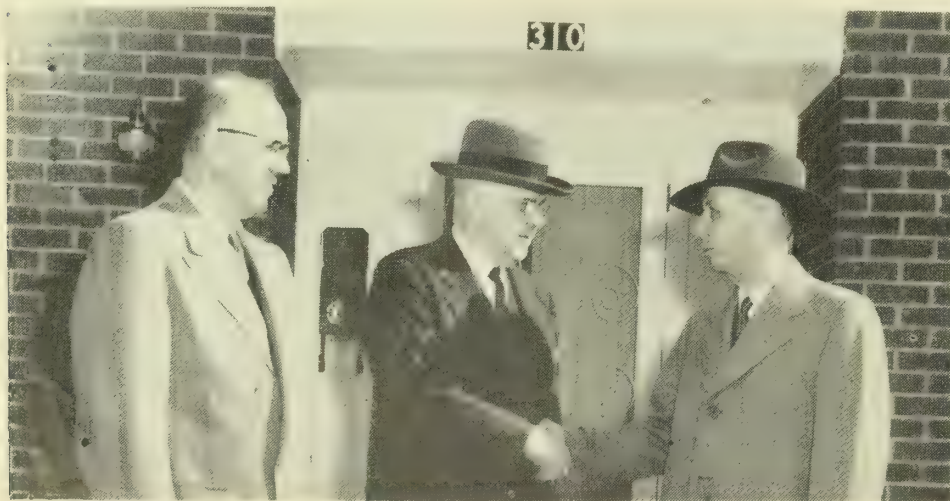
METHODISM IN OHIO GAINS 18,505 NEW MEMBERS

The Methodist Church in Ohio is setting a new denominational record in membership commitments during a state-wide evangelistic campaign, it has been announced by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Harry Williams, the board's national director of evangelistic missions, said Ohio churches have gained 18,505 new members in the first two phases of the current campaign. This figure eclipses total results of the previous state high, Michigan with 16,010 commitments, he said.

Rev. J. Leslie Ross, of the evangelism board, is directing the Ohio campaign, and the general chairman is Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus. The third and concluding phase of the mission will continue through March 1 with churches of northern Ohio participating.

Grand totals to date, reported by Mr. Ross, show that 12,157 laymen have visited the homes or offices of 68,262 prospective members; 283,611 persons have attended the nightly evangelistic services.



Bishop Costen J. Harrell expresses thanks to Tommy Tompkins, a representative of the Firestone Rubber Co. of Gastonia, for the contribution made by the company in the erection of the new parsonage of West End church, Gastonia, which was completed last year. Rev. R. M. Hardee, pastor, looks on. Bishop Harrell dedicated the lovely new parsonage Sunday, January 11. Valued at over \$17,000, the new building was cleared of debt when the congregation brought \$1,419 to the altar as a final payment.

Rozzelle Elected to College Post; UEM Rally Held; Peace Meet Announced

DR. C. EXCELLE ROZZELLE TO JOIN HIGH POINT COLLEGE FACULTY

Dr. C. Excelle Rozzelle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, will become professor of Religion and Philosophy at High Point College beginning with the opening of the fall term in September, according to information just released by Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, High Point College president. He will specifically take over the work of the late Dr. P. E. Lindley who served the college so well over the years in dealing with the practical and spiritual problems of ministerial students and in teaching significant courses in Bible and religion.

Miss Clarice Bowman, as assistant professor of Religious Education, will assist primarily with the girls who are training for full-time work as directors of religious education or for other church positions, her fifteen years of service with the General Board of Education in its Youth Department making her well prepared as adviser and director. She will devote part of her time to the teaching of courses in psychology that are closely related to the field of religious education. Dr. William R. Locke will continue as head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy. This combination of three able leaders will give High Point College one of the strongest departments of its kind among the church-related schools.

Dr. Excelle Rozzelle was born in Mt. Holly in 1891; was educated at Trinity College (Duke), Vanderbilt, Emory, and Princeton Universities; and held pastorates at Myers Park church, Charlotte; University Methodist Church at Chapel Hill; First church, Lenoir; Main Street church, Gastonia; Wesley Memorial church, High Point; and Ardmore church, Winston-Salem. He has traveled extensively in 25 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and North America. He has been honored by his church on many occasions with appointments to committees, boards, and commissions, and has been recognized outside the church for various types of public service. He has spoken, by count, more than 10,000 times on every conceivable subject related to public interest. In 1942, High Point College awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. and Mrs. Rozzelle will make their home in High Point. Their one child, Carolina, now Mrs. Raymond R. Simmons, is a resident of Winston-Salem.

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STATESVILLE DISTRICT UEM RALLY DRAWS 500

More than 500 laymen and ministers attended the united evangelistic rally for the Statesville District at Broad Street church, Statesville, Sunday evening, February 22.

Featured speakers for the occasion were: Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, member of the staff of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church and director of the UEM in the Charlotte Area; Rev. H. L. Creech, Jr., of Lenoir, chairman of the district committee on spiritual preparation; Rev. W. A. Rollins of Newton, conference secretary of evangelism; and Rev. O. D. Smith of Statesville, district secretary of evangelism. Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the Statesville District, was in charge of the meeting.

Other speakers included Rev. C. L. Heckard of Granite Falls; Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of Hickory; Rev. Wilson Nesbitt



Dr. C. Excelle Rozzelle

of West Jefferson; and Rev. R. G. Tuttle of Statesville. Rev. J. M. Taylor, Jr., of Hudson led the devotional and Rev. J. B. McLarty of Mooresville was in charge of the music.

The meeting was one of ten evangelistic rallies held in the Western North Carolina Conference in preparation for the forthcoming simultaneous revival services scheduled for May 1-10.

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NEWELL TO ADDRESS THOMASVILLE DISTRICT PEACE COMMITTEES

Arthur Newell, senior lecturer of the British-American Associates, will be the speaker Friday evening, March 6, at Fair Grove church, Thomasville, in a meeting sponsored by the Committee on World Peace of the Thomasville District, according to Rev. Aubert M. Smith of Asheboro. All members of local church peace committees as well as all ministers of the District are invited.

Mr. Newell, who is also the holder of the John Winant Lecture-Fellowship in British-American Understanding and World Citizenship, was born in Boston, Mass. and educated at Brown University and Harvard University. He has been in international YMCA, was professor of International Relations at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, and has been working

The new parsonage of Northmount charge, Fayetteville, (consisting of Wesley Heights and Johnson Memorial churches) is valued at \$15,000. Much of the labor and materials were contributed by members and friends. These two churches are making real progress. Their memberships and budgets have doubled in two years. Last year the members paid more than \$50 each to the church. The two church schools averaged 212 in attendance last year. The present membership of the two churches



for better British-American cooperation for a number of years. He is well known for his broadcasts, "American Commentary," on the overseas services of BBC.

Directors of the peace committee for the Thomasville District are Rev. Aubert M. Smith and Joseph D. Ross, Jr.

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FAITH SUSTAINS DUTCH FLOOD VICTIMS, "CARE" LETTER SHOWS

The religious faith that is helping the Dutch people recover from the recent floods was strongly reflected in the first letter of gratitude received at CARE headquarters, 20 Broad St., New York City, from a victim of the catastrophe who received a CARE relief package subscribed by Americans.

From an evacuation camp in Ossendrecht, where he and his family found refuge, C. Goud, a Zeeland farmer, wrote:

"This afternoon two Americans visited us who gave us a CARE package containing a beautiful woolen blanket . . . We are so touched by the deep concern with the sorrow we suffer.

"We are here with 11 children. Our two oldest children are still in Zeeland helping to repair the dykes. Sunday, February 1st, we have been chased away from Waarde by the floods. Our lands with everything on it were deep under water. We are fruitgrowers, but now all our fruit trees are dead. Also our cattle drowned. We fled to Krabbendyke but very soon had to leave this place also, and now we are here in Ossendrecht in a military camp where they take care of us very well.

"We don't complain, because we still have all our children. The Lord saved us. He does no injustice and He does not like to hurt mankind. We, ourselves, have spoiled everything. It was the Lord's wish to punish the evil. And that there is still mercifulness we owe our dear Lord."

The Goud family was one of thousands to which CARE's Mission in The Netherlands distributed emergency food and textile supplies within hours after the disaster. In the first two weeks after the floods hit Holland, Belgium and Britain, CARE offices throughout the U. S. received approximately \$100,000 for relief packages to flood victims. Bulk of the aid was channeled to Holland because of its extreme need.

As the Dutch evacuees return to their homes for the slow task of rebuilding, CARE hopes to be able to give each family some measure of help to take with them—either a food, blanket, household linen, clothing textile or hand-tool package, according to their greatest need. Contributions toward these parcels, most of which cost \$10, can be sent to any CARE office, and should be marked for "Holland flood victims."

is 285. The Advocate goes to every home. Rev. Barney L. Davidson is pastor.

Meister Addresses Hospital Group; Church Board Calls for Liquor Vote

METHODIST HOSPITALS AND HOMES RENDER DISTINCT SERVICE

Church-related institutions must provide the "plus" of Christian service in everything for better health and welfare, according to Dr. Karl P. Meister, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Addressing the board's annual meeting in Chicago Feb. 10, Dr. Meister declared: "If the church is to continue its rightful place in society it must cooperate and seek to make international, national, community and local matters in the field of health and welfare one of its major concerns."

"What the church and the whole of society do in this decade," he said, "will decide for all time the future of voluntary health and welfare services."

He challenged the church to adopt a more aggressive program, including the following items:

Every hospital should expand its services and new ones should be built; Rural health centers should be built and equipped and manned by the church; Institutions and programs for care of the chronically ill should be motivated and undertaken; Child welfare services should be expanded, improved, and should include adoption and foster home care; Annual Conferences should provide homes for youth who have moved to metropolitan centers to work; The church should undertake a more elaborate program of training personnel in hospital and home administration, child welfare, service to aged, etc; Annual Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes should be strong and local church committees on hospitals and homes should be activated in every church.

Dr. Meister reported that the total capacity of 192 hospitals and homes affiliated with the board is 26,310 and that last year they ministered to 1,144,032. The average length of stay in Methodist hospitals was 7.4 days—which is below the national average. Free and part-pay services in hospitals and homes went up from a little over \$6,000,000 in 1951 to \$8,031,675 in 1952.

Assets of the Methodist hospitals and homes increased to \$247,064,038 and oper-

ating costs jumped from \$72,000,000 in 1951 to nearly \$84,000,000 in 1952, Dr. Meister reported.

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ASHEBORO CHURCH OFFICIALS PASS RESOLUTION ON ALCOHOL

Central church, Asheboro, official board in a meeting February 11 passed the following resolution concerning beverage alcohol:

"Whereas, we feel the legal sale of Alcoholic Beverages in our State is harmful and should be abandoned and that, whereas, we feel that people of our State should be given an opportunity to vote for or against the legal sale of Alcoholic Beverages; that we are resolved and hereby direct the pastor and officials of our church to take the following action toward securing a vote on and achieving the desired goal of abolishing legal sale of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina:

1. That we all make supplication to our Lord that the steps we take relative to the liquor issue may be the ones that will best serve His interest.
2. That we participate in and support by direct action, where possible, the Allied Church League in their efforts to secure legislation that will enable the people of our State to vote on the sale of Alcoholic Beverages.
3. That we contact the Representatives of our County and District in the General Assembly of our State, requesting that they vote favorably on the bill or bills which may be introduced before that body enabling a vote on the sale of Alcoholic Beverages.
4. That our entire Membership be informed of the action of the Official Board and that they be encouraged to support this action by assisting in informing the Public Opinion that will demand a right to vote against the legal sale of Alcoholic Beverages.
5. That the Official Board and the Membership of our Church be encouraged to resist, where possible, the advertisement of Alcoholic Beverages in the magazines and newspapers distributed in our State."

With Our District Lay Leaders

NEWS FROM THE ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

At the request of Conference Lay Leader Paul R. Ervin I submit the following with respect to Lay Activities in the Asheville District.

The date fixed by the Conference for Laymen's Day proved a little too early to conform to the sudden change, and in our District we conducted our Laymen's Day programs on November 30. As has been our custom, we filled about thirty pulpits with lay speakers on that day, and from time to time we are supplying pulpit speakers over the District whenever they are called for in the absence of the regular minister, and in places where ministers have more than one church on a charge.

We have an organization in our District which we call United Methodist Men, comprised of representatives from all of the churches in the District. However, our District being rather large in its extent we have not been able to bring into the organization representatives from some of the distant points. We have a dinner meeting once in two months, and our last meeting was held recently at Asbury Memorial church with an address by Rev. Mel Harbin, pastor of Oakley. He discussed our approaching evangelistic campaign, May 1-8. Our men are getting behind this evangelistic effort and seem to appreciate its significance. Our laymen took hold of the United College Appeal, and put that across without difficulty. The work of the District is progressing in splendid fashion, and our new district superintendent, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, is doing a fine job.

Referring again to our United Methodist Men, it is headed by some very earnest and efficient persons with Frank Robinson, president; Professor Ray Kroodsmma, secretary; and Frederick A. Manchester, chairman of our Rural and Pastor's Aid Committee, which Committee has charge of placement of lay speakers.

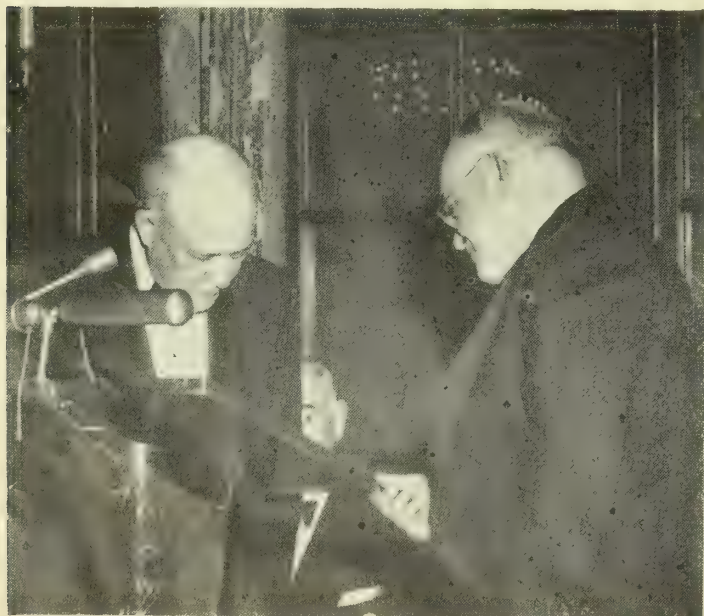
—Guy Weaver
District Lay Leader

METHODIST MISSIONARY COMMEMORATED BY STATUE IN NATION'S CAPITOL

Top level officials of church and state on February 14 joined to dedicate a permanent memorial under the Capitol dome in Washington to Rev. Jason Lee (1803-45), pioneer Methodist missionary and colonizer of the Oregon Country.

The statue, unveiled by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, was presented in behalf of the State of Oregon by its former governor, now Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay. Vice President Richard M. Nixon formally received the gift in the name of the United States. The invocation was by the chaplain of the Senate, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, minister of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

Summarizing the accomplishments of Jason Lee in an address delivered at the dedication, Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, said: "Jason Lee was the first missionary to enter the Oregon Country. He established the first American settlement in Oregon and led in the formation of local government. He introduced the basis of sound economic life and established the first university west of Missouri."



Dr. Watson S. Rankin, left, of Charlotte was elected to membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes. Dr. Rankin's citation reads:

"North Carolina State Health Officer for 16 years. Trustee, the Duke Endowment since 1925. Director, Hospital and Orphan Sections, the Duke Endowment, 25 years, 1925-1950. Giving a lifetime of service to the sick, suffering and needy through the administration of assistance by the Duke Endowment to thousands of sick in 203 hospitals and hundreds of orphan and halt orphan children in 54 institutions in the Carolinas without regard to race or creed. A physician-administrator without peer but above all in his living a true interpreter of the Christian religion and a follower of the teachings of the Great Physician."

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

CENTER CHURCH on the Summerfield charge will hold revival services March 13 with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. H. P. Myers, Jr., of Greensboro will assist the pastor, Rev. J. C. Vernon.

THE UNION COUNTY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL will be held March 5-19 at Central church, Monroe. Teachers are: Dr. J. J. Rives, of Lynchburg, Va.; Rev. A. J. Clemmer, Charlotte; Miss Marion Craig, Salisbury; and Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury. Rev. A. J. Cox, Monroe, is dean.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH on the Wayne Circuit was the scene of a triple christening service recently. Infants baptized were: Bessie Frances Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Edwards; Cara Laveita Territt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Territt; and Sherry Lee Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown. The church, by action of the board of stewards, is sending the Advocate to every family. Rev. Daniel M. Schores, Jr., is pastor.

SALEM AND NEW HOPE CHURCHES in the FARMER CHARGE have just completed the construction of Sunday School rooms to take care of the increased attendance. Salem built three rooms and New Hope four. An even larger Sunday school attendance has already been noted since these projects were completed. Oak Grove church has just begun construction on three additional rooms to present building.

THE ROPER CHARGE on February 20 had a community supper and a Bible study hour sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The five churches of the charge provided a delicious meal for Methodists and guests from other denominations. At the Bible study hour the following pastors spoke on various aspects of the Bible: Rev. E. M. Spruill of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Roper; Rev. D. L. Fouts of the Plymouth Methodist Church; Rev. C. U. Arnette of the First Christian Church, Plymouth; Rev. R. E. Walston of the Williamston Methodist Church; and Rev. Russell Mayhue of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Roper. The program also featured questions from the congregation and a panel discussion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Rev. V. A. Lewis was the host pastor.

TWO SEPARATE WORLD SERVICE folders are available to pastors for use during the month of April. The first is a pamphlet entitled "When Saw We Thee an Unglazed? . . . When Saw We Thee Sick?" which describes briefly the new quadrennial program of World Service, General Advance Specials, Conference Advance Specials, and the Week of Dedication offerings. It contains charts of the "Division of The Methodist World Service Dollar" and "Methodist World Service and Advance Dollars" showing the percentage of distribution of the sixteen participating agencies and the annual financial needs meeting the minimum requirements of Methodism's far flung ministry at home and abroad. It closes with an appeal to Methodists to be generous in supporting the World Service program. The second pamphlet is an illustrated, six page, Easter service of Worship. Both folders are available in quantities from Service Department, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill.



MISS DIXIE LEE FISHER, above, daughter of Mrs. A. A. Fisher of Fairmont, has assumed her duties as director of Christian Education at Broad Street church, Statesville. She is a graduate of Greensboro College and has recently completed work for the Masters of Arts degree at Garrett Biblical Institute on the campus of Northwestern University.

LONGVIEW GARDENS CHURCH, Raleigh, which was begun this conference year, began a regular schedule of services Sunday, March 1, with the service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, 136 N. King Charles Road. Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., is pastor of the new church.

PFEIFFER JUNIOR COLLEGE is holding its annual Religious Emphasis services the week of March 1 under the leadership of Rev. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Morganton. A student committee, headed by Joyce Boyd of New Bern and directed by Miss Mary Floyd, college religious advisor, has made the plans for the week. Mr. McLarty is preaching twice daily on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and will close the services Friday morning with the observance of Holy Communion. He will also hold student conferences throughout the week.

THE ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT Board of Lay Activities held a dinner meeting at Whitakers on February 18 with sixty laymen from the various charges of the District attending. Dr. E. C. Denton, Robert Massey and Joe Hamilton acted as hosts for the Whitakers Methodists and J. A. Glover, District lay leader, presided. First church, Rocky Mount, with E. E. Adkins as church lay leader, had the largest number present. The group studied the new organization of the local church and the following four goals were adopted: A meeting in each of the four zones of the District; organizing more Methodist Men's Clubs; systematic giving with the tithe as an objective; each charge represented at the Laymen's Retreat to be held at Louisburg College June 6, 7. Rev. J. F. Herbert, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, and W. Jasper Smith, Conference lay leader, spoke briefly. The group voted to continue this annual event and set a goal of 300 for the meeting next year.

REV. EDWIN O. COLE of Charlotte has been critically ill in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, for two weeks, but is showing great improvement. Those corresponding with Brother Cole will understand his delay in replying.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL, held at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, Feb. 8-10, was a very successful venture in which every Methodist church in Cumberland County participated. Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., served as dean and the following courses were taught: Teaching Children, Mrs. James Auman; Teaching Youth, Rev. Roderick Dail; How to Improve the Church School, John Meares; and Christian Evangelism, Rev. R. Grady Dawson. The total enrollment was 233, with course cards or recognition being given to 129 persons. The average attendance for the three nights was 184.

METHODIST CHURCHES in the Randleman area joined together February 19 and 20 in a school of missions using as the text "Along the African Path" by Dorothy McConnell. With an average attendance of 68, teachers were: Rev. Frank Edwards, Rev. Sherrill Biggers, Mrs. Clyde Burrows and Rev. Claude Young. Filmstrips were also used. Meeting place was First church, Randleman, with refreshments served each evening. Churches participating were: First, Mt. Lebanon, Old Union, Level Cross, New Salem, Worthville, Bethany and Gray's Chapel. The next joint enterprise for the group will be a summer camp at Camp Adventure, Lake Junaluska, set for June 22-29.

THE GREATER GREENSBORO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP held its quarterly dinner meeting February 24 at West Market Street church, Greensboro with P. B. Magruder, retiring president, in charge. The program consisted of a panel discussion on the church's local and worldwide responsibility. The moderator was Dr. Raymond Smith of Greensboro College and the speakers included Revs. James C. Stokes, Herman F. Duncan, E. C. Few and P. L. Shore, Sr. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Stanley Lowe; vice president, Howard Carlisle; secretary, J. V. Hopkins; treasurer, Paul VonCannon. About 150 were present from most of the Methodist churches of the Greensboro area.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE METHODIST YOUTH COUNCIL met in East Duke Building, Duke University, February 20-22 to plan for coming events. The group divided into committees, discussed and reported back to the entire group on the following: Spiritual life retreat for the full council, March 13-15; Christian vocations conference in Smithfield, April 10-12; Louisburg assemblies, June 8-27, including an Assembly workshop on the total program of the MYF for workers with youth and MYF officers of the local church, June 8-13; the second annual conference session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to be held at Duke University, in August; the older youth assembly, August 23-27; a recreation workshop in late September or early October for those interested in recreation leadership, including chairmen and adult advisors of the Commission on Christian Fellowship. Miss Nancy Lee Smith of Duke University and Washington, president, presided. Curt Gatlin is the Conference director of youth work.

Vocations Conference Set; Summer Caravaners, Counselors Needed

CHURCH VOCATIONS CONFERENCE

More than 100 delegates are anticipated for the Church Vocations Conference to be held at Centenary church, Smithfield, April 10-12. Planned by the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, it will bring together persons (mostly youth) who have made definite commitment to—or are showing positive interest in—a church-related vocation.

Attention will be focussed upon vocations which lie within three main areas of the church's work—the ministry, Christian education, and missions. Both group and individual guidance will be given delegates through study-discussion periods and personal interview.

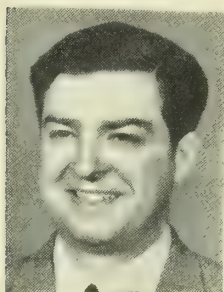
Cost per delegate is \$5; overnight accommodations will be in homes of members of the host church. The conference opens with registrations from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday and closes with the church service of worship on Sunday.

Recommendations of persons to attend the conference, and inquiries for further information, should be addressed to Curt Gatlin, secretary of the Vocations Commission. Rev. Graham Eubank, Raleigh, is chairman of the Commission and the planning committee for the week-end conference.

SEJ RECREATION MEET ATTRACTS

N. C. DELEGATES

At least twelve persons in our conference will go to Florida in March for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Recreation Workshop. This number is already registered; others may still do so. The Workshop is scheduled for March 18-25 at the Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, Florida.



Larry Eisenberg



Richard Chase



R. Harold Hipps

The widest variety of recreation training opportunities yet (in six years) and a tip-top staff promise to make for the best workshop ever to be conducted in our jurisdiction. Right at the top of the ladder of outstanding leaders will be Larry Eisenberg of Nashville, Tennessee, former member of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education. Joining him in the event are Dick Chase from Virginia to do American Folk Arts; Ruth Norris, New York, Party Planning and Informal Drama; Rosabelle Mann, New York, for Creative Arts and Crafts; Howie Tanner of Wisconsin for Handicrafts; Harold Hipps from Greensboro to teach Square and Advanced Folk Dances.

Add to these many well-known leaders in several other areas—outdoor games, cook-outs, equipment games, church drama, nature lore, and songleading.

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church should make special efforts to attend the workshop. Total cost is \$27.50 plus travel. Car pools from N. C. will make the trip fun and cheap.

COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CARAVANS

Requests enough have come from N. C. Conference churches to warrant the invitation and use of two summer youth caravans. One such caravan has already been engaged; another one will be requested, if an adult counselor for each team can be secured.

At present we do not have a counselor named for the first team. Persons interested in serving in the capacity—an unusual opportunity to share eight weeks of the summer in service to youth—are encouraged to write the director of youth work immediately.

The adult counselor should be a person not under 24 years of age who has experience in youth work in The Methodist Church, positive Christian dedication and convictions, and a desire to serve voluntarily (all expenses paid) for eight consecutive weeks, beginning in late June.

If counselors can be engaged, our conference will have the benefit of two caravans this summer.

YOUTH MEMBERS WANTED

Youth to serve on summer caravans are also needed. Each year the use of about 60 caravan calls for almost 250 youth members. Qualifications for service are: at least 2 years college training or equivalent experience; a working knowledge of the MYF based upon actual local church experience; willingness to spend eight consecutive weeks in this venture and to pay travel expenses to the training site—and back home from location of last church visited.

Let the Board office have your recommendations or inquiries soon.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday, April 19, has been designated as the alternate date for the observance of Church School Rally Day in the North Carolina Conference. The other date is September 27 or the nearest Sunday thereto as practicable. Every church should observe Church School Rally Day on one of these dates and receive an offering for the Conference Board of Education. Program materials and offering envelopes may be secured from the board office.

CAMP DON-LEE RECEIVES GIFT

Mr. and Mrs. Talton M. Johnson, Jr., of Graham, have donated a \$200 Mercury outboard motor to Camp Don-Lee for which we are most grateful. Mr. Johnson is the son of the late Dr. T. M. Johnson, an outstanding minister of the former Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Rev. J. C. Morris, a retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, and a sister of the N. C. Conference Board of Education executive secretary. They are members of the Graham Methodist Church.

Other Gifts Desired

Other persons, or church groups, may wish to contribute equipment to our Conference Camp. There are many items which are much needed—and for which funds are not now available—that may be given by interested persons. The Board office will be glad to make suggestions so that equipment and facilities most desired can be secured for Camp Don-Lee.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

SEJ Recreation Workshop, Leesburg, Florida, March 18-24.

Good Friday Observance, April 3, (Sacrificial Meal for Overseas Relief).

Church Vocations Conference, April 10-12, Smithfield, N. C.

Youth Evangelistic Rallies, April 18, (one or more in each district).

Church School Rally Day, April 19 (alternate date) (offering for Conference Board of Education).

Regional Audio-Visual Workshop, April 27-May 1, Atlanta, Georgia.

Children's Day, May 3, First Day of National Family Week, (offering for Children's Building, Lake Junaluska).

Subdistrict Vacation Church School Institute, May 11-15. (Exact dates and places will be announced later.)

Pfeiffer College Laboratory School, May 26-29, Misenheimer, N. C.

Vacation Church Schools, June and July.

Methodist Student Day, June 7, (offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund).

MYF Assembly Workshop, June 8-13, Louisville College.

Senior Assembly (High School Ages), June 15-20, Louisburg College.

Senior Assembly (High School Ages), June 22-27, Louisburg College.

Camp Don-Lee Summer Program

June 9-12, Counselors' Training Camp

June 12-14, Young Adult Assembly

June 14-20, Christian Adventure Camp (Grades 7-9)

June 21-27, Christian Adventure Camp

June 30-July 9, Christian Adventure Camp

July 12-18, Christian Adventure Camp

July 19-25, Christian Adventure Camp

July 27-August 1, Junior Camp, Grades 4-6)

August 3-8, Junior Camp

August 10-15, Junior Camp

August 17-22, Junior Camp

August 23-27, Older Youth Assembly

SEJ Young Adult Workshop, July 17-19, Lake Junaluska, (for young adult officers and teachers).

SEJ Youth Leadership Workshop, July 22-29, Lake Junaluska, for (sub-district officers and adult counselors).

SEJ Leadership and Laboratory School, August 3-14, Lake Junaluska.

SEJ Church School Superintendents Conference, August 14-16, Lake Junaluska.

Christian Witness Mission, July 26-August 1, Camp Crabtree and Raleigh youth evangelism project.

Second Annual Conference Session of the MYF, August 16-20, Duke University, Durham

Church School Rally Day, September 27, (offering for Conference Board of Education).

Gifts Help Pfeiffer; Reports from Waynesville, Asheville, Salisbury Districts

WHAT CASH SUPPLY GIFTS HAVE DONE AT PFEIFFER COLLEGE

Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, wife of the president of Pfeiffer College and secretary of Status of Women in our Conference, writes as follows:

"Since most of the Supply Department skings for this third quarter are for beds or the girls' dormitories at Pfeiffer College, it seems appropriate to tell something of what the Woman's Societies of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference have done in the past few years to cooperate with this college which is owned and operated by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"A very helpful service has been the generous gifts of cash supplies annually given the college to help buy the much needed equipment which the regular college budget is inadequate to furnish. Some of the major items purchased with this money are the handsome new stainless steel walk-in refrigerator; linoleum for the two dining rooms; electric drinking fountains; a Sohmer grand piano for the auditorium; and other smaller but very necessary equipment. The latest project is the buying of beds for the girls' dormitories. They really are needed. Single iron cots with thin mattresses were placed in the dormitories in 1935 when they were built. In spite of repairs to the beds from time to time, they have become almost unusable and how happy the girls are to be sleeping in and anticipating new beds. A few have already been purchased. It is hoped enough money will come in from the third quarter cash supply gifts that all girls' rooms can be furnished with new beds before the college year is over.

"The women of Methodism can well be proud of Pfeiffer College. No lovelier small campus can be found anywhere and the college work being done is of the highest quality as is proven by the fact that the college is accredited by every Junior college agency as well as state and church accrediting boards. The college carries a work program greater than that of any other college in the state. This enables students of small financial means to work their way through college. Many could

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not go to college at all without some such help. Pfeiffer also stands for high religious ideals and training. Many young people preparing for full time Christian service are in the student body each year. Among these are the girls on scholarships supplied by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of this Conference. These \$200 scholarships enable many girls of finest ideals of Christian service to get the college training they otherwise could not have.

"During the past eight years, since these scholarships have been in effect, 42 girls have been granted this help. Of these, 13 are still in college; 14 are in full time Christian service; some have gone into the teaching profession; a few have worked a while and then gotten married; and still fewer have married before they did any work for the WSCS. In the latter case the girls are required to return to the WSCS the money loaned to them so that other girls may have the advantage of it.

Most of Pfeiffer's students have little money and could not receive a college education without help. Every North Carolina Methodist woman who contributes to the work of the WSCS can feel that she has a definite part in helping students at Pfeiffer College prepare themselves for Christian leadership as full-time or lay workers in the communities to which they will go when college days are over."

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT HAS MISSION STUDY

A mission study on Africa for Jurisdictional credit for the Methodist and Episcopal churches of Haywood County was held on February 2, 4, 9, and 11 in the Long's Chapel Methodist Church at Lake Junaluska.

The course was conducted by Miss Louise Ballard, district secretary of missionary education for the Waynesville Dis-

trict. A quiz, book reviews, panel discussions and word matching were used for class participation. Two films, "Africa is Waiting" and "From Fear to Faith," were shown. Over 200 women participated in the study.

WEAVERVILLE HAS PROGRAM ON STATUS OF WOMEN

A beautiful presentation of the meaning of the Status of Women work in The Methodist Church was presented at the February meeting of the Weaverville Woman's Society of Christian Service when four women presented the play, "The Four Marys," under the direction of Miss Pearl Weaver, secretary of Status of Women for the Asheville District and for the Weaverville society.

The four women in the native costume of women in the time of Christ, came to the altar to tell which Mary she represented and then each one lighted a candle on the communion table and placed a card bearing one word in front of her candle. These cards said, "Give," "Study," "Belong," and "Recruit." The four Marys were Mrs. E. T. West, Mrs. A. D. Closson, Mrs. Z. I. Walser, and Mrs. Thelma Gudger. Soft appropriate music was furnished by Mrs. Beth Peeke Roberts.

Miss Weaver gave a summary of the work of the Weaverville WSCS, analyzing the trend of church women at work. She also explained her card index system in her effort to get every woman in the church into active participation in the Woman's Society in this "widening circle of friendship."

If there is a society anywhere that has not had this play, "The Four Marys" presented at one of its meetings, then they have missed a beautifully inspirational program. It may be ordered from our Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

SALISBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive board of the Salisbury District Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday, February 10, at the home of Mrs. R. E. Bisel in Badin with Mrs. T. R. Tysinger and Mrs. N. E. Lefko co-hostesses. Miss Jane Stentz, who recently returned from missionary service in India, was a special guest.

Mrs. R. E. Bisel and Mrs. J. D. Stentz reviewed the Conference executive board meeting at Pfeiffer College, which they attended.

Plans were started for an officers' training day to be held in May and the annual district meeting to be held in June following the annual conference at Lake Junaluska. Another board meeting to complete these plans will be held in Salisbury in April.

The hostesses served luncheon to the 17 members and the one visitor present.

REPORTERS FOR THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Your editor would like to call attention to the material on our page this week—it represents the departments of supply work, status of women, missionary education, and the splendid work of two "reporters" from the Waynesville and Asheville Districts, Mrs. Levi Morgan of Clyde, and Mrs. John Wright of Weaverville. Not only does Mrs. Wright send in district and local news for this page, but she is able to get splendid coverage for the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Asheville *Citizen-Times*, she being the society reporter from Weaverville. Other districts are doing fine work which needs to be reported.



Girls at Pfeiffer College enjoy the beds given by the women of the Western North Carolina Conference through Supply Work.

Three Join Staff; Flu Epidemic Subsides; Plays Presented; Teachers, Matrons Cooperate

THREE NEW MATRONS

We would like to welcome three new matrons to our Campus. We sincerely hope that they will enjoy their new home and we are certainly looking forward to having them with us.

In the Garriss building we have Mrs. Helen Rebecca Hagwood as the matron, and she, with the help of her husband, will make the building a real home for the 22 boys who live there. Mr. and Mrs. Hagwood have been living in Raleigh.

Miss Sophia Butler came to us from Windsor, where she worked as a cosmetologist. She will be in charge of the Atwater building, where she will have 25 girls ranging in age from eight through eleven years.

Mrs. Lenna R. Cameron who has been making her home in Wilson, is now serving the Orphanage as dietitian. If the food we have been having is a sample of her cooking, well, soon our children will be having to purchase new clothing, for their old clothes will be far too small.

FLU BUG BITES 125

An unwelcome guest on our campus during the months of January and February has been the "Flu Bug." During this period an estimated 125 cases have occurred, which is above the cases treated last year. Most cases were from five to seven days duration, and involved confinement in bed. At one time there were 34 boys and girls in our infirmary. This is 10 above its normal bed capacity, and necessitated moving in additional bunks and cribs. This unwelcome guest did not confine activities to our boys and girls, as several members of the staff were also stricken. Fortunately no case of pneumonia occurred. Treatment was under the supervision of Miss Gladys Fogleman, nurse in charge of the infirmary. Assisting Miss Fogleman at the infirmary is Miss Ruby Lee Watson.

MYSTERY DRAMA PRESENTED

"Nester the Detective" puppet play, a drama of mystery, comedy and suspense, was recently enjoyed by our boys and girls in grades one through nine. The presentation of this puppet play to each of the elementary schools in Raleigh is one of the projects of the Junior League of Raleigh. This year is the second year of successful operation of this project. Two troops of six Junior League members each, are now touring the schools. Those ladies presenting the plays are as follows: Mrs. John Welch, Mrs. Maurice Thiem, Mrs. Tom Norris, Mrs. Jim Poyner, Mrs. Ed Flythe and Mrs. George Paschal, Jr.

SHAKESPEARE PLAY PRESENTED

Behind closed doors and a Do-Not-Disturb sign, English II went on the air in a radio stage program presenting Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. Students assigned reading roles prepared their parts before broadcast time and through their reading interpreted the drama to the class audience. Behind the scene, the moderator briefly explained settings and time of scene and the sound effects man, Allen Keel sounded the alarm. Every member of the class played a part, the audience participating as crowd, soldiers or citizens.

SCHOOL AND HOME COOPERATE

The success of any school depends upon cooperation and understanding between faculty and parents. This is especially true

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at our Home. Faculty, staff and housemothers are working towards common goals concerning our boys and girls, which can only be reached by close and continued teamwork.

It is thus that we have in existence on our campus a "Parents-Teachers Association." The first meeting of the year was a "get-acquainted" one, another meeting involved open house during Education Week, and our most recent meeting concerned group discussion of mutual practical problems.

Problems discussed concerned, respect for property, study habits, and setting of desirable standards for daily living. Faculty members leading the discussion were: Mrs. Irma Holland, Mrs. Marguerite Gilkey and Miss Monnie McDonald. Housemothers leading the discussion were, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Miss Mabel Brown and Mrs. H. D. Wood. Principal Robert Martin served as chairman, and Superintendent Hedden led the devotional.

This meeting, and other meetings of the year have seemed to be most successful and beneficial. An evening meeting featuring a guest speaker is being planned for April.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY SET

Students in Raleigh High Schools will operate the city government during Raleigh Student Government Day on March 20. One councilman from our school will be selected, and three of our students will serve as appointive city officials. Council-

men from the high schools of Raleigh will meet with the mayor and city manager to elect their mayor and city manager for the day, and appoint numerous appointive city officials. Student Government Day is a project sponsored by the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, and is a project from which we feel sure our participating students will benefit.

STUDENT CAMPUS LEADERS

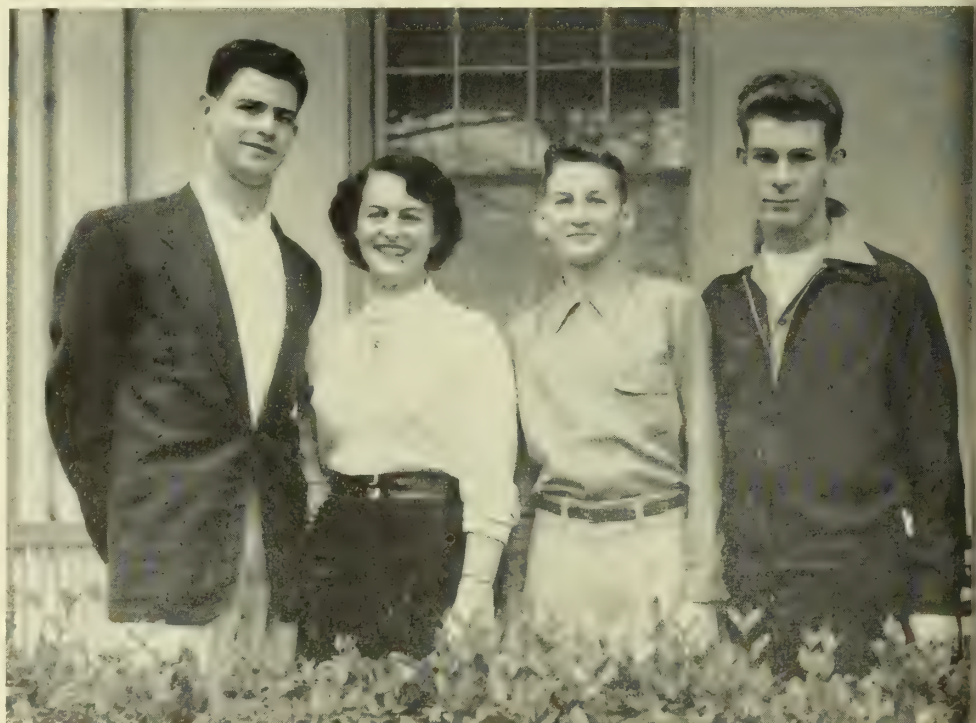
The picture for this week is the second in a series showing the leaders in our school. The "rose surrounded by thorns" in this picture is Betsy Blake, who came to our home from Burgaw on September 3, 1944. Her mornings are spent typing, and performing clerical work under the direction of Mrs. Edith Youngsteadt, secretary to the superintendent and business manager. She is clothed by the Lillie Duke Sunday School Class of the Duke Memorial church, Durham.

Wade Salmon came to our home on April 16, 1945, from Lillington. His duties are divided between general duties at the dairy farm and serving as one of our campus Barbers. During football season Wade was a star end. The Men's Class of Davis Street church, Burlington, clothes Wade.

Bill Hobson arrived at our home on August 5, 1945 from New Bern. Bill's work assignment consists of general farm duties. He was one of the quarterbacks for the Red Raiders, split-T formation. He is clothed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Calvary church, Littleton.

Donald Griffin joined our family on September 2, 1946, and is from Durham. Donald is one of the morning milk boys. He is clothed by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Scotland Neck church. In addition to being a sparkplug guard of our current basketball team, Donald is a talented piano player. He hopes to continue his study of music in College.

This group of Sophomore Class Officers all attend school in the afternoon from 12:30 to 4:30, and have study hall from 7:30 to 9:15. Studies in school include the required courses of Biology and English I, Economics and Sociology, Home Economics I, French I and Algebra I.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

L. to R.: Wade Salmon, Betsy Blake, Donald Griffin, Bill Hobson.

Why Be Alert?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 25:1-13

How grateful we are that Jesus put the deepest truths into parables that thrill the young as well as the old! Who would not be interested in the story of the ten maidens that took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom?

Plainly the coming of the bridegroom means the coming of Christ himself, to bless the righteous and to overturn the evil. Jesus speaks of it as the gladdest of all events. There are many comings of Christ. Every event that suddenly makes plain to good and bad alike that the laws of love given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) are like physical laws, the very laws of the universe. Every such event is a coming of Christ. The reference to his coming does not suggest that he has been away and has now arrived from a distance, but rather that his unseen presence has been made vividly manifest in power to save and help the righteous and put down all that is evil. Jesus plainly teaches that these preliminary comings are big with promise of a great world wide coming so glorious that we can hardly conceive of it.

The ten maidens are not blamed for falling asleep; only those are blamed who were not prepared to be suddenly awakened and faced with a crisis. Any one who has fallen asleep under the influence of beer or wine is utterly unprepared for the rigorous thinking and prompt action required when at midnight the call is heard. There are many reasons why we should not drink alcoholic liquor, but this one reason is sufficient: No one who has been drinking intoxicants even moderately is prepared for any sudden crisis in his life. Is it not right for us to stop here for a moment and to stress the necessity of learning to be happy and to make merry without artificial stimulants, and to heed Paul when he said, Be not drunken with wine, but be filled with the Spirit, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (Eph. 5:18).

When the foolish maidens were roused at midnight their lamps were flickering and going out, and it was too late to get oil to replenish them. Jesus reminds us that we can never prepare for a crisis after it comes, and he warns us also that the crises are all the time coming when we least expect them.

What is it to have oil in our flasks? It is to have the peace of God in our hearts and the assurance of his merciful love, and the habit also of constantly looking to him for his forgiving grace. When it is very important to be so familiar with the Word of God that at every crisis the Holy Spirit can whisper in our hearts the Scripture that we need for our guidance and encouragement. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would bring all things to our remembrance whatsoever he has said to us. But of course we need have the Word of God in our memory.

It is possible even when we grow older to retain, through the power of the Holy Spirit the hopefulness of a little child the night before Christmas, and to be constantly expectant of wonderful and sudden opportunities to get good and to do good. And if the Christian forms the habit of vigorously reacting to every challenge to decisive action, in time he will become a well drilled soldier. It will be spontaneous and natural for him to take the

right turn and do the right thing at every demand for brave action and every crisis of opportunity.

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THE COLOR GUARD

By W. W. Reid

Who guards the colors?—the red of courage, the white of purity, the blue of truth that symbolize America?

Is it the soldier with fixed bayonet, the sailor at salute, the marine who enmasts the falling standard, disregarding shot and shell around him? Is it he who stands hat in hand as the flag passes along the avenue? or he who "challenges the world" in oratorical flight on July 4? or he who sings the National Anthem most dramatically?

These are holding aloft or paying respect only to a symbol of something—perhaps only to "a tattered rag." Their hearts and their deeds may love and serve the America for which the flag is only an inadequate emblem; or their hearts and deeds may be dragging into disrepute the very flag they salute. The acolyte and the crucifer may cherish the symbols of a faith; but it is in the hearts and deeds of men that Christ must live and his Cause must be won.

Who guards the colors? You who work in mill and mine, in field and forest, producing for America and for all mankind the food, the shelter, the means of better living; who give of self in satisfying labor, in honest measure of time, and strength, and effort, and devotion to the long objectives of toil; who dig and delve with your own hands, never accumulating through the sweat of another man's brow or the withholding from him of mental and spiritual rewards: you are guarding the colors!

Who guards the colors? You who seek for the humblest man in your community, or for the oppressed man far across alien seas, all those freedoms which you enjoy or long to enjoy for yourselves; who never imprison or retard a fellow son of God, in body or in spirit, through suspicion, or false rumor, or label, or difference of honest opinion, or because of the chance difference of race, or color, or nationality, or religious faith; who see in every man a brother, and a friend, and a seeker after the same high goals: you are guarding the colors!

Who guards the colors? You who help allay human suffering—whether hunger by sharing of your crust or your feast, or pain by skilled hands and the nursing ministry of love, or ignorance by the instructive tongue of the patient teacher, or mental anguish by words of counsel, and kindly deed, and the sheltering embrace of your home and heart; who "fling away your lives," if need be, that burdens may be lifted from the bending backs of brethren: you are guarding the colors!

Who guards the colors? You who reach out to the most obscure home in your town and to earth's remotest corners, not to press down upon people but to lift them to the stature of brothers; not to take from their farms and mountains for your barns and mills, but to share with them, as good stewards, your heaven-loaned knowledge and skills; not to rule but to stand alongside, not to impoverish but to enrich, and not to patronize but to fraternize: you are guarding the colors!

Let us each one guard the flag of courage, of purity, and of truth with our lives and with our deeds!

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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consider the channels of communication between two personalities, we realize that there must be mutual understanding be-

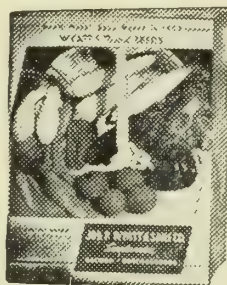
fore one can effectively guide the other.

In the earliest stages of childhood, a parent has to guide the infant by the exercise of authority. The two-year-old can hardly be trusted to grasp the logic of a parent's explanation about the perils of fire and water and automobiles. Grandchildren, I am finding, are much more precocious and understanding than regular children! But even a grandchild now and then needs the guidance of authority. Nevertheless, the parent or grandparent is not content until the leading strings are superseded by the free choice of the child's own nature.

Likewise, God's guidance of his grown children is not by external coercion, but by the response of spirit to spirit.

How does God guide us? By the wisdom of the ages in books like the Bible, by the general patterns of history, by the still small voice of conscience, by the luminous insights of our best moments. Yes, and in countless other ways God shows his guiding hand to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

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Announcements

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Rocky Mount District Conference will be held at Rosemary church, Roanoke Rapids, Thursday, April 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Representatives of the various churches of the church will be welcome and will be given an opportunity to present their needs.

J. F. Herbert, D. S.

In Memoriam

GEORGE THOMAS CHANDLER

BROADWAY.—George Thomas Chandler passed from this life on October 28, 1952. In his passing Broadway Methodist church has lost one of its most faithful and best loved members.

He had served as a member of the board of stewards for 30 years; as a teacher of an adult class for 31 years; and was a member of the board of trustees of both church and parsonage. He was a regular attendant and used his influence and gave generously of his means for the good of the church and community. We miss him sorely, but we rejoice in the privilege of having known him and worked with him and are grateful for his years of useful service with us.

Therefore, the official board of stewards wishes to go on record as having passed the following resolutions: First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Second, that we are grateful to God for the life and influence of this good man.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, to the Christian Advocate, to the local newspaper, and one be kept in the records of the board of stewards.—Leon Gaster, Chairman.

MRS. ELEANOR HUGHES BOLING

ASHEBORO.—As the shadows of December cast their winter shades over the earth, the curtain of another world was lifted for a beloved member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Calvary Methodist church of Asheboro. As the curtain was lifted for her briefly she passed over into another world, and forever of the pain that troubled her body.

Mrs. Eleanor Hughes Boling joined the First Methodist church of Asheboro in her early youth and remained a faithful member until the organization of the Calvary church. Then with a heart of faith and helpfulness she became a charter member of that church and remained a faithful member until her health called her from the church to her home eternal.

We, the members of the Woman's Society of the Calvary Methodist church, wish to record with thankful appreciation to God for her life this resolution of tribute and declare that our lives will be made brighter because she passed this way.—Mrs. A. D. Williams, president; Mrs. Noah Duncan, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Plummer, secretary.

MRS. CLARENCE HUGHES

ASHEBORO.—On December 28, 1952, the clarion call of the beckoning angel called the life of Mrs. Clarence Hughes from this earth to its eternal resting place. And when the door of death had closed behind her she came to understand more clearly that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Mrs. Hughes left behind her more than forty years of service to the church. She was a devoted wife and mother and a valuable member of the community in which she lived. Her cheerful personality never failed to inspire those who came in contact with her. And it is through the memory of her life that we dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God and his work.

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Calvary Methodist church, Asheboro, feel deeply our loss. We wish to go on record as expressing our sympathy to her family and to say that our loss is heaven's gain. And now that her earthly pilgrimage is over we look forward to the day when we may see her again as she beckons us from life's other side.—Mrs. A. D. Williams, president; Mrs. Noah Duncan, vice-president; Mrs. Bill Plummer, Secretary.

MRS. N. R. RICHARDSON

SALISBURY.—Mrs. N. R. Richardson, nee Elizabeth Dent Stone, was born on November 18, 1857, in Salisbury. Her early life was spent in Salisbury and Raleigh. On August 18, 1881, she was married to Mereston Ruffin Richardson, a young attorney in Raleigh. After 1887 she lived in parsonages in many towns of Western North Carolina, as Mr. Richardson soon entered the ministry and was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Some of the places they lived are: Mt. Holly, Henretta, Charlotte, Albemarle, Rutherfordton, Asheboro, Greensboro, Mt. Pleasant, and Coolemeec. Since Mr.

Richardson's death in 1926, Mrs. Richardson, together with her daughter, Miss Merrie Richardson, made her home at 715 Wiley Avenue, Salisbury.

On November 16, 1952, just two days before her 95th birthday, her soul took its flight for the heavenly home, and on November 18 she was laid to rest in the family plot in Fairview cemetery, Albemarle, by the side of her husband. The funeral was conducted from First church, Salisbury, by Rev. George B. Clemmer, Rev. Walter B. West, and Rev. Clegg Avett.

She was a devoted mother, and she loved her church, going twice each Sunday until a short time before her death. She loved people and was admired and loved by all who knew her sterling qualities. She was remarkably cheerful until the last day of her illness. Mrs. Richardson is survived by her four children: Miss Merrie Richardson of Salisbury, Mrs. Mamie Stepp of Black Mountain, Robert McTyeire of Washington, D. C., and Frank Reid of Mt. Pleasant and Concord; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Harry E. Matthews of Charlotte; and one brother, Joseph J. Stone of Greensboro.

MRS. GRACE MOORE WHITE

RIDGEWAY.—One of the sad things in life is the thought of the unnamed people who are gone and forgotten. Conversely, it gives us an inspiration to know that there are many others whose memories still linger, and we believe that here in such memories is a suggestion of immortality. Such is the memory of Mrs. Grace Moore White, who passed away a year ago, on February 12, 1952.

Mrs. White was a member of the Norlina Methodist church and a charter member of the W. S. C. S. of that church. Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Mr. John T. White of Norlina; her mother, Mrs. B. D. Moore of Ridgeway; and one sister, Mrs. H. H. Grant of Ridgeway.—Sidney Boone, Pastor.

MRS. W. H. BONKEMEYER

GREENSBORO.—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of West End Methodist church, wish to pay tribute and respect to the memory of one of our oldest members, Mrs. W. H. Bonkemeyer, 2311 Walker Avenue, who passed away at her home November 8, 1952, at the age of 83, after several months illness.

Mrs. Bonkemeyer was faithful to her church and its activities by her presence, prayers, and tithes, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends who loved her. She won a warm place in the hearts of those who admired her for her devotion to her Master and His cause here on earth. Her life was an example before others, that makes us want to follow in her footsteps of Christian living.

Mrs. Bonkemeyer was a member of the board of stewards of West End church. She had also received her life membership pin in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the members of this society ask that in sincere appreciation of her consecrated life, this tribute be recorded in our minutes as a permanent record, a copy be sent to each member of her family, and one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. R. G. Russell, Mrs. John Talley, Mrs. Garland Troxler, Committee.

J. C. BROOKSHIRE, SR.

CHARLOTTE.—J. C. Brookshire, Sr., 69, prominent layman of Charlotte, died at the Memorial Hospital on January 29, after an illness of two weeks.

For many years Mr. Brookshire served on the board of stewards and board of trustees of the Wesley Heights Methodist church of Charlotte. He also took an active part in the civic enterprises of the community, but he will be missed most in the church circles of Charlotte. He was the kind of layman every minister would like to have more of. He was forward looking and aggressive for the promotion of the work of his church. He was loyal to the church in his attendance and service, as well as in his contributions. His home was his minister's home and each one in turn knew him to be their friend and assistant. In Mr. Brookshire the church has lost a faithful servant and friend.

Surviving Mr. Brookshire are his wife and six sons, Stanford R. Voris G., James C., B. Brevard, all of Charlotte; Homer L. and Melvin E. of Baltimore, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. John W. Crawford of Raleigh and Mrs. W. George McCall of Charlotte; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, J. Edward of Drexel; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Outen of Charlotte and Mrs. Lillie Ervin of Troutman; and many nieces and nephews.

MRS. RUBY WHITAKER PEIRSON

ENFIELD.—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Ruby W. Peirson, who passed away on January 1, 1953.

"Miss Ruby," as everyone affectionately called her, was a charter member of the woman's work of her church. In her younger years no woman worked harder for the whole program of the church than she. Besides being a loyal member, she held many official places, rarely missing a meeting even to the end.

Her personality and unique wit made her an individual character, loved by all who knew her. We are grateful for her many years of useful service in our midst.

Therefore, be it resolved that we express to the family our sincere sympathy, a copy of this memorial be included in the minutes of our society, a copy be sent to Enfield Progress and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. Eli Bellamy, Mrs. Egbert Barnhill, Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Committee.

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WOMEN REPORT GAIN

By IRENE LONG

Tunisia became the twenty-ninth country in which missionaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service will work when the organization, at its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently approved the project. A missionary residence will be built at LaNiche and equipped for work among Moslem women. A social center is to be constructed at a later date in cooperation with the Methodist Board of World Missions.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, of Mount Vernon, Iowa, presided over the five-day session. Reviews of policies and administrative procedures were given for the benefit of 32 new members of the 61-member board.

The keynote address was made by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the Des Moines Area who said the church must face the fact that it is evangelizing a "new type" of person, for whom creeds and dogmas have little meaning. The address will be published in the Methodist Woman and later in pamphlet form for general distribution.

Miss Luella Koether and Miss Janet Surdam, missionaries from West China, told of strength through prayer and gifts of God that came to them during 200 days in a communist prison. Miss Surdam sang several songs which she had composed and memorized when she was not permitted to speak, sing, or write.

Letter to President

Mrs. Brooks was asked to write a letter to the President, expressing appreciation of nearly two million Methodist women for the president's "forthright stand in support of the United Nations." The letter urges more support for technical assistance and "utmost care" in the selection of personnel for this program.

The letter states in part: "We believe that this nation, under God, must reaffirm its faith in fundamental human rights for all people everywhere, and that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights must become the standard of practice... We, as Christian women, commit ourselves with new determination to work through the channels at our disposal for the realization of this goal."

Complacency Chided

Stating that American women of voting age outnumber men in that age group by a million and a half, a report read by Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, chairman of the Status of Women committee, said that women have "tremendous potential ability which needs to be awakened, trained, and channeled into constructive purposes."

This report chided women for complacency, described as "one of the modern sins." Mrs. Ratliff read, "We do not lift our voices for or against life as we find it." Her report urged individual growth toward mental and spiritual maturity and "acceptance of places of responsibility where we find them."

Women Giving More Money for Missions

Miss Henrietta Gibson, treasurer, reported that gifts increased nearly 50 per cent for the W.D.C.S. missionary program during the last four years. Gifts increased from \$4,661,464.02 in 1948 to \$6,874,537.17 in 1952. From this amount, appropriations were made for the 1953-54 budget of the Division's far-flung program.

Among new projects approved are programs in Southeast Asia among the 21 million Chinese people living outside the mainland of China. Funds were approved for organization of a Methodist society

in the part of Honk Kong known as "Little Shanghai" and for assignment of one or two former China missionaries to Formosa.

A rural mobile clinic for Mindanao, Philippines, and a girls' high school in Karachi, Pakistan, were also approved as new projects.

Funds were approved for Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, executive secretary of deaconess work, to spend several months in Manila to help in the organization of a deaconess training and service program in connection with Harris Memorial Training School.

Women Alerted to Smear Campaigns

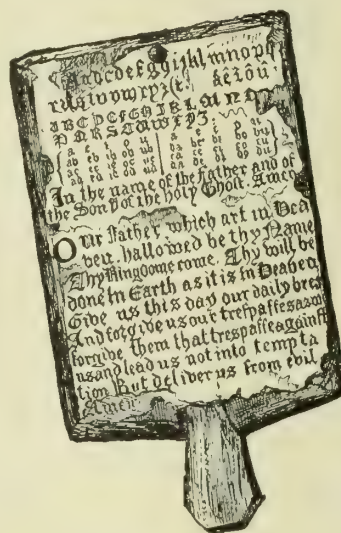
The Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities called attention to "evidence that a number

of self-appointed vigilante organizations were attempting to discredit public education and urged that citizens become aware of the facts about their local schools and the nature of attacks being made in scattered cities.

Approval was given this department's recommendation that local societies appoint a committee to evaluate television programs for children and to share their finds with interested groups.

A panel discussion on the United Nations included Dr. Janet Robb, American Association of University Women; Mrs. Eunice Hunton Carter, National Council of Negro Women, and Miss Margaret Forsyth, World YWCA.

The Wesleyan Service Guild, an affiliated organization for employed women reported a membership of 125,000.



When Books Were Made of Wood

DURING the better part of the seventeenth century, a familiar sight to American school children was the "hornbook" from which they memorized such invaluable data as the alphabet, the Lord's Prayer, and the multiplication tables.

These books, which had been used in England for some 300 years, consisted of wooden paddles, to which were fastened sheets of parchment protected by sheets of thin transparent horn (whence the name). The handles made for easy holding and were also used for easy toting—being tied with a thong to the child's waist.

In a day of scarcely any books the hornbooks were, of course, of inestimable value, but they had many obvious disadvantages. It is, indeed, a far cry from the hornbook of yesterday to the well-written, well-illustrated, well-printed children's books of today. In unprecedented quantities they pour from the presses: books to entertain and educate children of all ages. As publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press plays an important part in the education of tomorrow's citizens through the outstanding books it publishes for the youth of today.

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A HISTORY-MAKING EVENT IN THE ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

When District Lay Leader James A. Glover of Nashville presented the charter on February 23 to Hubert Speight, president of the Methodist Men's Club of Rosemary church, Roanoke Rapids, it was a history-making event for the Rocky Mount District. The Rosemary club, begun November 17, 1952, was the first Methodist Men's Club to be organized in the District and also the first to be chartered. The club, which now has 34 members, is quite active and has many plans for the future. Officers, in addition to Hubert Speight, are: vice president, J. C. O'dell; secretary, E. B. Moseley; treasurer, Preston Eason. Reading from left to right, front row, E. B. Moseley, James A. Glover, Hubert Speight; back row, Pastor C. J. Andrews, Charge Lay Leader Frank Massey, J. C. O'dell and Preston Eason.

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A Thought for the Week

WITH FAITH NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." Matthew 17:19-21.

The disciples had just experienced one of their most embarrassing failures. A man had brought his epileptic son to them to be healed. The disciples tried, but nothing happened. The boy kept his epilepsy. In desperation the man went to Jesus for help. Why could not the disciples heal the lad? Jesus gave them the reason when they asked him privately. "Because of your little faith," he told them. Then our Lord added some words that must have amazed the Twelve. "For truly, I say to you," he continued, "if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." The disciples were defeated by their lack of faith. They bade the evil spirit to come out of the boy, but they did not really expect it to come out. They said the same words over the lad they had often heard their Master utter, but they got the results they really expected.

So many of us are like the disciples. We pray for healing, yet do not expect anything to happen. We pray for victory over our temptations, but we expect to keep on being tempted. Most of the time we live under the debilitating psychology of defeat. Nothing wonderful ever happens to us because we don't believe it will happen.

We fail because we reckon only with our human strength. We forget that we can call forth divine resources that can do what human skill can never do. We discount God's concern for our welfare. We discount God's power. Our strength is insufficient, but our faith plus God's power is sufficient for any extremity. A friend once prayed thus for a man suffering with a kidney ailment which doctors said was incurable: "God, we know you can make a kidney, and we believe you can heal a kidney. So we just turn our brother over to you, believing that you will do what no human power can do." And the man got well.

We just need to remember that God is on our side, that he is doing all he can to turn our defeats and pains into victories and good health. All he needs is our complete faith and cooperation.

O Christ, give us the faith we need to match the trials and tribulations of life. Give us confidence to believe that all things are possible, and give us the courage to act on our faith. Amen.

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BEING FREE

A few years ago my plane landed in a certain European city. I could not go directly to my hotel. First I was taken to a government bureau, where I was registered, given an identification card, then sent to a hotel.

That card of identification had to be carried at all times, so that I might show it to the police if asked. What is more, I did not know which persons in the street crowds might be secret police. The land was honeycombed with thousands of secret government agents.

What a relief to return to this North American continent where decent citizens are not spied upon, where we can vote in free elections with secret ballots, where we can send our children to free public schools and worship God in churches of our choice!

Yet when I came back to America, I found newspaper headlines filled with accounts of gambling syndicates whose scale of operations would indicate that millions of our citizens are in the grip of the gambling fever. I learned that thousands of high school youth here in this city of New York are enslaved by drug addiction. And more people are victims of excessive alcoholism in America than in any other country I know. Greed has gripped so many of us that graft is rampant. Police officers are indicted in wholesale lots, and men in high places have sold their honor low. All this makes me wonder how free we Americans are, after all.

At the very time that we are spending billions of dollars to keep Europe free, and pouring out billions of dollars and thousands of our sons to make Korea free, would it not be tragic irony if we should squander our own liberties here at home by the mismanagement of our own lives?

About two years ago at a large church gathering in England, a British speaker twitted the American visitors rather pointedly. He said that America has the most money, the finest cars, the greatest luxuries.

And yet, said he, look what they are reading. He read off a list of our best sellers, books on peace of mind, how to be happy, how to overcome fear and anxiety. "What is wrong?" he asked.

Well, something is wrong. It is quite clear that with all our bank securities we do not feel secure, with all our comforts we are not at ease. We thank God for our free government, but that does not make us free in mind and heart.

What is it to have a free mind? Most of us boast that we have. But have we?

Holman in his work, "The Religion of a Healthy Mind," says that there are three signs of infantilism or childishness. One is the inability to free oneself from the control of elemental impulse.

Are we so childish that we want what we want when we want it, and if we don't get it, we pout or make a scene? When another motorist bumps your car, do you fly into a rage. Can you resist your first impulses long enough to examine them? The Master gives the wisdom and the patience to wait until passion cools and reason regains control.

A second sign of childishness is the tendency to react emotionally against, instead of dealing intelligently with, new

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Divine Lawgiver, in the midst of beauty and harmony in the natural world, we look with adoration to the eternal God whose spiritual laws are perfect; and, with the Psalmist, we exclaim: "O, how love I Thy law!"

We do thank Thee for the laws that govern the universe, and for spiritual laws that govern the growth and development of our inner lives.

Natural laws that operate in Thy universe are so dependable that scientists can make perfect calculation any number of years in advance and tell just when an eclipse of moon or sun will occur.

Help us, dear God, to realize that there are spiritual laws that work just as accurately as that, indicating, according to our course of thought and action, whether our lives will continue to shine for good or be eclipsed and blacked out. Help us, therefore, to respond to the high call of God to keep our lives in harmony with Thy righteous will. In the name of the Most High we pray. Amen.

Today we face a situation in many respects different from what our fathers faced and yet basically not unlike it. They preached for a verdict and witnessed the conversion of vast multitudes. We have entered into their labors and inherited the tradition of evangelism which they established. One can scarcely imagine a more thrilling evangelistic task. There are sections where there are today great inflowing tides of population such as our fathers never dreamed of. All this means that there are multitudes of people for whom we are definitely responsible, and whom we ought to be winning for the Lord.—Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.

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Organize Around the Needs of Our Youth

We have been hearing a great deal about our aging population. For example, we are being told that there are more and more persons over 65 years of age in our total population. This is true. And the church that seeks to minister to all of life must take into account its growing number of aging members.

But there is another group in our population greatly on the increase to which the church must give special attention. This is the group under eighteen years of age. The number of children under eighteen years of age, according to the Bureau of the Census, from 1950 to 1951 increased more than twice as fast as the total population. While the total population grew 1.8%, the number under eighteen years of age increased 4%. The under-eighteen population in July 1951 totaled 48,585,000. *Printer's Ink* explains this situation as follows: A high birth-rate today, and a low birth-rate in the thirties which accounts for a drop in the just above eighteen-year-olds.

This means that the wide awake church will organize its program and facilities increasingly around the needs of its children and young people. Rural churches located in the areas which are still the seedbed of the population need to pay attention to the growing youth population. To win the children to Christ today is our best assurance of a stronger and more influential church tomorrow. At the same time, it is our best hope for a Christian America.

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The Real Nature of Communism is Being Revealed

Communism's pretended concern for human welfare has been shouted from the housetops. In more countries than one Communist leaders have ridden to power on the promises of better economic conditions for the downtrodden. A classless society with plenty for everybody, has been the raucous slogan of all the Marxists. Millions have been duped into believing the Communists. An organization that started with a handful of fanatics a few decades ago now has reached out to hold complete dominion over the lives of 700,000,000 people.

But gradually the real attitude of communism toward human personality is being exposed. Take, for example, the program of anti-Semitism now taking place in Soviet Russia. The Communist, whether he lives in Russia or America, has no real concern for human life. The Communist party is interested in

only one thing—complete domination of every human being on earth. Ruthless, godless, inhuman, Communists are doing everything in their power to destroy all dignity, all integrity, all character in their subjects. Those who refuse to bow in craven submission are liquidated. This is the real nature of communism. This is the mission of every follower of Marxism. To say that the Communists are interested in the welfare of the working man—or any man, for that matter, except to make him their slave—is a hoax and a fraud of the basest kind.

The sooner disillusioned humanity discovers the real nature and the real purpose of the Communists the better off mankind will be. The sooner Christians begin to follow and proclaim the teachings of the real Friend of man with heroic and sacrificial devotion the sooner will the world be rid of this scourge of the human family. Communism will never be stopped by half-hearted Christians or by church members who look upon any man as common or unclean or inferior.

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Whose Voice is Strongest in North Carolina?

When the slam-bang battle between dries and wets got under way in Raleigh last week before the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, North Carolinians knew full well that the biennial contest for a statewide liquor referendum was on. But most people who have kept up with North Carolina politics for the past fifteen years know that the battle facing the dries is perhaps as grim and as unpromising as it has been.

Governor Umstead in his inaugural address has declared himself in no uncertain terms in favor of a statewide referendum. Lieutenant Governor Hodges has assured proponents of the dry cause that they will be given fair treatment on committee assignments and in other ways—a situation which has not prevailed in previous legislatures. There has been some cause for optimism in dry circles. But it looks now like the bill for a statewide referendum may die where it customarily dies—in the committees of the General Assembly.

Why do the dries lose their battle in the committees of the legislature? There is, of course, no neat answer, but there are contributing factors which are crystal-clear. For one thing, the dries are up against the strongest combination in America today—the political bosses and the liquor industry. The politicians have taken the liquor issue out of the realm of morals, where it belongs, and have

put it in the center of politics. Even though there are many political leaders who deplore this situation and who still vote their convictions, they are unable to break this subtle, iniquitous combination.

The liquor industry—which includes the manufacturers of whiskey, beer and wine—is the most powerful evil force in America today. It controls some strategically placed politicians in high places and in low places. Somehow it has been able to influence editorial policy of many newspaper and magazine publishers. It has a powerful influence on radio, television and the movies. Always working under cover, the heavy hand of the liquor industry is felt in every area of life. It is in Raleigh at this very moment lobbying, trying to buy off or silence the voices of enough people to control the situation.

The liquor industry does not want a statewide referendum in North Carolina, even though the dries have offered an all-or-nothing bill. It knows that the rural people, who perhaps would be the decisive factor in the election, would not vote in favor of legal liquor. It wants to keep the vote in metropolitan areas. Getting one city, it can make a whole county and area wet. Therefore, it works day and night to keep the people of the entire state from voting. Why not? It is getting what it wants piece-meal fashion.

The liquor industry's biggest bait is tax revenue. It does not bring out, however, the lost man hours, the devastated and blighted lives, the misery, and the terrible economic cost of liquor. It does not remind the people that at the same time it lures them with the tax worm in one hand it is working to get the worm back with the other hand.

The people of North Carolina in 1933 expressed themselves in a statewide liquor referendum. They voted overwhelmingly against legalization. They have been trying to express themselves again for over a decade. Shall we keep on tolerating our present hodge-podge system? How long will legislative committees refuse to give the people another opportunity to vote on this matter? How long will democracy in North Carolina be thwarted?

The people have a tremendous stake in what happens to the statewide liquor bills now before the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns and the Senate Committee on Propositions and Grievances. The stake is whether the people or liquor interests will dictate our policy in handling strong drink. What happens in Raleigh within the next few days may indicate whose voice is strongest.



What Do We Expect Of Our Church Institutions?

In the first place, my church institutions must be filled with the spirit of our Saviour. Christ set the standards for our acts of mercy or our good works. St. James said that faith without works is dead. Christ's test of the genuineness and unselfishness of our good works was to do it in His name, and not for our own self gratification or glory. His command is that we must never let our left hand know what our right hand is doing, or we will want praise and honor and publicity from the world as a reward instead of laying up our treasure in Heaven.

Efficient Management Required

Even to survive (and to serve its purpose, it must survive) any institution must be efficiently managed and run on business principles. It's more sinful for a church institution to run recklessly into overwhelming debt either for operations or plant than it is for a church member or a church member's business to do so. Extravagance, wastefulness, inefficiency, carelessness, all are distasteful and sinful in the individual church member, and a hundred fold more terrible in the management of a church institution. There's really no excuse for poor business management of our institutions.

Our Home for the Aged in Charlotte, though only six years old, is a wonderful monument to good business management. Our first superintendent, the late Dr. C. M. Pickens, and his successor, Rev. Reid Wall, have applied an amazing mixture of horse sense and Christian love in action, and proven that applied Christian principles fit within the framework of good business principles. They have been wise and fortunate in securing extraordinary cooperation from many hard-headed Methodist business and professional men who have lovingly and gladly contributed priceless time and effort in helping to work out the many problems in connection with the founding, establishment, building, and operating such a worth-while institution.

Today it is necessary that a church institution cooperate with and conform to the guidance and direction of political organizations and State and Federal laws. Our laws now have a great deal to say about what orphanages can or cannot do. Our hospitals must know and observe a vast number of laws; and inspections backed up with punitive powers, are the order of the day. Our Homes for the Aged know how many State and Federal requirements must be met.

In doing all these things, over which we have no choice or control, and very few of which we would change if we had the power to change, I want my institution to so act and conduct itself that it will always excel the state welfare requirements. Our professional workers and our institutions can only achieve excellence through the plus factor of the Christ spirit. We all know there is a difference. Just one illustration will do. Our County Poor House is just a few miles from our Methodist Home for the Aged. I

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need not say more because you instantly envision each place and know and recognize the difference. The church is responsible for one; the county government for the other.

Must Serve a Real Need

My church institutions must serve a real need. It has become a truism that we are rapidly becoming a nation of old people. Medicine, science and higher standards of living are causing more and more of us to live beyond the biblical three score and ten. But old people frequently outlive their families, friends, and even their resources. Our church, when it throws its loving arms of tender care around those who have grown old and gray in its service and devotion, is doing what Christ would have us do. It can help make

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Some things a Methodist can expect of the institutions of his church. This message was delivered at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, but applies as well to every Methodist institution.

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the sunset years as beautiful and as radiant as the waning moments of the day's end light up with incomparable color from the lengthening rays of the setting sun. President Wilson once called on Chief Justice Holmes and found the 91 year old jurist reading Plato "to improve his mind." Old people only give up when we give them up. The church is just beginning to undertake a task that is wonderfully rewarding in its efforts on behalf of those who have reached the golden years of life.

Numerous hospitals are being built with money furnished cooperatively by the community, state, and Federal Government. Many of them dip into the public purse for operational funds. When a Methodist hospital is established, there must be a real need for that hospital to serve the "lame, blind, and halt," and the service must be performed in the name of the church and Jesus Christ, and not simply as a competition with or a duplication of publicly operated and financed institutions. In my town there is a large Catholic hospital, a large Presbyterian, and a large community hospital. The first two, if anything, charge lower rates, do more charity work, have less frills, and always operate in the black. The community hospital has only operated one year out of the red, and its rates are almost beyond the ability of the public to pay. There are many similar instances today that a church-run hospital can be a good hospital, can meet a real need, and can be efficiently run.

Therefore, the quality of the service that our church institutions furnish must be as good or better than that of other community institutions, and in its service must be

found that intangible something that only the spirit of Jesus Christ does bring out; call it loving care, sacrificial giving, healing mercy, that quality must be there in the services we perform, always in His name and for His sake.

Must Bear Stamp and Mark of Methodism

Of course, since it is a Methodist institution supported by Methodist constituency, it must bear the stamp and mark of The Methodist Church. John Wesley's concern was always for those in need. He stirred the social consciousness of England to such an extent that, whether for good or bad, The Methodist Church today gets the credit in England for its present trends in government and social service. The real leaders of this social awakening in England came from The Methodist Church. When we appeal to our Methodist constituency to give liberally and largely for our Methodist institutions we must be sure that we keep them Methodistic in spirit, purpose, and being. We know before we enter the door of a Catholic institution that it is a Catholic institution. That impression is heightened and strengthened the minute we step inside the door. It would be hard for me to determine from a casual observation of many of our Methodist institutions whether they are Methodist or something else. We are too casual and unconcerned about this. How can we develop the largest loyalty from our people unless they know this is a Methodist institution, and is depending on them for their sacrificial support? Entrance into any Methodist institution should be a religious experience, and should always make us proud to be a Methodist.

Must Meet Highest Professional Standards

The day of penny pinching and niggardly servicing is over, and we hope gone forever. The pressure of competition and increased scientific requirements have made that inevitable; therefore, as a trustee I am deeply concerned that my institution measures up to the highest institutional and professional standards in these respects as well as in others:

First, its building must be modern—above all else fire-proof, functional, and must not be extravagantly designed. They should not be built as an architectural monument to some architectural genius with a superfluity of ornamentation, waste spaces, etc., but must be designed with an idea always in mind that simplicity and good taste require the minimum of ornamentation and the maximum of utility and functional designing. Above all else, these buildings must be built fire-proof for the safety of those within our keeping; they must be designed for a minimum of up-keep and maintenance; they must be built and designed for long years of wear and tear and occupancy; they must have a maximum of light and air, and separation from soot and grime and distracting noises of traffic, industry, etc. Likewise, the equipment must be modern, efficient, up-

to-date and require a minimum of up-keep and repair. Penny wise and pound foolish is more often exhibited in the purchase of equipment and furniture than anywhere else. Our institutions are not museums. The furniture should not be unusable and priceless antiques, neither should it be the left overs from someone's attic. Always furniture and equipment should be of best quality, durable, simple and attractive design, attractive and inviting to use.

Then, of course, it goes without saying that the program must be built in the spirit of Christ with highest professional standards used, and staffed with personnel that can meet and use these standards. The day of hiring personnel on the basis of charity never was a good plan for any institution and today will not work at all.

Then, as I look at my Methodist institution I cannot help but wonder about the

future. I know that costs continue to rise; I know that needs multiply; I know that some day money may be scarce, and in fact almost non-existent. What then would happen to this institution? Therefore, I am greatly concerned about the matter of strengthening the institution so as to make its finances, as far as possible, secure for future needs. This means, of course, a policy that will secure and enlarge its endowment resources. It means finding appropriations from resources that will be repeated year after year. It means offerings that will come from special days, from special observances, and from those who can be led to see the need and opportunity; and, above all, it will be an effort to get those who are beneficiaries of the services furnished to be so happy with their church institution and its program that they will want to help enlarge and

carry on that program for others who will follow.

Trustees or directors of church institutions certainly do not serve for money or honor. Our skilled, hard-working trained administrators and staff members have a gold mine of talent and interest that only needs tapping to be used. Board members want to be used, and by and large, theirs is a totally unselfish and religious motivation. The older we get, the more we realize that any lasting imprint our lives may make outside our family group, is through efforts expended under His guidance and for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. The biggest dividends any of us can receive is to know that through our personal contribution of time, money, and effort, some worthwhile church institution is strengthened or helped.

Say The Right Thing

By Leon Couch

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It is probably true that most of us would be better off if we listened more and talked less. As we have it in the thought for the day: "If God had intended us to talk more than we listen, he would created us with two mouths and only one ear." The French proverb puts it this way: "No flies can get into a shut mouth." In a day of easy speech when so many seem to be vaccinated with phonograph needles, what is more natural than to stand up and sound off—with wishy-washy specimens of idle tittle tattle, intimate revelations and chit chat! To do this has always been a temptation in the direction of scientific laziness and very properly Mr. Wesley made his preachers promise never to be unemployed. Never to be triflingly employed. Never to trifle away time by spending any more time in any one place than is strictly necessary. To be cautious about stealing time by idle jabbering which he called "fluttering about anything that occurs."

But this idle and familiar talk, half-confidential, centered usually in ill-founded personal remarks, cannot be considered, because of its entertainment value, as a heinous social vice—nor is it always necessarily damaging. The text gives an illustration of the Ninth Commandment in action: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." It refers specifically to evidence given in court about the conduct of a member of one's own race. And while its concern is the integrity of the judicial system, the more general notions of tale bearing and character assassination are not ruled out. In the early books of the Old Testament e.g. Gen. 29:21-27 lying artistically was looked upon as something of an accomplishment. It is noteworthy that of the Ten Commandments, two (3 & 9) refer to sins of speech. Inconsiderate words often do more than inefficient actions to hurt and break up good personal relations. Really, any way, you study it, the Ninth Commandment by its spirit does forbid all lying and slander. The laws of the Covenant in chapter 23, are scarcely laws but are general admonitions inculcating moral attitudes which should undergird all legal decisions.

A Lie Brings Impunity

Therefore, the Ninth Commandment is expanded to forbid (a) taking up and carrying about a false report. No one can retail a lie, with impunity. Our lesson

Ex. 23:1-9 forbids (b) following the crowd in doing evil, i.e. in being anxious to agree with the majority. It forbids (c) witnessing in a cause favored by a crowd which is clearly unjust. It is imperative to be impartial to small and great. Even an enemy must be dealt with fairly. There must be no shady dealings. The Israelite must have no part in destroying the innocent or in helping to acquit the wicked. As judgment is to be without fear so it is also to be without favor. Jesus said later, "Let your communication be, yea, yea—nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Do not agree with gossip, don't even listen to it."

"You shall not utter a false report." Where does that put a conversation which usually begins: It is none of my **business** but: I don't mean to **criticize** but; I don't want to **discourage** you but; I believe in being **frank** so; I don't mean to be **gossipy** but; I don't mean to **interfere** but; I don't **know** if I should tell you but; maybe I **shouldn't** say so but; I **may be wrong** but, Where does it? It violates the "truth which is in ourselves—that which takes no rise from outward things." It violates the Christian ideal to say the least, which is love of truth and love for people. And people without encouragement lose self-confidence. It does not build us up as each has particular need, either in faith, or love or holiness.

Humor Allowed

It does not rule out the good humor which sometimes exists because of the discrepancy between word and fact. There is evidently no joining of hands with wicked men, nor any intent to be malicious in such cases. For example, in 1951 The Columbia University Press published a book at \$4.00 called "We Always Lie to Strangers." In it a man named Clarence Sharpe tells of shooting birds at an incredible distance with his gun. "I kill them so high in the air that I have to put salt on the bullets to keep the birds from spoiling before they hit the ground." It is evident here that no harm is done to personality.

In a similar category is the doctor who must withhold words and extend their distance from fact when he is forced to use his words as **weapons of hope** e.g. in the case of cancer. His responsibility to the patient is the preservation of his life. When he knows how much the body responds to the thinking processes caused

by words—he must in many instances put on silence as **one would a rain coat** and refuse to say anything whatever. Because he is in the realm of the ultimate mystery of life and what he really thinks is subject to reversal by a miracle of God and God can perform miracles as long as life remains. If he is a doctor of much experience he knows that miraculous recovery is the real base for ultimate truth.

We join hands with wicked men to become malicious witnesses when the aim in view is either to destroy the innocent or to acquit the guilty. A black sheep in any social group is that negative criticism, fault finding and slander which seeks to heighten our own importance by lessening the standing of others. Psychiatrically, a consultant puts it this way: "Gossip stems from a fundamental lack of security. We gossip about others to **re-assure** ourselves of our own importance." None of us is significant without the Holy Spirit. That is why no one should take pride in being a constant purveyor of unpleasant truth. It is no fun to discover that one is not as important as he thinks he is.

Use Words of Creative Power

But to speak the truth in love—means to fill our conversation with words of creative power. It means not only to **say the right thing** in the right place, but far more difficult—it means to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. It underscores the proverb that "more flies can be caught with honey than with vinegar." It means that the husband never criticizes the wife to other people behind her back by false report or to her face in sweet revenge. It means that wives show appreciation of their husbands to his people, to his friends and above all in the presence of his children. The family craves for daily doses of affection and **saying the right thing** involves a little more than refraining from expressing negative thoughts all day long.

But to spread true reports—is to speak of **Him** to others, of **Him** who was **Himself** the truth. To speak of Him as love knows how, by **kindly words** as well as virtuous life. Such words become the feet by which the Christ approaches others, entering their lives by entering their ears and then their minds. "In silent thought or friendly talk our hearts be near to Thee." Then shall our poor **lisp**ing, stammering tongues be living flame within our lips—integrity enshrined in us—enabling us to stand up and bravely speak out—the truth in love—That none who hear, may idly say "There is nothing I can do." All of us can well afford to utter this prayer:

"In all our praise, O Christ of Thee, May our lips and lives agree." Amen.

WSCS in Southeast Increases Membership 17% in Four Years

SOUTHEASTERN METHODIST WOMEN STRESS EVANGELISM

Evangelism on the home front was the chief program emphasis of Methodist women of nine southeastern states and Cuba at their thirteenth annual meeting February 24-26, in Jackson, Miss.

The 150 elected delegates were augmented by numerous church officials and visitors. Crowds of more than 600 overflowed St. Luke's Methodist Church at every session.

Delegates represented a record-high membership of 381,191 in 8,035 local church units of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Methodism's southeastern jurisdiction. The figure is a 17 per cent membership gain during the last four years, it was reported.

The evangelistic note was sounded early in the meeting by Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Franklin, Tenn., who was re-elected president. She challenged the group to set a goal of 900,000 WSCS members in the southeast, and stressed the work to be done by women in the church's united evangelistic mission, April 17-26 and May 1-10, throughout the jurisdiction.

The women were urged by Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta, Ga., to "lead the way in a campaign to reach all of the South's 11,000,000 unchurched adults and children." He is executive secretary of Methodism's southeastern jurisdictional council.

The council has set a goal of 250,000 new church members and 500,000 new church school members, Mr. Sells said. He stressed the need of 5,000 women volunteers to conduct home visitation, 75 additional women rural workers and 75

specialists for proposed home mission projects, mostly at mushrooming defense centers.

The main streets and skid rows of every large town and city must not be overlooked, either, delegates were reminded by another speaker, Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., general chairman of the jurisdictional U.E.M. "The worship of pleasure or money is idolatry and it is to be found in the slums, suburbs, business districts and in centers of learning," he warned.

Unchurched Youth Number 20,000,000

The unchurched youth of America, estimated to total 20,000,000, are of major concern in the church's overall program of evangelism, said Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Mt. Vernon, Ia., national president of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service. She urged Methodists to "set themselves on fire," and said "it is our task to convince Methodist women of 40,000 churches across the country that thousands of adult workers with youth must be recruited and trained at once."

The women's number one interest, Methodism's far flung missionary program at home and in 29 foreign countries, also received detailed attention.

It was reported that \$2,023,881 was contributed for "all purposes," mostly home and foreign missions, by the southeastern WSCS during the last year, a per capita increase of 42 per cent over a four-year period. Pledges for the new fiscal year are to be reported at a South-wide School of Missions June 24-July 2 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The southeastern jurisdiction is represented by 142 missionaries, and 25 new projects have increased the number of home missions to 320, delegates learned. In supply work alone, WSCS members contributed \$233,361 in clothing and other gifts to the needy at home and abroad.

In on-going education at the local church level, the society sponsored 15,658 study classes with an enrollment of 264,224 women.

At business sessions, delegates elected as their vice president Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Miami, Fla., and re-elected Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., Marion, N. C., recording secretary, and Mrs. B. R. Stout, Knoxville, Tenn., treasurer.

The organization's role in world peace, human rights and social issues was hammered home in annual reports and the addresses of principal speakers:

Instead of an annual meeting in 1954, a special meeting of an enlarged executive committee will meet May 3 in Denver, Colo., in connection with the national assembly of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, scheduled for

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SANFORD AREA HOLDS SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SCHOOL

By Charles J. Tilley

A successful training school ended at the Steele Street Methodist Church in Sanford February 24 with approximately fifty credit certificates earned in the three-day school. Sponsored jointly by Steele Street church, Sanford, the Jonesboro charge and the Broadway charge, the school had as dean Rev. A. S. Parker of Sanford and as secretary Rev. C. J. Tilley of Broadway.

Success of the school resulted from the excellent calibre of instructors and the choice of courses offered. Dr. Edmund Perry in the Bible Department of Duke University taught the course on THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE LIFE OF TODAY. Miss Clarice Bowman, newly appointed faculty member in the Religion Department, High Point College, gave the course TEACHING YOUTH. Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, noted authority on the teaching of children's work, offered the course on WORKERS WITH CHILDREN.

Dr. Perry shocked a number of the members in his class with his puzzling questions and with his critical approach to Bible study. If Christians learn to reverence the Holy Bible, and at the same time, learn to study it critically, they have mastered the first fundamental in Biblical study.

Miss Bowman taught her class with the pupil-centered approach of winning the interest of the class, of having members of the class discuss topics that dealt with problems of the teachers of youth and of the problems of youth. Then she gradually led to the fundamentals of Bible truth for young people. She emphasized Christ as the center of all Christian teaching, and that in teaching young people, the teacher does not change the content, but changes method. Miss Bowman has distinguished herself as an expert in working with young people. Her book, **Teaching Intermediates**, is used as a standard text in training schools.

Mrs. Slaughter, excellent leader of children's work, followed much the same technique as Miss Bowman. She used the pupil-centered approach by adapting her discussion to the reports of the various members on different areas of children's work. The class ended with a short drama depicting the conflict between the newer methods of teaching the Bible to children with the old methods.



CHURCH SCHOOL ROOMS RISE WITH FREE LABOR

Free labor and gifts totaling \$1,000 used to purchase materials made possible these new Church School rooms for Union Chapel church on the Elizabethtown charge, with the complete job easily valued at \$2,500. Here the following workmen are seen on the job: On top of the building is Byron Hester and Poe Elkins; on the ground, left to right, are: Edwin McCall, Ira McKeithan, Pastor W. A. Crow, Roscoe Elkins and James Haire. Three workers, Taft McCall, Emory McCall and Earl McCall, left just before the picture was taken. Others who helped are: C. W. Shaw, Sam Nelson, Fred Baldwin, Jasper McKeithan and Willie McKeithan. Howard Shipman, a Negro friend of the church, gave a part of a day and J. D. Clark drew the plans. Poe Elkins is directing the building program and the building committee consists of Taft McCall, J. D. Clark, Mrs. Roy Shaw, Wilbur Dowless, and Poe Elkins. Ira McKeithan is Church School superintendent. Rev. V. E. Queen, superintendent of the Wilmington District, will dedicate the new building at the quarterly conference set for Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m.

Pastors of Statesville District Discuss Many Topics in Annual Retreat

STATESVILLE PASTORS HOLD RETREAT

By A. W. Wellons

Pastors of the Statesville district met at First church, Hickory, February 27 for their second annual Lenten retreat, with Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, district superintendent, in charge. Rev. R. G. Wagoner, pastor at Whitnel, brought the devotional. The entire program was one of heart searching and rededication.

Mr. Taylor suggested that a pastor should be a real man, human but without taint of sin, who has dedicated his whole energies to the task to which he has been called. Rev. R. G. Tuttle spoke of the pastor's responsibility to visit people in the home, pointing out that there are many special occasions that offer the pastor an opportunity to present the claim of God upon people, as follows: When a young couple are about to get married; when a child is born; when a person seeks admission into the church; and when tragedy occurs. The preacher is called to be an evangelist, declared Rev. W. A. Rollins of Newton, as he urged the ministers to use every laudable means to reach men and women for Christ.

The high point in the retreat was a period of meditation led by Rev. Harland L. Creech, Jr., of Lenoir, and culminating in the sacrament of Holy Communion administered by Mr. Taylor and the host pastor, Rev. J. E. Carroll.

The ministers were Mr. Taylor's guests at a luncheon served by the ladies of the church. During the lunch hour, Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Columbus (Ohio) Area, challenged the pastors to present the Christian Gospel in such a way that the people of this generation may understand it and profit by its message. He said, in the words of an old proverb: "The job of the preacher is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

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CONFERENCE GROUP VISITS COLLEGE CAMPUSES

The Board of College Visitors of the North Carolina Conference completed its visitation last week of the Methodist colleges supported by the Conference. The fourteen-member board visited Louisburg College February 17, High Point College March 4 and Greensboro College March 5, holding conferences with administrative

officers, faculty members and student groups and making inspection of the physical facilities on the campuses.

In charge of the visitation program was Rev. H. G. Ruark of Weldon, chairman, and Rev. J. W. Lineberger of Dunn, secretary. Other members of the group are: V. E. Queen, Wilmington; L. C. Maske, West Rockingham; A. P. Brantley, Henderson; Mrs. L. M. Hall, Red Springs; Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth; R. W. Bradshaw, Wilson; M. C. Dunn, Wilmington; Judge A. R. Wilson, Durham; H. I. Glass,

Durham; Stacy Weaver, Durham; Jesse W. Hollowell, Wake Forest; and K. W. Taylor, South Mills.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE FOR CHAPLAINS. A day's retreat for forty Protestant chaplains in Korea, under the general theme "Spiritual Highways in the Life of Jesus," was prepared by Chaplain Elmer P. Gibson (Lt. Col.) U. S. A., and used in mid-February.



IS HE THE ADVOCATE'S OLDEST SUBSCRIBER?

Twelve miles southeast of Windsor in the Woodard community is one of North Carolina Methodism's staunchest and most inspiring members. He is R. E. Tarkington, a member of Cashie church on the Windsor charge. Mr. Tarkington, 89, has been a Methodist all his life and a member of the board of stewards for over 60 years. The North Carolina Christian Advocate has been going to Mr. Tarkington's home about 80 years. His father began subscribing to the church paper when Mr. Tarkington was a small boy and it has been coming into the home ever since. He has a copy of the Raleigh Advocate which he cherishes highly. Even though blind and unable to read now, Mr. Tarkington looks forward to his copy of the Advocate. His wife reads the Advocate page by page for her blind husband and in that way he keeps up with the story of North Carolina Methodism as it unfolds. His pastor, Rev. C. G. Nickens, says that this devoted layman "sees with eyes of the soul which look upon you with understanding and love." In the picture above Mrs. Tarkington reads the Advocate while her husband listens and Pastor Nickens looks on. (Photo by Laura Harrell Cutler.)



Pastors of the Statesville District at the Annual Retreat

Relief Group Study Overseas Needs and Visit President Eisenhower

M.C.O.R. APPROPRIATES FOR "HUMAN NEEDS"

By Irene Long

President Eisenhower told the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (Feb. 10) that he was greatly interested in what they are doing and expressed his appreciation of Methodists who make the work possible. The Committee, meeting in Washington Feb. 10-11 to vote allocations of money for the next three months, visited the White House for a brief session arranged by Congressman Charles Jonas, Methodist layman from North Carolina.

Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of the New York Area, chairman of MCOR, told President Eisenhower that the Committee had just voted to send \$50,000 to Holland for flood relief. The President said he had many friends in Holland who would be pleased.

Learning that Rev. E. Pearce Hayes, former missionary to China, had returned recently from Formosa, President Eisenhower told the group he would rather stop talking and let Mr. Hayes tell him about Formosa.

Mr. Hayes, from Pasadena, California, said: "It was a very real inspiration, after 32 years in China, to see no graft on Formosa. It is a new government, the men are clean, and there is expert training of men. The government of Chiang is very cooperative with us."

The Committee allocated \$257,874 to be spent during March, April, and May to relieve human suffering abroad. The greatest amount, \$62,000, will go to Korea and will be administered directly or through Church World Service. The laymen's loan fund will receive \$10,000, which will provide loans of about \$50 each to Korean farmers and businessmen who need land or materials before they can become self-supporting. The Committee voted \$10,000 also for the amputee program in Korea, an interdenominational project which rehabilitates amputee victims. This program includes instruction in manufacture of artificial limbs as part of the vocational training.

Funds were also allocated for relief in Europe, India and Pakistan, Malaya, Japan, Okinawa, and the Philippines.

MCOR extended its field of activity by voting \$23,000 for temporary shelters in Hong Kong in the section known as "little Shanghai," because of the heavy influx of Chinese people from the mainland.

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, MCOR member and executive secretary of work

in Africa and Europe of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Methodist Church, pointed out the importance of telling recipients of Methodist relief that this money "doesn't come from 'rich America' but from thousands of people, many of them persons who give sacrificially." The MCOR fund comes from **Week of Dedication and Communion Sunday** offerings in many Methodist churches and from special and direct gifts.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary, who recently visited Korea. He reported that the personality of Syngman Rhee is keeping alive the "soul of Korea," and said he hoped the new administration in Washington will have a new attitude toward "this man who spent forty years in exile, seven years in prison" for a free Korea. He referred to Korea as the "most tormented country on the face of the earth."

Dr. Gaither Warfield, director of MCOR, said clothing is still needed for Korea—particularly men's overcoats and trousers. Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, secretary for Korea, Japan, and the Philippines, told of Korean distribution officers who put bundles of relief clothing on their backs and carry them to outlying districts.

Referring to conditions in Hong Kong, Mr. Hayes said there were 456 men and women from China with M.D. degrees who are unable to practice medicine because they have no British certificates. "One was selling food on the street, and another was doing embroidery in the hope of shipping it to America to sell," Mr. Hayes said, urging that these people be kept alive.

FOUR ABINGDON-COKESBURY BOOKS ON SPECIAL LENTEN READING LIST

Four books published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, the book publishing division of the Methodist Publishing House, are included in the recently announced "Lenten Reading List for 1953"—compiled under the auspices of the Religious Publishers' Group of the American Book Publishers' Council.

They are:

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE (Volume One), edited by Dr. George A. Buttrick, containing 11 general articles on the Bible as a whole, 11 on the Old Testament, and commentaries (exegeses and expositions) on the Biblical books of Genesis and Exodus, which appear in both the King James and Revised Standard Versions.

A PROTESTANT MANIFESTO by Winfred E. Garrison, a statement of "the great body of beliefs and attitudes which all Protestants have in common."

THE COUNSELOR IN COUNSELLING by Seward Hiltner, containing case studies which "dramatize the need for the counselor's complete understanding of his own personal strengths and weaknesses, as well as those of the person he is advising."

PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGION, AND HEALING by Leslie D. Weatherhead, a survey of all the non-physical aspects of healing through the ages, "pointing up the necessity for a strong alliance between psychology and religion."

The Protestant Lenten Reading List has been compiled annually since 1934. The Religious Publishers' Group names an outstanding Protestant leader each year to make the selections, designating 25 books from all those published since the previous Easter which offer the most rewarding reading for the Lenten season.



Members of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and friends in front of the White House after calling on President Eisenhower February 10, while in Washington for the MCOR annual meeting. Left to right, Gaither P. Warfield, Harry N. Holmes, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, James L. Lyons, Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, Mrs. Robert C. Armstrong, Eugene L. Smith, Congressman Charles Jonas, James K. Mathews, Bishop Frederick B. Newell, Harold R. Brennan, Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Mrs. Jonas, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Mrs. Newell, Frank T. Cartwright, Eugene E. Barnett, Mrs. Noah W. Moore, E. Pearce Hayes, Mrs. Warfield, Miss Louise Robinson, Leon Moore, George F. Sutherland, Bernal L. Schubel, Lee F. Tuttle, Louis Spilman.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

DR. J. S. HIATT, superintendent of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, was the visiting preacher recently at the Gray Methodist Church.

HENRY CLAYTON HAMMOND, member of Boy Scouts Explorer Post 740 of Haymount church, Fayetteville, and also an active member of Haymount church, was given the God and Country award at the regular evening worship service February 15.

THE NEW TERRELL CHARGE'S 16,000 parsonage has been completed and the pastor, J. Max Brandon, Jr. and family moved in February 18. It is a ranch style brick veneer house composed of seven rooms and bath. It is completely furnished with new furniture and an oil furnace.

REV. AND MRS. R. W. BLANCHARD, Route 1, Bessemer City, have returned from Florida where they visited their son Richard who underwent an operation in February 28 for advanced bronchiectasis. Richard, also a Methodist pastor, returned to his parsonage March 1.

SALEM CHURCH on the Salem-Chapel charge in the Durham District has ordered new pews which have been promised by June 1 at which time Memorial Day will be observed. At the World Day of prayer service held recently Rev. J. C. Loy, Jr. of Pittsboro was the speaker.

THE APEX CHARGE has received fifteen members during the new Conference year and plans are being made for revival services at Holly Springs March 22-29. Plans are also under way for a new educational building at Apex. Rev. E. C. Maness is pastor.

MAYLO METHODIST MEN will hold their "Charter Night" meeting and supper at the church on Friday night, March 13 at seven o'clock. R. W. Gray, Jr. is president and Bill Day is secretary of this new organization. H. D. Whitener is chairman of the program committee and has secured Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District, as speaker. Ed Stowe, lay leader of the Gastonia District, will present the charter. A committee under C. L. Lutz has made arrangements for the supper. Fifty charter members are expected to be present. Rev. William A. Rock, Jr., is pastor of Maylo church.

PLEASANT UNION CHURCH, Route 1, Liberty, has enrolled in the first annual Town and Country Church Development Program sponsored by Emory University, according to superintendent, Benson Winfield Causey, Sr. This is one of over 700 churches from 36 denominations enrolled in this program, designed to stimulate interest and promote growth among rural churches in 13 southern states. Mrs. Roy Juren Bowman is in charge of the program at Pleasant Union church. Others on her committee include the pastor, Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., T. Grady Bowman, Mrs. L. S. Shoffner, Mrs. Henry Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Benson W. Causey, Mrs. Russell Roman, J. O. Smith and Mrs. R. W. Utley. This church will compete with other churches in the state, located in communities of under 5,000 population, for the award as the Rural Church of the Year in the state. The state winner will receive \$500 and the next four \$100 each. The Rural Church of the Year in the South will be selected from among the 13 state winners to receive an additional \$500.

FIRST CHURCH, Hamlet is remodeling the old parsonage which will be ready for occupancy Sunday, March 22. The church will observe Rally Day Sunday, March 29.

DR. FRANK S. HICKMAN of the Duke Divinity School will be the visiting preacher March 15-22 at Hayes-Barton church, Raleigh. A visitation program is underway in preparation for the event.

REV. AND MRS. WESLEY G. BROGAN of Moncure announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, on February 20. Mrs. Brogan is the former Dorothy Lea Stoltz of Rural Hall.

DR. CARL H. KING, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education, was the speaker Sunday, March 1, at the vesper service at Bennett College, Greensboro.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE had 118 students to make the dean's list during the first semester of the present academic year. This represents about 18% of the student body.

REV. J. H. CARPER of Gastonia attended a seminar in Washington, D. C., March 1-3, sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations. Theme for the seminar was "United States Responsibility for World Leadership in 1953."

U. S. SENATOR CLYDE R. HOEY of Shelby was the speaker Sunday morning, March 1, for the Men's Bible Class of Edenton Street church, Raleigh. Senator Hoey was teacher of this class during the four years he was Governor of North Carolina.

MISS ANNIE R. ADER, daughter of Rev. Olin P. Ader of Spartanburg, S. C., and the late Mrs. Ader, became the bride of David Jackson Cooper of Henderson, N. C. and Camp Stewart, Ga., on February 7. The bride's father heard the marriage vows.

REV. F. E. HOWARD of Kannapolis won several prizes in the photography contest sponsored recently by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes. Mr. Howard won second prize for four color transparencies, third prize for one set of black and white prints and was winner with 23 out of the next 50 color transparencies. The prizes consisted of cash awards. The prize-winning pictures were made of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem; the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin; and the Methodist Home for the Aged, Charlotte.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of the Morven Methodist Church celebrated its first year anniversary at the February meeting. Mrs. Kenneth R. Moore and Mrs. Preston Short were hostesses at a covered dish supper held at the parsonage home of Mrs. Moore. Fifteen members were present, including all of the charter members present one year ago. Pictures were taken of the group, near the anniversary cake especially prepared by Mrs. Moore for the occasion. During the devotional period, an inspiring service of rededication was held, closing with the Guild Hymn. A brief review of the progress, growth, and missionary work of the Morven Guild during the past year was given by the president, Mrs. L. E. Pratt. The business of the Guild was then transacted, after which an evening of good fellowship and fun was enjoyed.

MRS. J. P. HIPPS is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Griffin, 96 South Spring St., Concord. Her address is Box 426, Concord.

REV. AND MRS. J. MAX BRANDON, Jr. of Terrell announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Joyce Maxine, February 14 at Lowrance Hospital, Mooresville.

REV. JAMES G. HUGGIN of Shelby was the guest speaker at the Lincoln County Sub-district banquet of the Methodist Youth Fellowship which was held on Thursday evening, March 5, at First church, Cherryville.

METHODISTS participating as teachers and speakers in Religious Emphasis Week at Red Springs High School include Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Hall, Red Springs; Rev. Martin R. Chambers, Rowland; and Dr. B. G. Childs, Durham.

MRS. E. G. COWAN, SR., of Goldston suffered another heart attack on March 4. Friends and former parishioners of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan are asked to remember them in their prayers. Mr. Cowan is pastor of the Goldston charge.

BETHESDA CHURCH on the Danbury charge recently had nineteen members of the Church School to receive pins for perfect attendance. Rev. P. H. Hager, pastor, made the presentation. Miss Evelyn Ward is superintendent of the Bethesda school which has 93 enrolled.

REV. M. C. ELLERBE, pastor of the Fallston charge, has been commended by the Upper Room for the large increase in copies of this devotional periodical circulated regularly among the families of the charge. In less than two years the number has almost tripled.

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, southeastern jurisdiction, has elected eight delegates to a conference on world missions April 19-23 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. North Carolinians in the group are Mrs. S. A. Dunn of Enfield and Mrs. Ralph Sherrill of Statesville.

HARRISON CHURCH in the Charlotte District has received an altar set consisting of a cross and candlesticks, gift of Mrs. E. W. Russell, a faithful member of the church, in memory of her husband who was also a devoted member. Recently erected was an exterior bulletin board to be illuminated. This was a memorial gift by certain church members.

EIGHT WOMEN have been elected members of The Methodist Church's southeastern jurisdictional council, administrative body composed of bishops, ministers and laymen. The women were elected to four-year terms by the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service which numbers 381,000 members in nine southeastern states and Cuba. North Carolinians elected are Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., of Marion, and Mrs. J. H. Cutchin of Whitakers.

THE GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES of The Methodist Church has announced the election of Don L. Calame of Springfield, Missouri, as associate secretary and senior staff member in the Department of Methodist Men in the Board's Chicago offices, located at 740 Rush Street. Mr. Calame, who will begin his new duties March 16, succeeds to the position vacated by Robert G. Mayfield last year when Mr. Mayfield was elected executive secretary.

Western North Carolina Conference

Vacation Church School Plans

Nineteen hundred and fifty-two brought more vacation church schools to our conference than we have ever had. More boys and girls were reached through these schools—more adults participated in teaching. More institutes for training the workers were provided. More churches used the literature recommended by our conference. More schools were two weeks long. It will be hard to beat this record but let us try for the boys and girls need vacation church schools to help them to grow into genuine Christian discipleship.

Advantages of Vacation Church Schools

1. A child has many long summers before he is old enough to work. These summers offer long blocks of time for Christian teaching.

2. Consecutive sessions of several hours over a period of weeks offer good opportunities for Christian group living.

3. Vacation Church Schools provide one of the best opportunities to develop leaders for the total church program.

Purposes of Vacation Church School

1. To help children grow in Christian living.

2. To provide more time for Christian teaching.

3. To increase church school membership.

4. To help teachers become better workers.

5. To strengthen the ongoing program of the church.

Suggested Texts for This Year

Jesus, Our Friend—Shields, 60 cents for Kindergarten children.

Jesus, The Friend—Roorbach, 75 cents for Primary children. Look in your files for this text. It was used three summers ago.

People Who Lived in Jesus' Day—Smith, 75 cents for Junior boys and girls.

God in our Lives—Barber, \$1.50 Teacher's book, 40 cents Pupils book for Intermediate groups.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES BY DISTRICTS

Asheville District

Miss Lucille Duncan, District Director

Saturday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.—Fletcher Methodist Church

Sunday, April 12, 2:30 p.m.—Trinity Methodist Church, Asheville

Saturday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.—Burnsville Methodist Church

Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.—Brevard Methodist Church

Charlotte District

Miss Kate Crowell, District Director

All workers in Charlotte may secure help by attending the Queen's College Vacation Church School courses, April 27-May 1.

Friday, April 10, 2:30 p.m., First Methodist Church, Wadesboro

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Central Methodist Church, Monroe

Gastonia District

Mrs. R. M. Hauss, District Director

Monday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, Belmont

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.—Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia

By MRS. W. R. REED

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, Lincolnton

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.—Central Methodist Church, Shelby

Greensboro District

Miss Blanche Norman, District Director

Saturday, April 11, 2:30 p.m.—Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro

Sunday, May 3, 2:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, High Point

Marion District

Miss Geraldine Surratt, District Director

Forest City—April 7, 4:00-8:30—Picnic lunch 6:00-6:30

Morganton—April 8, 4:00-8:30—Picnic lunch 6:00-6:30

Marion—April 9, 4:00-8:30—Picnic lunch 6:00-6:30

Spruce Pine—April 10, 7:30-9:30

West Jefferson—April 11, 7:30-9:30



Salisbury District

Mrs. W. P. Moore, District Director

Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.—Coburn Memorial Methodist Church, Salisbury

Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.—Forest Hill Methodist Church, Concord

Thursday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.—First Street Methodist Church, Albemarle

Statesville District

Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, District Director

Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, Hickory

Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.—Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville

Thomasville District

Mrs. W. F. Perkins, District Director

Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.—Central Methodist Church, Asheboro

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, Lexington

Waynesville District

Thursday, May 14, 7:30—First Methodist Church, Murphy

Friday, May 15, 7:30—First Methodist Church, Franklin

Thursday, May 14, 7:30—First Methodist Church, Sylva

Friday, May 15, 7:30—First Methodist Church, Clyde

Winston-Salem District

Miss Betty Swofford, District Director

Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.—Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.—First Methodist Church, Elkin

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.—Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem

Arrange to attend the institute nearest to you. Help will be given each age group. This will make teaching easier and teachers will approach their work with confidence because they will have a better understanding of the boys and girls, their needs and interests and how to use the text books and aids in the development of Christian attitudes and habits.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26-29—Pfeiffer Junior College. This is the date for a conference-wide Laboratory School. Registrations will begin at 3:00 p.m. on May 26. The first assembly will be at 7:30 p.m. The first class session will be at 8:00 p.m. The teachers will be Mrs. R. A. Barnes, Norfolk, Virginia, for the Nursery group; Miss Kate Crowell, Charlotte for the Kindergarten; Mrs. C. Rauschenberg, Atlanta, for the Primary; Mrs. John C. Goode, Richmond, Virginia, for the Junior; Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, Westminster, Maryland, will teach the Intermediate group and will also lead a group in a course, "Theology for Leaders of Boys and Girls." The school will close at noon on May 29. Registration cards will be mailed to ministers early in April.

Nursery Workers

The Laboratory Class for Nursery workers is only for churches having a separate class for 3 year old children. The enrollment for this class has been secured. All nursery workers may attend all nursery class discussions.

Conference and District Directors

Lake Junaluska—July 30-August 3
Leadership School—Lake Junaluska—August 4-15

REPORT ON VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS AND ENROLLMENT BY DISTRICTS IN 1952

District	Enrollment
Asheville	2491
Charlotte	3977
Gastonia	4263
Greensboro	5327
Marion	2903
Salisbury	4547
Statesville	4906
Thomasville	5807
Waynesville	2155
Winston-Salem	3905

40,281

Last summer 735 churches planned and participated in 673 vacation schools which ministered to 40,281 children. The vacation school affords our best opportunity to extend Christian education to the children of the church and of the community. The church group that plans early, wisely and thoroughly will be ready for this opportunity in June. The best way to start is to select teachers, secure their materials for them and send them to one of the institutes announced on this page.

Supply Needs Listed; News from Marion, Winston, Gastonia Districts

FOURTH QUARTER SUPPLY ASKINGS

The askings listed below represent unfinished work of the second quarter and we trust every district will respond so that we may be able to do the work requested of us by the board of missions this year. Not a single district met the askings for foreign work the second quarter and so we are most anxious to finish this quarter.

Asheville, \$236 for balance needed for home economics equipment in Methodist Girls' School in Ipho; Charlotte, \$200 for photographic supplies for official Woman's Division photographer; and \$300 for social service work in Japan; Gastonia and Greensboro districts, \$500 each to be applied on the residence for the missionaries doing work in our Union High School in Burma; Marion District, \$300 for a refrigerator for the maternity diet kitchen in Sanatorio Palmore Chihuahua, Mexico; Salisbury, \$211 the balance needed for library equipment needed in Methodist Girl's School in Kusla Lampur, Malaya; Statesville and Charlotte districts are asked to send \$1,000 undesignated cash for Japan to be used for emergency needs in our social welfare work in our institutions there; also to send vitamins for war widows and children from the U. S. A.; also sewing materials, button flannel, cotton prints to: Miss Ethel Hempstead, 143 Kajiya Cho, Kagaoshima, Japan; Thomasville is asked to send undesignated cash to the conference treasurer to supplement any askings that have not been met heretofore, in order that we may balance our askings for the year. Waynesville, Audio Visual Aid \$211 for our clinic and welfare center in Sitawan. Winston-Salem, \$500 for social center in Japan.

EVERYONE is asked to send relief materials to Korea. Materials requested are: Used clothing, pieces of yard goods, wool yarn, blankets, vitamins, soap, needles and thread, towels, canned meats and powdered milk. Packages can weigh up to 22 lbs. and cost 14 cents per pound.

ARCHDALE CHURCH OBSERVES WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The program of the World Day of Prayer was effectively carried out at the Archdale Methodist Church, Thomasville District, by the local and district secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. G. L. Robbins, with several members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service taking part, and an offering taken for the various projects.

CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD SENDS LETTER TO SENATOR HOEY

The Conference executive committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, meeting in Shelby recently, sent the following letter to Senator Clyde Hoey:

"At an executive board meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild held in Shelby last week-end the members went on record requesting that I write you. We met at the home of Miss Elizabeth Roberts, who said that we could call you as you were at home for the weekend; however, we decided that you would prefer a letter stating that Guild members were prompted to take action as a result of an editorial which appeared in the February 12 edition of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. I am enclosing a copy of the editorial for your consideration.

"The executive board that I mentioned represents 4,012 professional women of the Western North Carolina Conference

Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference

MRS. E. L. BALLARD, Editor
RFD No. 6
MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

of The Methodist Church. We trust you will use your influence now and in the future against the newly established Capitol Hill Club. Being the Christian gentleman that we know you to be, the group expressed confidence that much good will come from your interest in the great problem of drinking among our officials in Washington.

"Our best wishes and prayers are with you."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill,
Secretary, Christian
Social Relations and
Local Church Activities.

BOOKS NEEDED FOR RURAL WORKER

Again we call attention to the need for books containing worship materials for Margaret Calbeck to use in her rural work in Yancey County. "Worship Programs for Purposeful Living," "Worship in the Fine Arts," and "Worship Services for Youth," all by Alice Bays, would be particularly useful to Margaret in her work. Also "Youth Programs for Special Occasions," by Schroeder, "Programs on Christian Living," by Vonk, "Short Devotional Programs by Knos, and "Tapestry" and "Lamps For Worship" by Griffis would be most welcome. If youth groups have any of these and are not using them, or if they wish to contribute them to this work, they would be rendering a real service. Address them to Miss Margaret Calbeck, RFD No. 2, Burnsville, N. C.

THERE ARE LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNISTS

"There are lessons for us to learn from the communists and their successors," says Miss Alice M. Huggins, Topeka, Kansas, Congregational missionary recently returned from China.

"The first is their emphasis on youth. This is perhaps the most startling contrast which strikes one coming from China to America. We pamper our young. They give the young responsibility, with power. So in China the government work is done by people in their late teens or early twenties, and the Pioneers—the children's communist organization for children under fourteen—are assigned many duties which they carry out with enthusiasm and success. We think we know so much about child care. Is it possible we are wrong about it? I should like to see someone experiment with letting children attend church. A ten-year-old is perfectly capable of participating in the worship of the church I attend. They are twice as smart as they look! American children could add a great deal to the church if they were given a chance.

"Another lesson we should learn is in regard to the continuous study of their belief. Communists require everybody to study every day.

"A third thing they use successfully is psychology: they adapt their techniques to what the people can use. In China, propaganda is spread by radio, plays, songs that everybody learns, literature on every level, including hundreds of comics,

a new medium they learned from the West, but which they use, and the western church fails to use."

MARION DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Marion District Woman's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of the new First Methodist Church in Morganton. A Dutch lunch will be served in the Rainbow Grill, Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., serving as hostess.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT NEWS

Rev. Hoyt. Smith, Methodist missionary to Algeria, North Africa, was the guest speaker at the Lewisville Woman's Society meeting on February 4. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Hauser. Mr. Smith told of his work and showed kodachrome slides. This society has recently sent two duffle bags of used clothing to Korea.

A new Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized at Dobson February 27, composed of about fifteen business women. The meeting was held at the beautiful new home of Mrs. W. D. Weimar and Mrs. E. L. Ballard had charge of the organization meeting.

Men, women and children attended the study class on Africa in Salem church, Mount Airy, taught by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Ballard. Six sessions were held, but the "flu" epidemic broke into the last two, preventing the class from getting jurisdiction credit.

Central and Franklin Heights churches, Mount Airy, have recently had the Bible study, "Toward Understanding the Bible," both taught by Mrs. E. L. Ballard. For both classes Mrs. J. W. Frank and Miss Patricia Rothrock presented effectively the little playlet, "Thy Word is a Lamp," by Mary Clark Tipps.

The Elkin Woman's Society recently had the study "Toward Understanding the Bible," taught by Mrs. Frank Little, conference secretary of spiritual life.

GASTONIA DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive board of the Gastonia District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. L. E. McQuinn in Lincoln on February 10, with Mrs. Harold Myrick, Mrs. W. A. Sigmon, Mrs. Cleo Finger and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder as associate hostesses.

The president, Mrs. H. R. Harrelson, presided. Mrs. L. E. McQuinn, secretary of spiritual life, gave a most inspiring and challenging devotion, using the subject, "Take Up Thy Cross."

Reports of officers, plans for the annual district meeting to be held at Central church, Kings Mountain, April 27, and announcements of future dates to be kept in mind were the important business items of the day.

WATCH FOR ADVOCATE ISSUE OF MARCH 19

Women over the conference are asked to read carefully the issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate of March 19, when the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service work will be represented. The week before our conference at Lake Junaluska June 16-19, a similar issue of the Advocate will be used for the promotion of our work, and district and conference officers are requested to begin to gather material for this issue. A summary of outstanding work in each district will be used, with other interesting features promoting the work and workers in the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Infirmary Loses Patients; 28 Train For Church Membership; 7 Charges Ring Bell

GOOD HEALTH

A visit has just been made to our infirmary where two weeks ago 42 youngsters were in bed with varying degrees of sickness. The visit today was more pleasant. There was not a single youngster in the infirmary. It is a decided pleasure to all of us who live together here to say to one another that every day in every way we are getting better and better.

CHURCH JOINERS

This is the time of the year when emphasis is being given to the matter of cultivating certain youngsters for their commitment for living a good life and for joining the church when Palm Sunday comes around. In this year's class an effort was made to include only those boys and girls who appeared to be very much interested in joining the church and in participating in its functions as often as the matter came around. So ten boys and eighteen girls have been meeting with our minister, Rev. J. C. Auman, on Sunday afternoons for getting themselves in position to join Centenary Methodist Church.

BETTY CRIED

When the group was being selected for joining the church the understanding was that any boy or any girl who was eleven or twelve years of age and as far along as the fifth grade in school would be included. The understanding with a lot of the youngsters who were not quite as old as the others was that they would have an opportunity to be in the church joining group when another year rolls around. This agreement, if rigidly enforced, would have kept Betty Whitener from joining the church. So anxious was Betty to be included that when it was suggested that she wait another year, she quietly confided to her Sunday school teacher that she wanted to join the church so much that she just took a good cry about it. At length it dawned on this scribe that Betty wanted to join the church a year ago and, not being selected, she was looking forward with high anticipation of being included in the church joining group this year. Well, when the matter finally was evaluated Betty was in the church joining group.

HOW OLD AND WHEN?

The matter of selecting a given group of children for church joining consideration is a very important one to evaluate. Who knows what is going on in the heart and mind of a youngster who is anxious to be counted among the church joining group? This year the home mothers helped to determine, after their family discussions, those who would appear to be ready, judging from behavior attitudes, for becoming members of our Centenary congregation.

GOOD-BYE COOKIES

Some days ago Clifford and Richard Humble were doing well at the job of driving one of our trucks laden with laundry baskets to be delivered to their proper destinations. After the laundry had been carefully placed it was Richard's assignment to go to the central dining room and secure certain food supplies for the kitchens in several cottages. It so happened that a carton of cookies fell off the truck as the boys rounded a curve. The boys in the truck kept on going, not knowing about what they had lost.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by
the Western North Carolina Conference

O. V. WOOSLEY, Editor



We Sat Together at Church
Last Sunday

It was not long until a lot of boys became interested in collecting a lot of cookies, each boy trying to out-do the others as to the grabbing of the sweet goods. However, Marvin Beam, fourteen years old, had a better thought as he entered into the group of boys for salvaging as many of the cookies as still were in the carton. As one remembers how Marvin has overcome the errors he used to be associated with, a lot of joy is recorded on the record book of right living.

PAYING THE BILL

Following the disappearance of so many cookies twelve-year-old Robert inquired as to whether Richard and Clifford would have to pay for the cookies they failed to get to the proper destination, and if so, he wanted to pay for the cookies he had gotten. He was informed that since the Humble boys had such a good record here, they would not be charged for what the other boys had devoured. However, it was suggested to Robert that if he wanted to make a payment to the Home for his part of the damage, he could do so. That pleased Robert very much. It also caused the fellow he was talking with to observe with a bit of joy that Robert, whose habits were very faulty before coming here, had joined the gang of dependable youngsters.

BASKETBALL

Our basketball season has just closed. The Children's Home being a member of the South Piedmont Conference, a given schedule had been agreed upon as our

teams competed with other teams in the Conference. The record indicates that in this Conference our varsity boys won only two games while losing ten. Our varsity girls won ten games and lost four. In spite of a lot of lost games, there was a lot of expended effort made in developing skilful, competitive youngsters. Other non-Conference games would increase the win column as herewith listed. Of course, it is evident that our ball teams must be of the home-grown variety and that accounts for the fewness of youngsters for enlisting in our competitive games.

AKERS' REPORT

Rev. L. R. Akers, Jr., pastor of Centenary church, Spencer, writes as follows: "The Children's Home basketball teams played our high school teams here Monday night, your girls decisively defeating our team, and your boys were putting up such a fight that it was generally agreed here that had they possessed the height of ours, the outcome would have been too bad for Spencer. What impressed me the most, however, was the conduct of these representatives after the game when they were served light refreshments. They were so uniformly courteous, pleasant, and appreciative of even the smallest favors, that they endeared themselves to us who were there, and it also reflected the excellent work you are doing with our young folks."

SNYDER'S RECOLLECTION

The following is taken from a note forwarded to us by John N. Snyder, of Charlotte, reading as follows: "Herewith enclosed our contribution from our last fifth Sunday offering. I often think of the Home and the wonderful work being done there. I am a barber here in Charlotte. I attended the Winston-Salem Barber School and remember so well cutting the boys' hair from the Home each Monday. I say honestly that I have never worked on a finer group of boys. Your staff's good training was certainly reflected through the youngsters and is a matter of lasting memory with me. May God bless all of you."

ANN LAWING

The picture herewith presented is that of Virginia Ann Lawing, just turned into her thirteenth year and doing so well in the seventh grade. At one time, a year or so ago, we almost despaired of Ann's complete recovery from a distressing fall down some stairs. During the several weeks that Ann was nursing a broken jaw, she never lost her smile, even though all the food she could take was of a liquid nature. This dependable girl is sponsored by the Ladies Bible Class of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville. Mrs. J. R. Sechrest being the correspondent.

JOY BELL RINGERS

The following total Children's Home askings have been forwarded to us since the last time we rang the joy bell. The name of the charge and the minister in the charge are herewith listed:

Longtown, Jonesville circuit, S. H. Needham

Palestine, Flat Rock circuit, J. R. Bowman

West End, Gastonia, R. M. Hardee
Myrtle, Gastonia, S. W. Johnson

Burke's Chapel, Hildebran-Mt. Harmony circuit, J. W. Hoyle III

Welch Memorial, High Point, L. Strader

Bess Hoey Memorial, Shelby circuit, O. E. Evans

Why Meet Human Need?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 25:13-46

The beautiful parable of the sheep and the goats does not so much require explanation as application to life. Everyone should ask himself these questions:

Who are the hungry within my reach that it is my duty to feed? Who are the strangers who need social attention from me and welcome to my home? Who are the ill-clad that I should do my best to clothe? Who are the physically sick that I should look after?

Who are the mentally and spiritually ill who need my sympathy and tactful attention? And who are the prisoners that it is my duty to visit? That would include not only the prisoners who are behind prison bars, but those who through unfortunate marriages are imprisoned for life, in a very painful sense.

The parable teaches us that the divine Christ who called himself the Son of Man is so utterly human that he deems every kindly service done to any mortal to be a service to him, and every cold-blooded refusal to respond to the call of suffering a personal affront to himself.

This parable is also one of the strongest proclamations of the divinity of Christ. It affirms his divinity by proclaiming the infinite reach of his sympathy, and his close identification with every child of the race. Hence his divinity does not separate him from us, but brings him closer to us than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

In the parable the judge says to those who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited the sick and the prisoner, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Of course, this does not mean that they were arbitrarily foreordained to blessedness; it means that those who reach out in helpful service to suffering fellow mortals are, by the eternal laws of God, ordained to be more and more alive and happy. In a word, intellectual and spiritual vitality and joy come as a result of close and helpful relations with our fellow men. Jesus said, "He that loseth his life in self-forgetfulness shall find it, and he who finds his life by making his selfish interests foremost shall lose it."

The example of Jesus shows us that it is our duty not only to be generous to those who come to us for help, but to seek them out just as a modern business firm seeks customers through its commercial travelers.

Jesus invited himself to be the guest of the despised Zacchaeus, the tax collector, and thus brought salvation to him (Luke 19:1-10). And he asked the man who had been 38 years in his infirmity, "Will you be made whole?" (John 5:6). And when in answer to the challenge of Jesus he had faith enough to try to walk, he not only could walk but also received strength to take up his bed and carry it home.

One is surprised to note that those who had been ushered into glory because they had ministered to the Lord were not aware that they had been honoring him.

This all means that there is an unsuspected sacredness in our dealings with our fellow mortals. No matter how humble our service, if we are sincere we are all officiating as at a high altar in the very presence of the living Saviour of the world.

Nevertheless in all our Christian work we should perpetually keep Christ in the

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MARCH WINDS

By Margaret G. Wilson

March winds and little children really behave almost alike when March arrives each year.

Somehow children are happy that frosty days are over and the snow is gone. They have been able to leave off heavy over-shoes, extra sweaters, scarfs, and in some cases even bulky, baggy snow-pants. The weather is not too cold and it is not too hot for running, jumping, skipping, and hopping. It is just right for roller-skates, hoops, wagons, scooters, and tricycles.

Children are so alive they forget the streets are dangerous places; they race around street corners unheeding the sound of approaching voices and footsteps. They don't see open man-holes, telephone poles, and ladders. They just run until they stop because something or somebody has forcibly stopped them, or they are too tired to run another step.

March makes children act that way. Whether it is because they are children, or because the wind blows, or the snow is gone, or because spring is almost here, nobody seems to know. I doubt if even the children themselves know. Do you feel that way?

Well the wind is just the same. It starts off as such a quiet, gentle breeze, and then, before you know it, it starts blowing people's hats off, turning their umbrellas inside out, and knocking their garbage cans over.

Once it does that it goes on and on doing more and more things, faster and faster. Then all at once you hear on the radio, "Small craft warnings!" It must be fun to be able to blow the water in the lakes and oceans until the waves get bigger and bigger. It might be fun, too, to be able to blow such big waves that boats would toss and turn, but of course those boats cost a great deal of money, and worse than that—people are on those boats. So we hear "gale warnings" announced on the radio so the fishermen and men on the small boats can get safely to shore.

Then when the wind gets tired, or seems to, it blows softer and softer and softer until it becomes a gentle, cooling breeze again.

We need the wind, of course. It dries up the wet fields and gardens that have been covered with ice and snow all winter. The wind blows windmills. It scatters seeds, pollen, and fruits. It can be a most kindly, helpful wind, but it can be a very naughty wind, too, particularly in March.—The United Church Observer.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

and changing situations. When a new condition confronts us, is our first reaction to oppose it? Or do we meet it with open mind, seeking to see opportunity in it?

The other day, as I was riding in a taxicab, I noticed a sign fastened to the partition in front of me, which read: "Avoid accidents; sit back and relax." The taxi driver's way of driving did not give me much encouragement to sit back and relax!

I think the gospel of relaxation is often overworked in religion. Nevertheless, it is a valid principle that, in traveling with God, we should have enough con-

fidence in His guidance to trust Him for what is going to happen when He swings us around the next and unknown corner.

The third sign of being infantile, said Holman, is selfcenteredness. Do we view situations and make judgments from the angle of our own private interest? Do I first think, "How will this effect me?" when calamity comes, do I cry, "Why did this have to happen to ME?" The person who is really grown up has outgrown such littleness of mind. He has become tall enough to see over his own shadow and observe things objectively.

Yet we may be sufficiently free in mind to see our duties clearly and still not do them. True liberty means that we are "in heart and conscience free."


That requires daily discipline of thought and taste until duty is transformed into desire. We are fully free only when we like to do what we ought to do. This is the lesson we should learn in this Lenten Season. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)



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Recently, through the financial help of a few laymen of Maxton who love him, Harold and his wife, Mary Decie, have purchased a newspaper. As always before, they are doing an excellent job.

I personally feel that every Methodist minister in our Conference should be a subscriber to this paper. A little help from each of us would result in big help to them.

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erson, Warren's Grove, 7:30 28

July

asburg, Salem, 11 5

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In Memoriam

MRS. J. WESLEY DELLINGER

STANLEY.—Early Sunday morning, December 21, 1952, God opened the golden gate of heaven and Mrs. J. Wesley Dellinger passed through to her celestial home.

Mrs. Dellinger was the former Mary McLurd, daughter of Robason Levi and Adeline Elizabeth Summerrow McLurd. She was born and reared in Stanley and spent all her life there. She was a lifelong member of Stanley Methodist church. She was deeply devoted to her church. She loved music and her voice in the choir added so much to the singing. She loved the hymns in the Methodist Hymnal. She believed in her church and gave it her devotion and loyalty and attended its services until her illness kept her away.

I never saw one more loyal and tenderly devoted to her mother than she was, and this same loyalty characterized all her family relations, to her brothers and sisters and then to her own family. She was the mother of four children, one dying in early life. She stilled in her children this high moral integrity which

she herself exemplified. She was a good neighbor and those who knew her best loved her most.

Truly it can be said of her that her price is far above rubies, and her children arise to call her blessed.

She leaves a husband, three children, three grandchildren, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her going.

In her last illness, in spite of all that loving hands and medical skill could do, God called her and so, in the hushed illness of that early Sabbath morn, she slipped away, and I think that was the way she would have wanted it to be. In the holy atmosphere of the Christmas season, when heaven comes so close to earth, it was only a little way beyond earth's border.—Mrs. Margaret H. Setzer.

MRS. CORINA ROYALS HARRIS

THOMASVILLE.—When "Miss Corina," as she was called by most people who loved her, passed away on December 10, 1952, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Ragan, First Methodist church lost one of its most loved members.

For several years she was confined to the home by illness. She bore her affliction with patience and showed her appreciation to the ones who cared for her as long as she could. Her Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was one of our oldest members and a charter member of the W.S.C.S., and when it was possible she attended the meetings. Her influence will continue to live in those who knew her.

We request that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the W.S.C.S.—Mrs. William Thrower, Mrs. Herman Cranford, Mrs. Stuart Westmoreland.

MRS. FANNIE E. POPE

ROBERSONVILLE.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Robersonville Methodist church wishes to pay tribute to one of our most faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Fannie E. Pope, who passed away January 8, 1953. She loved her church and was active in all phases of its work. She was devoted to her family and a valuable member of her community.

We feel deeply our loss, and extend to the family our deepest sympathy in their great loss and commend them to the loving care of Him from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift. Her Christian life of unselfish service among us is a blessed memory.

In expressing our appreciation of the life of Mrs. Pope we offer these resolutions:

First, that we keep in our hearts the memory of her loyalty and service.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.—Mrs. R. K. Adkins, Mrs. W. R. Jenkins.

T. D. BYNUM

SILER CITY.—In the passing of T. D. Bynum we, the members of "The Durham Bible Class," feel that we have lost a beloved and devoted member. He will be greatly missed not only by our class but by the entire church to which he was so loyal. He was always in his place for services and was ready to serve in any way he could. Quiet and unassuming, he was loved by a host of friends.

May God bless his loving companion in her great sorrow.

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ZEAL H. CAUDLE

WINSTON-SALEM.—The members of the Board of Stewards of the Pine Grove Church join in paying a tribute of love and respect to Brother Zeal H. Caudle who was suddenly called from us last December, being secretary of this Board at the time of his going to his heavenly reward.

Our church and community have received benefits from the loyalty and labors of Brother Caudle that will remain with us. He was always anxious to fill his place in whatever undertaking he was asked to do for the furtherance of the Lord's work, giving special assistance as a member of this Board and in our Church School and also in the Boy Scout activities.

We desire to convey to his family the heartfelt gratitude we feel as we remember his beautiful work on earth for his Saviour and ours and wish to record a copy of this tribute of respect in the minutes of our Board and to send copies to his family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

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IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

By Howard C. Wilkinson

This afternoon I shall have another opportunity to meet with a group of boys and girls, to share with them the meaning of church membership. Every other pastor in Methodism has this same chance. The point of this brief article is to suggest the privilege of this task, rather than its responsibility. That it is a duty was clearly set forth in articles written by Mrs. Reed and Rev. Clegg W. Avett in recent issues of the Advocate.

The pleasure a minister experiences while conducting this class is well known to each one who has made a practice of doing it. Again and again, one is impressed afresh with the value Jesus placed upon child-like faith. For as the minister confronts boys and girls with the appeal of Christ and their chance to claim Him as Saviour, the response which they make is often a heart-warming experience. Indeed, they frequently pierce to the heart of Christian devotion with a clarity unknown to adults. After a preacher has listened to grown-up excuses, subterfuges and cleverly devised evasions of loyalty, it is a tonic to his spirit to find sincerity and simplicity among the young.

I recall two boys who were friends in Charlotte a decade ago. Neither customarily attended church or Sunday School. Neither came from a religious home. Somehow we were able to interest one of them in coming to the class on church membership. The other one didn't come. Well—you know what happened. The one who came, made his decision for Christ, is now married and is building a Christian home. The other one has gone the way so many unchurched young people go. It was my duty—nay, privilege—to teach the one who came! So is it the privilege of every pastor.

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WHAT KOREAN CHRISTIANS SAID TO GENERAL EISENHOWER

When General Eisenhower was on his now-famous tour of inspection in Korea in December, a committee of influential Korean Christian ministers—representing the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Roman Catholic, the Holiness churches, the Church of Christ, and the Salvation Army—presented him with a statement of their thanks, their hopes, and their fears. But the statement did not see the light of public print, and it is only recently that the pastors themselves have given out the text. In part they said:

"We are deeply grateful for the liberation of our nation on August 15, 1945, which was so largely due to the sacrificing sympathy and great influence of your people. It culminated forty years of great hardship for our whole nation but particularly for the half-million Christians who during World War II suffered persecution, suppression, and for some of our church leaders even martyrdom. We are ever mindful of the fact that the United States of America helped us greatly through the days of military government, 1945 to 1948, to an understanding of the ways of democracy, enabling us to become a member of the free democratic world. During this period many Christians fled from communist oppression in the north to the haven in South Korea and more martyrs were added to the north church. The church in the south grew tremendously . . . During the invasion, Christians were particularly the object of hatred and many were killed. Of leaders alone, 900

were added to the list of martyrs; but the church has grown until today it numbers over a million . . .

"At the same time, we invite you to take cognizance of the fact that our Korean people, including nearly five million who have crossed the line from North Korea to escape violent communist rule, have been giving to the full of their lives and their goods in the world battle for peace against communistic forces. The strength of the Christian church in Korea has been the major factor in the attitude of resistance against communism in our land.


"We earnestly desire that you will do all possible to bring the war in Korea to a successful and speedy close, effecting at the same time the unification of our entire country. The church of Christ in Korea is due for virtual annihilation at the hands of men who hate us unless this goal is achieved.

"We respectfully urge you to do all in your power to strengthen the work of Christian missions in Korea for we sincerely believe that the strongest bulwark against materialistic and atheistic communism is the Gospel of Jesus Christ—the Christian spirit and the Christian way of life.

"We urgently beseech you not to withdraw the Armed Forces of the United States from Korea until our Korean Armed Forces are strong enough to resist future invasion and to maintain the security of our land. This would mean disaster for Christendom as well as the loss of a sense of security for the free nations of the world.

"And finally, we fervently request that your country assist us at the end of the war in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Korea. The battle for freedom of conscience as well as for freedom of the

nation has been fought on our soil. Our misfortune has been your good fortune and spared your beautiful land. We do not begrudge our losses, either for our sake or for the world's sake, and we have confidence that you, on your part, will give your full support to the restoration of our beloved country."



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Leaders in Forthcoming Women's Conferences



Mrs. Louise Eggleston



Mrs. H. I. Glass



Mrs. B. B. Slaughter



Miss Lillian Johnson

Some of the leaders in the forthcoming annual sessions of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held at First church, Rocky Mount, March 23-26, and the Wesleyan Service Guild to be held at Steele Street church, Sanford, March 21, 22. Stories on pages six and seven.



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A Thought for the Week

YOUR FAITH CAN INSPIRE OTHERS

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Colossians 1:3-5.

There were times doubtlessly when the flame of faith burned low in St. Paul's heart. Tested and tried as he was by not only the enemies of Christ but by many who bore Christ's name yet were so fickle and faithless, the great apostle had a time keeping up his courage. Now and then, however, some deed of heroism or some expression of faith on the part of a follower of Jesus gave Paul a lift that inspired and challenged him anew. Among those who rekindled the flame of faith in his heart were the Christians at Colosse. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," he wrote, "when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven". What an inspiration in that dark day to find Christians whose faith burned with a triumphant and contagious glow, so that even the faith of a man as strong as Paul's was could be strengthened!

How many times we have been blessed and inspired by loved ones and friends who, facing trial and tribulation, clung to their faith. How many times the clear-cut, unequivocal example of some Christian whose back was to the wall yet who rode through to victory has sent a thrill of inspiration down our spines. How many of us have been strengthened by the faith of our fellow-Christians. The most powerful sermons on Christian faith are being preached by devoted men and women in all walks of life who hold on in the face of great odds.

If the faith of others inspires us, we must remember that our faith can inspire them too. What kind of example are we setting gentle and persevering in faith. Are we? before others? We expect others to be. We expect others to cling to faith in Christ when adversity strikes. Do we? Can our loved ones and friends thank God because our faith helps them to see a little better?

O God, we pray for the kind of faith that will persevere in every situation. As others inspire us by their devotion to Christ and by their heroic faith, may we, too, inspire others by our example. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, take from our souls the stress that comes from the confusion of our world and give us the beauty of Thy peace promised to those who do Thy will.

Forgive us of any attitude of mind that would create ill-will and misunderstanding among men.

Look with compassion upon our disordered world. As in the beginning Thy word brought order out of chaos, may Thy spirit so temper the attitudes of men that peace may come sooner than we think. Amen.

Marshall R. Reed
Bishop, The Detroit Area

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE COMPANY WE KEEP

Old and familiar is the saying, "A person is known by the company he keeps." This adage would not have survived so long were there not much truth in it. But how much truth is there in it?

Usually when we say that a person is known by the company he keeps, we speak with a derogatory implication. If he associated with a dissipated crowd, we assume that his tastes must be low. If he keeps company with gamblers or gangsters, we suspect his honesty.

And because evil persons with subversive intent can insidiously worm their way into worthy organizations, the fear of being suspected of bad associations threatens to keep needed supporters out of good causes and thereby to cut the nerve of social improvement.

Even Our Lord Himself was condemned for the company He kept. The respectable Pharisees criticized Him because He ate with publicans and sinners. But Jesus answered their criticism with ironic humor, saying that a physician must mingle with the sick if he is to be helpful, for healthy persons have no need of a healer. The Pharisees who prided themselves on their own moral health, could hardly answer such a cogent argument.

About a generation ago a college professor was asked to name the most subtle and potent evil visible on his horizon. He replied, "Crowd morality."

The menace of that evil has grown with our increased mass living. As human beings become more compressed in society, the individual must struggle harder to keep from being submerged in the crowd. Cultivating sturdy character is difficult on paved streets amid trampling throngs.

More than once I have seen a young man come to New York City from a godly home with one of those camera consciences which can take a clear snapshot of moral wrong, and then in the murky atmosphere of some social circle become so dull of conscience that he can take a time-exposure of a flagrant evil and register only a dull impression. In excuse he says, "Everybody does it."

Just to be good enough to get by the law is not good enough to lift us out of a moral slough. In government God knows that we need public servants who refrain from doing things which are not only illegal but also from those which are improper.

Of course, we have many moral acrobats who can walk the taut line of the Ten Commandments without actually falling off. But we need more moral athletes who carry their virtues with such easy grace that they make goodness attractive to others and have surplus energy to help their weaker brothers.

Each of us keeps company with different groups according to our interests and tastes. There are those who enjoy the same physical pleasures that we do. They like the same kinds of recreation. We join with them in golf clubs, in fishing clubs and in bowling associations.

There are others who have intellectual tastes similar to ours. They are the ones with whom we like to discuss new books, new plays, current events. We find fellowship with them in literary and professional circles, in Chambers of Commerce, in medical societies and bar associations.

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou hast clearly taught us how to live. Thy Son came not only to teach us but to show us the way. It is a strange way but a sure way. We are really amazed at what He said and did. When we proudly strut along the streets, ignoring life's common people, we come across Him kneeling down to wash a poor man's tired feet. When we rush to the bank to lay up more money for a rainy day, we see Him standing on the street corner, with a look of tender compassion in His eyes, pointing into the distance, saying, "Go into all the world and preach my gospel". He is really saying: "If you would actually enjoy yourself, give it away; if you would find life, lose it; if you would have the highest place, be humble enough to take the lowest; if you would follow me, take up your cross".

But how stubborn we are! When He says, "Go with a stranger two miles," we don't even want to go one mile; when He says, "Try giving", we insist on getting; when He asks for our hearts, we say, "Wait until tomorrow".

Cause us somehow to see and accept Thy way, O God, even if it is necessary to break our hearts to pieces, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

FOUR THINGS

Four things in any land must dwell,
If it endures and prospers well:
One is manhood true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright;
And one an altar kept alight.

—Charity and Children

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

No Congressional Investigation of the Church

Congressman Velde's trial balloon on investigating churches and ministers suspected of un-American activities seems to have been thoroughly punctured before it left the ground. The puncturing appropriately has been done by those who should have done it—other members of Mr. Velde's House Un-American Activities Committee. Members of the committee of which Congressman Velde is chairman let it be known quickly that they thought such a move was unnecessary and out of place.

With this position we are sure most Americans agree. For one thing, they do not feel that it is proper for Congress—even though it has the right—to investigate the church. This sounds too much like Nazi and Communist tactics. It is the sort of procedure that existed in Hitler Germany and is practiced today in all Communist-dominated countries. In this land we believe in the separation of church and state, neither dominating the other. Such an investigation would violate the spirit if not the law of the American Constitution. When either the state or the church takes upon itself the role of censor or investigator of the other, only confusion and trouble can result. This does not mean, of course, that both Congressmen and churchmen should not be free to criticize each other.

Again, we do not feel that conditions in the church warrant investigation. Churchmen are aware that Communists and other un-American groups have sought to worm their way into the church. It is apparent also that they have achieved some success. But we believe the church itself can take care of any minister or layman who wittingly or unwittingly becomes the tool of groups inimical to the American system of government. We are sure that The Methodist Church can handle far more effectively than any Congressional committee instances of un-Americanism that may arise in its ranks. Methodist laymen are certainly going to reject any pastor who follows the Communist or the Fascist line. Any minister accused of holding dangerous views should be tried by the church. If he is a Communist or a Fascist he hardly has a place in a Methodist pulpit.

It needs to be said that there are many sincere Christians today who are under fire for their social views. In some circles anyone who favors social justice is called a Red. Even Jesus would have a hard time passing the test of some reactionary elements in our country today.

But there is a vast difference between the man whose Christian ideals lead him to preach justice and brotherhood and the Communist who exploits this ideal to undermine our system of government. The Christian who makes a social application of the teachings of our Lord is our best defense against communism.

In the church there is a wide variety of opinion on social issues. Our hope lies in all elements in the church working together as brothers in Christ seeking a Christian solution of social problems. We do not feel that the time has come for Congressional investigators to tell churchmen what they can or cannot believe in our search for a Christian solution to the perplexing social problems confronting our generation. At the same time, the church must see that no un-Christian element gets in a position to undermine either the basic tenets of the Christian faith or basic American principles.

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Boycott Establishments That Sell Alcohol

Church people in Fulton County, Georgia, have adopted a plan which, if they follow through, can dry up one type of beer outlet—the grocery store. In Atlanta recently 1,200 church members of various denominations, in a meeting called by Baptist Leader Louie D. Newton and Methodist Bishop Arthur J. Moore, passed a resolution protesting the sale of beer in food stores and pledged themselves to patronize only those stores which do not sell beer or other alcoholic beverages. Alarmed because 131 food stores in Fulton County now sell beer, church leaders passed out cards carrying the following pledge, to be signed and sent to the places that sell beer: "SORRY. I would like to give you my business. But I find that you sell alcoholic beverages. Whether you hold a license for such beverages is your business. Whether I patronize your establishment is my business. And I choose not to patronize any business that also sells alcoholic beverages."

Since the appeal to conscience has little effect on many who traffic in alcoholic beverages today, perhaps the threat of economic boycott can carry some weight. It will get quick results if church people follow through. Fulton County churchmen may set a pattern which church people, aroused over the free flow of alcoholic beverages through more and more outlets, may follow. We hope the plan in Georgia succeeds beyond our most optimistic expectations. Better still, we would like to see it succeed in North Carolina, and we are ready

to help it to succeed by withdrawing our patronage from any establishment that traffics in beverage alcohol.

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What Do They Have to Hold to Now?

Three cryptic sentences in AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore's vivid account of Joseph Stalin's funeral seem to sum up the pathos and tragedy confronting the Russian people—and any other people who have put their trust in Stalin. The first sentence is almost hidden in the body of the story: "Thousands of civilians holding black-bordered portraits of the dead leader are in the square." The other two sentences appear at the close of Mr. Gilmore's article. Malenkov, Stalin's successor, is concluding his speech: "Farewell—our dead leader. Glory to Stalin."

Picture that scene in Moscow. The people, in their desperation, clinging hopelessly and helplessly to the black-bordered portrait of their dead leader. The successor of the dead Stalin, trying to put a little courage in their sad, disillusioned hearts, crying out: "Glory to Stalin." If there has ever been a more pathetic performance on the world stage we have never heard about it.

Gone forever is the man who mocked religion, who spurned morality and love, who rode to power on lust and blood and murder. The bones and ashes of millions of his fellow-countrymen, of untold millions in other lands, testify grimly to the greed and treachery of this man who posed as the champion of the common people, but who stopped at nothing to get what he wanted. This man who would rid the world of injustice and imperialism knew no justice where his own selfish ambitions were concerned. This man who cursed imperialism was the rankest imperialist of them all. He swam to power in the blood of his countrymen. He stayed in power by creating a sea of human blood that extended almost around the world. He left nothing to his people but a bad name and his own bloody portrait. The Russian people perhaps are powerless even now to shake off the scourge of communism on which Stalin rode to conquest. But free people ought to learn their lesson. They know that communism means slavery to the human spirit. Now that communism's god has fallen may not all people look to the Leader who builds his Kingdom on righteousness and love? Let us pray that the Russian people may yet discover something more substantial and more eternal than Stalin's blood-drenched portrait to which they can cling.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, GASTONIA:

Prepares For The Evangelistic Mission

In planning for the United Evangelistic Mission, in which we are thrilled to have a part, the leaders of Main Street church are convinced that just as God, in a dark and difficult era, empowered Jesus and a small group of followers to evangelize the world, so will he give us both the insight and the power to do our part in this incomplete task!

Every evangelistic mission must have **preparation**. Accordingly, our Commission on Membership and Evangelism headed by C. C. Smith, has wisely appointed committees and they in turn are busily engaged in alerting the people, especially in prayer. The Prayer Covenant Cards were distributed at the worship Services on Sunday, February 28, and on March 1. Also, they were available at the Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in March. The minister is concentrating upon prayer in his talks on the Psalms on Wednesday evenings at the weekly prayer meeting. A special morning prayer group has been started and in their meetings on Thursdays the evangelistic mission is paramount in emphasis. On each Sunday morning in April every department from the juniors and above will remember the coming mission in their group prayers. During the last two weeks in April, immediately prior to our special services, there will be a series of neighborhood or community prayer groups in selected homes throughout the membership. These will be directed by Mrs. John C. Robinson, chairman of spiritual preparation.

We feel that one of the most vital phases of the preparation is getting the names of the prospective members who will be visited. Information from a recent city-wide survey is one source of names. Three committees are diligently studying each roll of every group in the Church School and therefrom listing every name that is not now on the church membership roll. Regularly through the weekly church bulletin members have the opportunity to list names of persons whom they may know the prospects. A "Roll Call" Sunday in April will likely produce other names. The rolls of all organizations, such as the WSCS and Methodist Men's Club, are being scanned closely. Information furnished by the "Welcome Wagon" worker and a list of persons signing up for water and electricity through the City (furnished by Chamber of Commerce) are also productive of many names. The list of prospects is growing each week.

Then, we are carefully selecting the evangelistic **visitors**. Representatives from the Church School, the Circles, Guilds, Youth Fellowship, under the chairmanship of James L. Hopkins, are assisting the minister in this highly important process of selection. They will be trained according to the suggested procedures by the General Board of Evangelism.

Main Street church's publicity and promotion is being directed by J. W. Atkins, publisher of the **Gastonia Gazette**. In addition to newspaper and radio announcements and the use of all the cards, placards, etc., which are furnished from the general office, it is planned to have a layman speak for three minutes each Sunday morning during April. These pointed talks will direct the thinking of our members towards the Evangelistic Mission, May 1-8.

By Wilson O. Weldon, Minister

Interest in, and attendance at the youth rally and the mass meeting are being directed by Garland Atkins, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and Stuart Harris, lay leader, respectively. The financial plan, as suggested, will be followed in detail, with the overall supervision furnished by Giles Beal, Finance Commission chairman.

Two other phases of our planning include a series of Sunday night sermons on "Prayer", with the invitation to the altar for prayer and consecration being given at the end of each sermon. It is a thrilling experience to have so many, including scores of our young people, kneel-

at the Methodist altar! And already there are evidences that this is a most significant part of our getting ready for the Mission!

Finally, all meetings on the church calendar are being cleared for the week of May 3-8. Each group which is regularly scheduled to meet during that week is being invited to come to the church services as a group, if they so desire, but the preaching services will have undivided emphasis! We hope, we pray, and we believe that when our guest preacher, Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of the General Board of Evangelism, stands to preach in the pulpit of Main Street church, Gastonia he will be facing a congregation which is prayerfully expecting God to bless each of us with a mighty revival!

I Believe In This United Evangelistic Mission

By Harry Denman

I believe that the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church is going to have the greatest United Evangelistic Mission that we have seen.

I believe that every church in the Jurisdiction will follow the leadership of the bishops, district superintendents and pastors in this great evangelistic enterprise.

I believe that the people of the Southeastern Jurisdiction desire to see a great revival which will save our nation from atheistic communism, state socialism, secularism, fascism, humanism and all the isms which leave God out of their thinking.

I believe that prayer will be answered. Thousands of persons are praying for a revival to bring spiritual life. Our Heavenly Father hears and answers prayer. I believe that thousands will be converted because of the prayers and visits of men and women who have a holy concern for the lost.

I believe that faith is the answer and will bring the victory. Jesus said, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." We will see his strength made manifest if we will give him all of ourselves regardless of how weak we are.

I believe that the young people are going to give themselves to the ministry and the mission field. They know that one way to save life is to lose it for Christ. They are willing to do this. I believe that out of this revival will come hundreds of preachers and missionaries.

I believe that out of this great evangelistic movement will come a thousand new church organizations. Our people are going to see the need of new Sunday Schools and churches. They are going to swarm from our First and Second churches to new and neglected communities and start churches and Sunday Schools.

I believe that the laymen of our churches will go forth two by two to witness for Christ and the Church. I believe they will go to every home sharing Christ with families.

I believe that our pastors are going to stand in the Methodist pulpits and preach sin and salvation. I believe that they are going to preach that sin destroys and Christ saves. I believe they will tell us how to live the abundant life, the overcoming life, the everlasting life and the victorious life through faith in Christ.

I believe that our homes need to become Christian and that our greatest evangelism must be parental. I believe that parents must be concerned about the spiritual birth and development of their children as they are the physical, mental, and social development.

I believe that individuals and families must begin the daily practice of reading God's Holy Bible. This book will teach us righteousness. We can learn from God's book.

I believe that God wants to have a great spiritual awakening.

I believe that man has honestly tried to find salvation in self, in gold, in might, in gadgets and in institutions and that man has found that all is vanity and that man is now willing to Give God a Chance.

I believe that our youth want a revival, and I believe the church will give them an opportunity to participate.

I believe that the Southeastern Jurisdiction is going to have a great revival during April and May, 1953. I believe the United Evangelistic Mission will mark the beginning of a great evangelistic movement.

In The Cuban Evangelistic Mission:

We Received More Than We Gave

By Embree H. Blackard

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The International Evangelistic Mission to Cuba, February 11-19, is the first of the evangelistic missions in this year, designated as "The Year of Evangelism." If the success of this Cuban mission is any omen, many hearts will be won to Christ in 1953. When the victory rally was held in Havana on the last day, it was reported that 49,374 had attended our services and that 2,145 had come to the altar, made their first decision for Christ and presented themselves for church membership.

Under the leadership of Bishop John Branscomb and Dr. Harry Denman, 85 ministers and 10 laymen from 25 states participated in the evangelistic mission to Cuba. Dr. C. C. Herbert of Charlotte and I went from North Carolina. The party flew from Miami to Havana on the morning of February 11. The group accepted their assignments at the hands of the bishop and each one gladly went to his appointment. To some churches two or three visiting ministers were sent; to other churches only one minister was sent to work with the local pastors. The hearty welcome extended by the ministers, missionaries, and laymen of Cuba warmed our hearts.

Bishop Branscomb's and Dr. Denman's devotion to the Kingdom may not exceed that of Bishop Francis Asbury, noted for his travels, but with planes, buses and autos, they certainly covered more territory. If any of the visiting ministers were tempted to complain as they were sent to "far away places" away from modern conveniences, their complaints soon disappeared when they realized that Bishop Branscomb and Dr. Denman were not only literally "riding the bus with them," but were going on and on until they reached the last mission point.

People Hear Gospel Gladly

Each minister will have a different experience to relate, but all will tell of a people's responsiveness to the Gospel of Christ. I had the privilege of preaching at Leland Memorial church in Mariano.

In addition to the membership of the church, we had the student bodies of Candler College and Buena Vista College in our congregation. At almost every service there were present persons who had never before attended a church service. We presented the challenge to Christian discipleship in as absolute and sacrificial terms as possible, yet never did we extend an invitation but that souls responded in full surrender to Christ, seeking admission into the church. Persons with doctor's degrees, people from a long Roman Catholic background, and college students from the most cultured homes in Cuba responded. Literally hundreds of college students waited after hours for counselling. When we visited mission points where people were under-privileged, we met with eager faces turning from their dark superstitions to a loving Father.

At Leland Memorial church there were three visiting ministers working under the direction of Dr. Carl Stewart, pastor and district superintendent. We had from four to six services every day, and we visited and had prayer in many homes. Never have I preached so much, listened to so much preaching, and prayed with so many people!

Each Gained More Than We Gave

Every minister who went came back with the feeling that he had gained more than he gave. How can I ever forget the hospitality of Cuban homes? How can I forget the Cuban students singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Work for the Night is Coming?" I shall never forget the light upon the faces of those who stood at the altar and gave their hearts to Christ. My own religious life was enriched by association not only with our missionaries, but with the Cuban laymen.

When one realizes that his message for the most part must pass through an inter-

preter, he separates the chaff from the wheat. One is forced to preach the heart of the gospel of redemption.

Bishop Branscomb believes that within a century Cuba will be won to Christ. With larger numbers coming each year, and with keen, cultured and educated youth going out from Christian colleges into places of leadership, the Bishop's dream may be realized.

The House Of Life

By Ernest C. Durham

There is a basement—yes, indeed—

To every house of life,
Where we can hide from all the need

Of brothers in the strife;

Where we can dwell for self alone,

And sit in darkness there;

Where God's great light is never known,

And where we pray no prayer.

But there's a first floor where we spend

Of life the major part,

Where we can welcome in a friend

For talking heart to heart;

Where we can read by light of day

Books, magazines, and news;

Where we can work while children play,

And live just like we choose.

And then there is a second floor

To which we can embark—

Above the noise of slamming door,

Above the basement dark;

Up where we go when we would see

Through windows far and near,

And where in silence we would be

Rescued from gloom and fear.

Yet there is still above all these

A third floor—bright and high—

Where mountains show, and all the trees,

Up near God's sun and sky:

Up where the calls of man and God

Turn selfish thoughts to prayer,

Till we descend to walk the sod

And human burdens bear.



The 85 ministers and 10 laymen from 25 states who participated in the International Evangelistic Mission in Cuba February 11-19. The group flew by plane from Miami to Havana. The Mission was under the direction of Bishop John Branscomb of the Jacksonville Area and Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism. North Carolina's representatives were Dr. Embree H. Blackard of Asheville (seen right of plane steps) and Rev. C. C. Herbert of Charlotte (left of steps).

N. C. Conference Woman's Society to Meet at Rocky Mount March 23 - 26

The thirteenth session of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference will be held at First church, Rocky Mount, March 23-26, with Mrs. H. I. Glass, Conference President, in charge. Theme of the conference is "Hope of All the Earth Art Thou".

The conference does not actually get under way until Tuesday, March 24, with the registration of delegates at nine a.m., but a pre-conference spiritual life retreat for the executive board and sub-district leaders will be held at noon Monday, March 23, with Mrs. Louise Eggleston, secretary of spiritual life of the Virginia Conference, as leader.

Featured speakers of the three-day meeting will be Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, interim pastor of the host church and former presiding bishop of the St. Paul (Minn.) Area, who will bring the noon-time messages Wednesday and Thursday; Miss Lillian Johnson, executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, who will bring messages Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning; Miss Lucille Colony, executive secretary for India and Pakistan of the Woman's Division, who will speak Wednesday evening and Thursday morning; Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, former secretary of spiritual life, who will bring the morning meditations.

Mrs. H. I. Glass will bring the president's message at the morning session Wednesday. Other speakers will be Miss Sara Bennett, on furlough as a missionary to Brazil; and Miss Marjorie Dumke, deaconess in the Camp LeJeune area serving under the Woman's Division.

Tuesday's Program

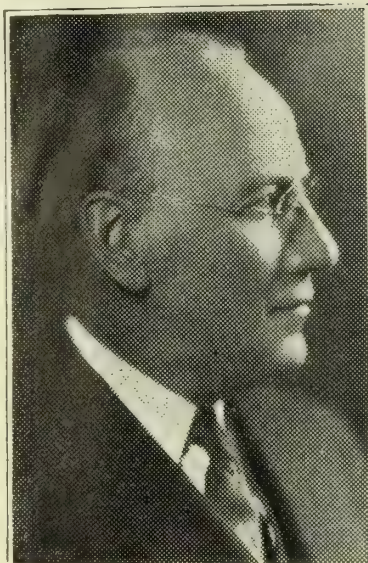
The first session gets under way at 11 a.m. Tuesday with a meditation by Mrs. Slaughter, followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. Harry Pearsall, president of the host society, and a response by Mrs. O. W. Dowd of Raleigh. Organization and business will follow, with a report by Mrs. C. D. Barclift, recording secretary. Mrs. M. W. Warren, secretary of children's work, will follow with her report and a Service of Remembrance will be held at 12 noon with Mrs. T. S. Newbold in charge.

That afternoon at two o'clock planning groups will meet, followed by a Conference session which will include a Communion service led by Rev. J. F. Herbert, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, assisted by local pastors. At this time a sacrificial offering will be made.

That evening at the 7:30 o'clock service Miss Elsie Parker, secretary of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, will give her report, followed by Miss Johnson's address.

Wednesday's Sessions

At Wednesday morning's session, Mrs. H. L. McLeod, conference vice president, will preside, with the program getting under way with a meditation by Mrs. Slaughter, followed by business and Miss Dumke's report on the Jacksonville project. Two reports will follow by Mrs. J. A. Warren, secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities; and Mrs. E. G. Cothran, secretary of the status of women. Mrs. Glass will then give her message, followed by the recognition of new societies; reports by Mrs. R. L. Jerome, secretary of youth work; and Mrs. C. M. Allen, secretary of student work. Next comes Miss Johnson's address, followed by the election of delegates to the



Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

Assembly, presentation of special memberships and introductions. Bishop Cushman will bring his first message at the noon hour.

Wednesday afternoon's session will feature a promotion hour, with an address by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie on "Attaining Our Goals". Reports will be given as follows: Mrs. J. C. Burwell, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. N. P. Edens, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, secretary of literature and publications; and Mrs. George W. Jackson, secretary of supply work. Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, conference treasurer, will give her report and the pledge service will follow. Miss Bennett will also bring her first message.

At Wednesday evening's session Miss Colony will speak and Mrs. H. R. Odom, secretary of missionary personnel, will report.

Closing Session Thursday

At Thursday morning's session, Mrs. McLeod will report on the World Federation of Methodist Women; and Mrs. Edens will discuss plans for the Conference School of Missions. At this time also the Lillie Moore Everett Study Jewel will be awarded. Mrs. Pierce Johnson will give highlights of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held recently at Jackson, Miss., and Miss Bennett will give missionary news. Reports will also be made by Mrs. A. H. Borland, editor of the woman's page in the N. C. Christian Advocate, and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, on orphanage interests. Miss Colony will discuss late news from India and Pakistan. Mrs. Newbold will bring greetings from the Department of United Church Women of the North Carolina Council of Churches, followed by the adoption of recommendations and the selection of the 1954 meeting place. The conference will close with Bishop Cushman's message.

Host Women Prepare

Women of First church, Rocky Mount, are actively working in committee groups toward the completion of plans for the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, March 23-26.

Plans to be completed will provide for housing, feeding, and transporting more than 300 delegates and visitors expected for the three-day session. Registration of delegates will begin at nine o'clock Tues-

day, March 24, in the educational building of the church.

The executive board will meet in business session at nine o'clock Tuesday March 24. Members of this board are conference officers, secretaries, sub-district leaders, chairmen of standing committees, and deaconesses.

Membership Increases

Delegates to the Woman's Society of Christian Service conference to be held in First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount March 24-26, will represent a record-high membership of 30,182 in 658 local church societies in eastern North Carolina. The figure is a 24% membership gain during the last four years. Mrs. J. H. Cutchin Whitakers, served as president during this period.

Giving Increases

Giving by the Methodist women of eastern North Carolina has increased \$34,672.99 during the past four years. This is a 31% increase. For the first three quarters of this year contributions total: Woman's Society, \$102,715; Wesleyan Service Guild, \$10,346.77; grand total, \$113,064.00. Mrs. F. B. McKinne, Goldsboro, and Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, have served as treasurer during this time.

Orphanage and Coupons

Mrs. Gurney P. Hood said that the average person does not realize what the collection of coupons has meant to the orphanage both in money and in personal interest.

"Our total collections," reported Mrs. Hood at the executive committee meeting held recently in the Burwell Cottage at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, "were \$1,058.62, an increase of \$86.94 over the previous year. That's fine and we at the orphanage thank you for your hearty cooperation."

The debt on the dining room ceiling has been reduced to \$54.08 which will be paid with the first collection in 1953. Then the dish washer which cost \$4,000, with all the equipment, will be paid for next.

A recent itemized statement of the money sent to the orphanage by the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, since the coupon campaign was first begun in 1932, shows \$11,941.94 or an average of nearly \$600 a year. However, the collections during the past four years have improved to such an extent that \$3,308 or 36% of the grand total was received during that time. That shows what increased interest will do, and it only costs such a little effort. The goal for 1953 is set at \$1,100.

By-Law Changes

Delegates will be asked to vote on a change in the by-laws. In order that at least thirty days notice may be given to the societies for a study of this change the following is to be read carefully:

"By-laws of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society Article 4, section 6, reading, 'The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild secretary shall be elected at a meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Her election shall be confirmed by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and her term of office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society.'"

"And Section 7, 'District presidents and district secretaries of promotion shall be elected by the district at an annual meeting upon the recommendation of the district research committee. Their election shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and their term of office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society.'"

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Wesleyan Service Guild Sets Annual Meeting at Sanford March 21, 22

The Wesleyan Service Guild annual conference, to be held in Steele Street church, Sanford, starts Saturday, March 21, at 2:30 o'clock, with Miss Elsie Parker presiding. The welcome will be given by Mrs. Ray Wood. After the organization of the meeting and the stating of business, greetings will be brought from the Woman's Society of Christian Service by Mrs. H. I. Glass, the conference president.

"Proclaiming the Good News" is the theme for this session. "Through Our Gifts" will be presented by Mrs. H. A. Davis; "Through 'Second Mile' Giving" by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson; "Through Our Daily Work" by Miss Charlotte Hodges; and "Through Our Guild Program" by Miss Lillian A. Johnson.

At 6 o'clock Saturday there will be a banquet at which time Mrs. Harriet Fraley will preside. Mrs. Gurney P. Hood will bring the invocation and then a film will be presented by Mrs. Avis Knight. At 8 o'clock in Steele Street church, Miss Sarah Godfrey will preside. Miss Parker will introduce Miss Johnson who will speak on the theme "That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized." Miss Pete Hill will lead the commitment service. Following this there will be a reception at the Wilrik Hotel at 9:30 o'clock honoring Miss Johnson, at which time she will be presented gifts which are products of North Carolina, such as peanuts, ball of cotton, hose, pottery, etc.

On Sunday morning the Wesleyan Service Guild conference will continue with a service at 8 o'clock at Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church at a breakfast. Mrs. Glass will preside. The invocation will be given by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie and greetings will be brought by Miss Flora Wyche. The morning meditation will be given by Miss Hill and the benediction by Rev. A. S. Parker. Following the breakfast, there will be meetings of special groups studying the various phases of the work; at 11 o'clock the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference will worship with the congregation of Steele Street church and Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, will deliver the sermon; at 12:30 p.m. there will be a dinner at the Wilrik Hotel. "Occupations through which Guilders Proclaim the Good News" will be discussed by Mrs. L. M. Hall and the closing message will be brought by Mrs. L. C. Larkin.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF WESLYAN SERVICE GUILD WORK

By Miss Elsie Parker
Conference Secretary
Wesleyan Service Guild

In August, 1952, an educational week-end was held at the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, with Wesleyan Service Guilds being represented by the secretaries of missionary education. Mrs. William Allen Kindel, chairman of missionary education, and Mrs. Avis Knight, associate chairman, were responsible for the meeting. The three study courses were presented. Inspiration and help gained from this meeting has resulted in increased emphasis upon missionary study classes.

Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, chairman of supply work, has lifted up a particular project each quarter resulting in increased cash for supply work. The four projects recommended for supply work have been Methodist student work at Eastern Carolina College, Greenville;



Rev. D. D. Holt

rural work, Houma, La.; Miss Mildred Anne Paine, Ai Kei Gakuen, Social and Evangelical Center, Tokyo, Japan; and Miss Lena Knapp, Faculted Evangelica de Teologia, Buenos Aires, Argentina. S. A. Emphasis has also been placed on supply work for other projects, including materials for the nurses' home Seward, Alaska, and Aldersgate, Little Rock, Ark.

There has been increased emphasis upon development of spiritual life. More guilds observed the week of prayer this year than at any time. There has been an increase in the number of prayer groups organized. Emphasis has also been placed on improved worship services at monthly guild meetings with use of worship centers. Miss Pete Hill, conference chairman of spiritual life, represented the guilds at the National Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat held at Aldersgate, Little Rock, Ark.

Guilds have been more active in a program of Christian social relations. Visits have been made to Central Prison, Raleigh; prison road camps; State hospitals for mentally ill, and training schools. Programs were given, supplies provided for use of persons in the institutions, and interest was developed in helping some selected individuals. Miss Charlotte Hodges, chairman of Christian social relations and local church activities, mailed the program of the State Legislative Council to the chairman in each local guild. Guilds have been encouraged to study the legislative program, learn the specific needs in their own community, and help interpret the program of the Legislative Council.

The North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild had eight representatives at the Jurisdictional week-end at Lake Junaluska.

Many of the guilds were privileged to hear Miss Lorena Kelly while she was in North Carolina on furlough from the Belgian Congo. This gave increased impetus to the study course on Africa, resulting in plans for special activities including the granting of a scholarship to a girl attending school at Lodpi, Belgian Congo.

Officers of the Guild are: Miss Elsie Parker, Conference secretary; Miss Sarah Godfrey, associate secretary. Chairmen of standing committees are: Miss Pete Hill, spiritual life; Miss Charlotte Hodges, Christian social relations and local church

activities; Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, supply work; Mrs. William C. Kindel, missionary education and service; Mrs. Avis Knight, associate.

N. C. CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET AT ROCKY MOUNT MARCH 23-26

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"These two sections to be deleted from the by-laws and the following to be substituted and marked section 6.

"Section 6, 'District officers shall be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the district society for a term of two years. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the treasurer who may hold office not to exceed eight years.'"

This by-law is to be retroactive. This will be presented and discussed at the annual meeting in Rocky Mount. Vote on the subject will be taken.

Conference Officers

Officers who will conduct the conference and make their reports for the past year's work are: Mrs. H. I. Glass, Durham, president; Mrs. H. L. McLeod, Johns, vice-president; Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Durham, recording secretary; and Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, treasurer.

The secretaries who will present their reports and recommendations for new work are: Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, Clinton, promotion; Mrs. N. P. Edens, Parkton, missionary education and service; Mrs. J. A. Warren, Chapel Hill, Christian social relations and local church activities; Miss Elsie Parker, Raleigh, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. C. M. Allen, Bahama, student work; Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, youth work; Mrs. M. W. Warren, Knightdale, children's work; Mrs. J. C. Burwell, Warrenton, spiritual life; Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, Buxton, literature and publications; Mrs. G. W. Jackson, Hertford, supply work; Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Raleigh, status of women; Mrs. H. R. Odom, Gibson, missionary personnel; and Mrs. A. H. Borland, Durham, editor of the woman's page.

The conference workers who will be guests are Miss Mamie Chandler, deaconess, director of student center at East Carolina College, Greenville; Miss Marjorie Dumke, deaconess, director of work at Jacksonville; Miss Priscilla Steger, director of industrial work at East Laurinburg.

Invited missionaries are Miss Alice Green, Sanford; Miss Ida Hankins, Wilmington; Miss Elizabeth Lamb, Fayetteville; and Mrs. Euline S. Weems, Baltimore, Md.

District Conferences

On May 2 the Wilmington District Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its district conference at Tabor City Methodist Church instead of Franklin School, Harrells Store, as previously announced.

Raleigh district will meet on May 5 in Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh.

Steele Street Church, Sanford, will be the host to the Fayetteville district society on May 8.

On Tuesday, May 12, Durham district will meet in Long Memorial Church, Roxboro.

Queen Street Church, Kinston, is the site for the New Bern district on Wednesday, May 13.

May 14 is the date for the Elizabeth City district which will meet in First Church, Washington.

Rocky Mount district will meet at Bethel on May 15.

All these meetings begin at 10:00 o'clock.

Woodleaf Methodists Hold Dedicatory Rites; Methodist Radio Series Continues

WOODLEAF CHURCH DEDICATED BY REV. J. C. CORNETTE

Woodleaf church in the Salisbury District was dedicated Sunday, March 15, by Rev. J. C. Cornette, superintendent of the Salisbury District, with the pastor, Rev. J. C. Swaim, assisting.

Valued at more than \$20,000, the church was built during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Williams. The building program was started in 1941 and the cornerstone was laid in 1943. In 1947 new pulpit furniture and pews were installed and the carpet laid. In 1950 a new electric organ was secured and in 1952 a deep well was dug, rest rooms were built, two additional class rooms were completed in the basement, classrooms were painted, the floor finished. In addition, the grounds were graded and seeded, shrubbery was planted around the church and the cemetery was improved.

The Woodleaf church had its beginning in 1891. On November 5, 1891, at a quarterly conference of the Salisbury circuit it was decided to move Gay's Chapel to Woodleaf. Later fire destroyed the building and the lot for the present site was donated by Dr. A. L. Petrea in 1892. James Owen made the pulpit and A. J. Benson made the first pews. The church was dedicated by Rev. F. L. Townsend, district superintendent, in 1895. There were 44 charter members. Extensive repairs were made in 1906. The new structure is the second building to be erected on the present site.

The church now has around 250 members. Mr. Swaim is in his fourth year as pastor of the Woodleaf charge.

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BISHOP BRANSCOMB TO LEAD RADIO SERIES

Bishop John W. Branscomb, Jacksonville, Florida, will be the featured speaker on the Methodist series of The Protestant Hour for the next six Sundays.

Formerly pastor of The First Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida, which is recognized as one of the greatest Methodist churches in America, Bishop Branscomb was elected to the episcopacy in June of 1952. At the request of Florida Methodists he was assigned to the Jacksonville Area of The Methodist Church. He now has episcopal supervision over the Florida and



DR. ALBERT E. DAY, above, pastor of of Mount Vernon Place church, Baltimore, Md., is one of the speakers in the retreat for ministers of the North Carolina Conference to be held Monday, March 23, at St. Paul church, Goldsboro. Dr. Day, who headed up the New Life Movement in The Methodist Church a few years ago, is a prominent preacher and writer. He was chosen as one of the six leading preachers of America in a Christian Century poll and was chosen in 1947 as one of the ten most influential Methodists in a Christian Advocate poll. Another speaker for the retreat is Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Broad Street church, Richmond, Va. Bishop Garber will be in charge of the all-day meeting which begins at ten a.m. and closes at four p.m.

the Cuba Conferences.

The Protestant Hour will also present a special broadcast on May 24th which will originate in England and will be in commemoration of the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley which took place on May 24, 1738 It was out of this experience that Methodism had its beginning. Bishop Branscomb's sermons will be on the theme "Christ Can Change the World . . . with your help," which is also the theme for the present world-wide program of evangelism.

With Our District Lay Leaders

NEWS FROM THE GASTONIA DISTRICT

I am pleased to report that our laymen's program during this Conference year is progressing in a wonderful way. The associates are doing a fine job in keeping the personal contacts with all churches in our district. So far as I have been able to determine, we had every pulpit filled for the Laymen's Day service. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to call on our lay speakers and know that even on a short notice our men will respond to the privilege of witnessing for Christ. Most of our speakers received a short notice due to the change in date and the fact that our Laymen's Day material did not arrive until a week before the service was to be held.

We are dividing some of the larger circuits in our district in order that no charge will have more than four churches. The laymen and laywomen are cooperating splendidly. The work is far from completed, but it is progressing.

I note with great satisfaction the general feeling by the officers and stewards of our churches that to hold office in the church is a great privilege, not a burden. Many times it happens that people who serve in a number of different offices over a long period of time begin to feel that service is a burden rather than a privilege; therefore, it seems that the rotation policy on stewards, the new approach to putting new faces in key places, and in general spreading the responsibility over the entire congregation, is beginning to pay dividends.

Our work with Methodist men is most encouraging. At least six, and possibly more, new Methodist Men's Clubs have been organized since Conference, and several more are in the planning stage. The enthusiasm shown by the members is testimony enough to the great part that this men's organization is playing in our church life.

At the risk of boasting, may I point out that in the 1950-51 Conference year our ministers' salaries in this district totaled \$144,765; for 1951-52 the amount was \$161,835; and for our present year \$190,740. I think this is a marvelous tribute to this district.

The great program of evangelism is under way, and it is the hope of every minister and layman that our May revival service will be one of the highlights in the history of Methodism. The increase in church interest is significant in that men and women, both member and non-member, are eager and hungering for the hope and the consolation that our church has to offer in Christ Jesus. My prayer is that we all shall be concerned for the souls of those about us who need only an extended hand of friendship to be brought into the kingdom.

I had the happy privilege of attending an organizational meeting of one of the Men's Clubs in our district, and someone made the remark that maybe the nominees for office should be asked whether they would accept or not. An elderly member who had been nominated for office arose and gave me one of the greatest thrills of my Christian experience when he said, "Over thirty years ago I took the vows to serve, support and love my church, and I haven't renounced those vows yet!" What a great challenge to all of us to catch something of this great spirit.

J. E. Stowe,
District Lay Leader



Woodleaf Church on the Woodleaf Charge

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

REV. AND MRS. A. D. BYRD, JR., of council announce the birth of a daughter, Rosemary, on February 27, 1953, at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, young people recently had as speaker Rabbi Alstet of the Jewish Synagogue in Fayetteville.

DR. W. A. KALE, professor of practical theology in the Duke University Divinity School, will be the preacher in Holy Week services at Myers Park church, Charlotte.

REV. JOHN S. OAKLEY and family have recently moved into the new parsonage of the Denton circuit. Built at a cost of \$16,000, the parsonage has eight rooms and is equipped with all modern conveniences.

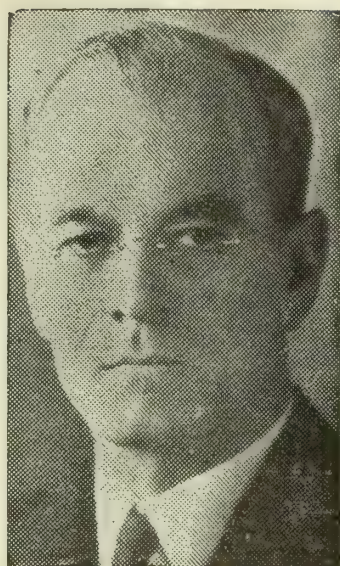
SALUDA METHODISTS are observing fasting and prayer periods twice daily in preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission. The Woman's Society of that church will have charge of the vesper service Sunday evening, March 22.

REV. LEE F. TUTTLE has been preaching a series of sermons at First church, Charlotte, on "What We As Methodists Believe," with much interest manifested by members of the congregation. As a part of the preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission, the church is planning under the direction of Torrence W. Aldred 100 cottage prayer meetings in various parts of the city.

DR. EDDY ASIRVATHAM has returned to his native land and become head of the department of politics at Nagpur University, City of Nagpur. Dr. Asirvatham was formerly head of the department of politics and public administration at the University of Madras, and still earlier on the staff of McKnow Christian College. He has been in the United States for several years, where he was professor of missions in the Boston University School of Theology. He also lectured extensively over the nation.

TUTTLE'S GROVE CHURCH on the Beaufort circuit was host to the Cartaret Line of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on February 26. Mrs. Bernard Helps opened the meeting with a devotional and Mrs. Vera Stubbs of Ann Street church, Beaufort, led the group in an accredited study entitled "Toward an Understanding of the Bible". Mrs. Stubbs climaxed her message with an appeal for an offering to send the Word of God to the people of Korea and the offering amounted to \$25. Rev. L. A. Lewis, pastor, gave the prayer and welcomed the 100 persons who attended the meeting.

DUKE UNIVERSITY Divinity School's new organ was dedicated in appropriate services on March 11. A gift of the Doris Duke Foundation, the lovely Artiste model organ has been installed in York Chapel. Dean Wilbert C. Davison made the presentation on behalf of the trustees of the Doris Duke Foundation and it was accepted by Dr. A. Hollis Edens, president of Duke University. Dedictory rites were performed by Dr. James Cannon, dean of the Divinity School. Music was under the direction of Helen M. Kendall, organist and director of the Divinity School choir. Following the service of dedication Mildred L. Hendrix, Duke University organist presented an organ recital.



DR. W. A. SMART, above, of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will be the guest preacher at Central church, Asheville, March 22-29. He will preach at 12:05-12:35 each noon and at 7:30 o'clock each evening. The evening services are sponsored by the Central Methodist Church. The noon services are sponsored by the Churchmen on Church Street, composed of the men of Central, The First Presbyterian, and Trinity Episcopal churches. Dr. Smart has taught Biblical Theology at Emory University for many years. He is the author of a number of books. He has represented his conference in four General Conferences. He represented American Methodism at the World Conference on Faith and Order at Sweden last summer. Central church extends a most cordial invitation to all to hear this distinguished teacher and preacher.

DR. A. WHITNEY GRISWOLD, president of Yale University, was the speaker recently for the Yale Alumni banquet held at the Charlotte Country Club. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle of Waxhaw gave the invocation.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE in May will begin work on a new "four-purpose" building. The building will feature a large auditorium—chapel with a seating capacity of 856, and the largest stage in the city. An imposing foyer, larger than customary, will be used on special occasions for receptions, teas, and other social gatherings. In connection with it will be a complete kitchenette, lounges, and coatrooms. The building will also house the dramatics and music departments, providing necessary rehearsing rooms, studios, and offices. "This new addition to our plant," states President Dennis H. Cooke, "will not only provide needed facilities for our college use but will enable us to bring to our campus lectures, plays, and concerts for the benefit of the general public." Improvements of many kinds, some necessitated by the new structure, are in progress. New boilers are being installed to insure adequate heating facilities; a shop is now under construction to take care of maintenance needs and provide storage space; present buildings have recently received a new coat of paint; all buildings are to have fluorescent lighting throughout and many of them new floor coverings.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE of Methodist Youth has selected the National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo., for the scene of its next annual meeting August 23-31.

DR. HAROLD H. HUTSON, president of Greensboro College, will be the speaker in the union service to be held for the Summerfield charge at Center church Sunday evening, March 22 at 7:30 o'clock.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE will install its new president, Dr. Harold H. Hutson, in appropriate rites April 14-16. Speakers for the occasion will be Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area; and Dr. Ernest Cadman Colwell, dean of the faculties, Emory University.

HON. CHARLES RAPER JONAS of Lincolnton, member of the U. S. Congress from the Tenth District of North Carolina, reported in the February 12 issue of the Congressional Record of escorting a group of Methodists composing the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to the White House for a visit with President Eisenhower. Mr. Jonas, who is a Methodist, in his remarks before the House of Representatives described the work of the MCOR and listed members of this relief organization. Among North Carolinians mentioned in the Congressional Record visiting the President were Rev. and Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle of Charlotte, Mrs. Charles Raper Jonas and Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, formerly of Maxton and now with the Woman's Division of Christian Service in New York City.

SHOALS METHODIST CHURCH recently held a most successful revival, with Rev. John Green of Winston-Salem assisting the pastor, Rev. J. W. Combs. Congregations overflowed the Methodist church and services were moved to the larger Baptist church. During the meeting 145 came to the altar and 25 gave their names for church membership. Both Methodists and Baptists cooperated in the services. "I haven't seen such interest manifested in more than 30 years," writes Mr. Combs. "Backsliders were reclaimed in large numbers, hardened sinners were converted and Christians were lifted to new heights of faith and deeper consecration. Brother Green preaches God's Word fearlessly and faithfully and I heartily recommend him to any pastor needing a revival in his church."

METHODISTS sent \$750,000 to their World Service treasury during February and brought total World Service receipts for a nine-month period up to 10 per cent above their giving for the same period last year. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, also reported that: World Service needs \$4,299,160.33 to complete the \$9,660,000 annual apportionment by May 31. General Advance Specials for the past nine months show a 7.61 per cent decrease when compared to the same period last year. He pointed out, however, that these receipts do not include more than \$300,000 raised for Conference Advance Specials during the same time. The Fellowship of Suffering and Service fund has increased 7.58 per cent. Less than one-half of the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund (\$136,098.34 out of a budgeted item of \$285,515) has been paid up to Feb. 28. Early receipts from the Week of Dedication observance during February amounted to \$29,750.70.

New Church at Norman Opened; Bishop Ward Writes from Formosa

NEW NORMAN METHODIST CHURCH OPENED IN FORMAL SERVICES

The new Methodist Church at Norman, Ellerbe charge, was opened for worship during special services on Sunday afternoon, February 28. Rev. W. J. Neese, pastor at Norman when the new church was started, delivered the sermon. N. L. Rab, lay leader of the Ellerbe charge, brought greetings from the other churches and E. V. Hogan, building committee chairman, addressed the congregation. Special music was furnished by the choir and Mrs. Marvin Allen sang a solo. Rev. J. K. Bostick, pastor, was in charge of the service.

The first Norman Methodist Church was organized in 1921 by Rev. N. B. Johnson with ten charter members. The first few years the congregation worshiped in the old Presbyterian Chapel. The first Methodist church building was started in 1924 with Claude Lowdermilk, R. C. Hamer and B. C. Vuncannon as building committee. This building was completed in the fall of 1926. In the years that followed steady progress was made and a great deal of interest was shown by the members. This building served its purpose well but by 1947 it was in need of repair. Early in 1950, the pastor, Rev. W. J. Neese, sent out a questionnaire to the membership to find out whether it was the desire of the people to repair the old church or build a new one. It was almost unanimous decision for building a new church.

Named on the building committee were: E. V. Hogan, chairman; James McNair, treasurer, T. A. Shaw, Claude Lowdermilk, and Frank Lowdermilk. The former Norman School building and lot were purchased from the County Commissioners in May of 1950. The old school building was moved to the back of the lot and converted into a community center and recreation building. After the decision for a new church members and friends set to work to raise funds. A canvass of the membership was made, ingatherings were held, and suppers were sponsored by the W.S.C.S. and soon plans were drawn up by Ed Chissom. The Jesse Phifer Construction Co. with Marvin Key as foreman, started to work in April, 1952.

The building, modern in every detail, cost approximately \$50,000. It is of brick veneer construction with stained glass windows, each containing a Christian symbol. The Rose window over the altar pictures Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. The sanctuary has a divided chancel. Furnishings are of light oak, with wine carpet down the center aisle. The sanct-



The Pfeiffer College Choir began its spring tour March 15 with an evening concert at Center church, Yadkinville. The 35 member choir is led by Wilbur T. Scrivnor, director of Music at the college, and a graduate of Ball State Teachers College, Indiana, where he also has done graduate work in the field of music education. Other churches to be visited by the choir are: St. John's church, Charlotte, March 22; Westford church, Concord, April 12; First church, Mt. Holly, April 19; Stanfield church, Stanfield, April 26.

uary will seat 200. There are six class rooms, heat room, and two choir rooms.

The building will be dedicated at a later date.

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THE METHODISTS HAVE COME TO FORMOSA

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward
Taipei, Taiwan

Editor's note: Bishop and Mrs. Ward, who have established their home at Hendersonville, N. C., left last fall for a tour of duty in the Orient.

Among the million Chinese civilian evacuees in Taiwan (official name for Formosa) there are hundreds if not thousands of displaced Methodists. They are sheep without a shepherd since all of the active Chinese pastors remained with their flocks on the mainland. These refugees are hungry for Christian fellowship and the assurance that their Mother Church has not forgotten them in their loneliness, in their struggle against communism, in their need of God. Now the first Methodist missionary family has arrived, Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Knettlar and their small son.

A Chinese committee of Methodists in Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan, has warmly undertaken to help the Knettlars

find a residence. Since most of our people live in Japanese-styled homes which were vacated at the end of World War II by the former rulers of this island, we hope to find such a place for the beginnings of our Methodist work. Japanese homes have sliding walls and panels which can be removed so two or three rooms can be thrown together. This makes space possible for small groups to meet for fellowship, Bible study, or worship. In our American frontier days, before church buildings were erected, people met informally in homes for spiritual nourishment. Americans are doing the same thing today in newly-created residential areas.

The Free World has an increasing interest in Free China—Taiwan. During the Christmas-New Year Season recently people have come to Taipei. Dr. Billy Graham, Cardinal Spellman, professors, movie and TV men from Hollywood, American business men (one just landed a contract for five and one-half million dollars), and thirty additional families of American military personnel. Fifty more such families are due in a few weeks. We have one Methodist missionary family but we hope others will come soon.

During these days the Chinese Government feted 326 "Difficulty-Overcoming Heroes" of the Chinese Armed Services. They had distinguished themselves in discovering ways to utilize old, discarded, broken parts of equipment which pointed up the need for conservation in times of scarcity; had distinguished themselves in capturing small islands near the mainland of China; had distinguished themselves in hit-and-run forays on the mainland itself. Now these men have returned to their dangerous posts of duty, in some cases even behind the Bamboo Curtain. Not all is perfect in Taiwan—not by any means. But a lot of significant progress is being made.

On the streets of Taipei one meets with friendliness and smiles. This is the spirit of "old China" with its Oriental hospitality despite the austerity which the times demand. Family groups wander through the public parks on holidays. People stop to visit with friends with never a look over the shoulder to see if some secret police are listening. Freedom is in the air and with it a new hope for the future.

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The New Methodist Church at Norman

Varied Ten - Weeks Camping Program to Begin at Don - Lee June 14

When June comes the gates at Don-Lee, our Methodist youth camp, located near New Bern on the lower Neuse River, will wing open on ten weeks of real camping. There will be Christian Adventure or intermediates and junior camps for junior boys and girls. All in all, there'll be room enough for more than 800 campers during the summer.

Two Kinds of Camps

Christian Adventure camps begin the season at Don-Lee June 14. These camps are for boys and girls who are entering the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades in school this fall. (Current ninth graders are invited to come to these camps or go to the youth assemblies at Louisburg, as they choose.) Four camps of six days each and one 10-day camp are planned for this season. The dates set for these camps are: June 14-20; June 21-27; June 30-July 9 (10 days); July 12-18; and July 19-25.

Junior Camps, for children entering the fifth and sixth grades in the fall, are planned also. Three such camps are scheduled for August 3-8; August 10-15; and August 17-22. Each of these is a five-day camp.

One week at Don-Lee between the Christian Adventure and the junior camps is being held "open," to be used for whichever group that needs it, to be determined by registrations. These dates: July 26 (or 27)—August 1.

Registration Information

Expenses: The cost for each camper for the six-day Christian Adventure Camp is \$17. For the five-day Junior Camp, the cost is \$15. The cost for attendance at the 10-day Christian Adventure Camp will be \$25. These rates include pre-registration fee which is mailed with the application.

Incidental needs for "spending money" for campers are minimal. Each camper



may purchase one camp store care (\$1) for refreshments; Don-Lee t-shirts and new caps will be available for about \$1 each. Other purchases are limited to stamps, postals, soap, and photographic film. One "offering" during the week will be taken.

Materials and camper insurance are included in the total fee.

Applications: Camper applications must be sent to the registrar at least one month prior to the opening date of camp to be attended. Applications should be accompanied by a \$2 pre-registration, and must be signed by a parent or guardian—and the camper's pastor. Registration forms for Christian Adventure Camps will be mailed the pastors within the next ten days.

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Send application to: Rev. Curt Gatlin, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Cancellations and Fee Refunds: In the event of cancellations, the pre-registration fee can be refunded the applicant only when notice is received at least one week prior to opening date of the camp.



Schedules

Each six-day camp opens on Sunday afternoon and closes on the following Saturday morning. The one 10-day camp opens on Tuesday afternoon and ends on Thursday morning of the following week.

Junior Camps (5-day) open on Monday afternoon and close on Saturday morning.

Registrations and cabin assignments begin at 2 p.m. on the opening days. The first meal served will be supper; the last is breakfast on the closing day.

Leadership

All camp staff personnel are men and women of positive Christian character who have been carefully selected to assure you of a happy, interesting stay at camp. Each counselor serves voluntarily, sharing his time and talents for the joys of camping. The minimum age for staff members is nineteen years.

Being asked to serve as camp directors at different times are: Rev. W. K. Babington, Swepsonville; Rev. J. R. Regan, Jr., Fayetteville; Rev. Ralph I. Epps, Laurel Hill; and Rev. Henry Bizzell, Gatesville.

Something New Has Been Added

When campers arrive at Don-Lee this summer there will be a new treat in store—a fresh-water swimming pool, now being built, will be completed before opening date, and promises to mean added fun in swimming and boating this season. (Watch for pictures later in THE ADVOCATE.) The pool will be equipped with swimming pier and diving boards and will have a special area for non-swimmers. Swimming

instructions will be given any campers who desire it.

Staff Members Needed

Interested, qualified men and women—and college-age youth—are very much needed to serve as counselors at Camp Don-Lee this summer. Persons are desired who have had some camping experience, who enjoy working with boys and girls, and who like the out-of-doors. Special training in camp skills and counseling will be given all staff members in a special Staff Training Camp, June 9-12, at Don-Lee. (See below.) (This session is open also to persons desiring such training who may not be able to serve on a staff at our camp this season.)

Recommendations for and inquiries about counseling positions should be addressed to Rev. Curt Gatlin, Box 6667, College Station, Durham.

Color Slides Available

A set of 35 mm. kodachrome slides depicting life in camp at Don-Lee is available for use with church youth groups. These slides may be borrowed from the Board office at no service charge for short-term use. State date desired—and alternate date—in case of previous booking.

Staff Training Camp

All members of Don-Lee camp staffs—and any other persons desiring this training—will participate in a three-day training camp, June 9-12, on our conference camp site. Special training in camper counseling, nature lore, camping skills, and program planning, will be given. The "what-and-how" of day-camping (non-resident camping) will also be considered carefully.

Leadership for this session will include Miss LaDonna Bogardus, Nashville, Tenn., and Bill Hamnett of the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh. Miss Bogardus will give particular attention to work with Junior campers; Mr. Hamnett, to outdoor living and nature study.

Individuals who wish to attend the training camp and who will not be on



the Don-Lee staff should write the Board office for registration costs and other information.

Added Features at Don-Lee

In addition to the Christian Adventure and Junior Camps scheduled for Don-Lee this summer there are at least two other events planned—the Young Adults Weekend Assembly and the Older Youth Assembly.

The first of these features is a three-day program for young adults, June 6-8, directed by Mr. John Meares. The other is a four-day assembly for post-high-school-age youth, set for August 23-27, planned by the conference youth council and Curt Gatlin.

More information on both these events will appear in THE ADVOCATE later.

In Memoriam

MRS. DAISY RUMLEY HATSELL

BEAUFORT—Mrs. Daisy Rumley Hattsel, daughter of Denard and Mary Perry Rumley, died February 6 in Beaufort at the age of 79. She was a sister of the late Rev. Julian Rumley of the North Carolina Conference and was an active member of The Methodist Church throughout her life.

Amy Muse

MRS. FOREST WILLIAMS

SHELBY.—On January 6, 1953, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take from our midst one of the noblest, truest and best loved women, Mrs. Forest Williams. Circle number one of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, realizes we have suffered a great loss.

Mrs. Williams was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. She was always ready to help those who needed her, forgetting self in so doing.

We wish her loved ones to know that our sympathy goes out to them in their loss, yet rejoices with them that she is at home with her Redeemer.—Mrs. Durant Crowder, Mrs. John Johnston, Mrs. Bert Bumgardner.

MRS. EMILY E. ADAMS

AHOSKIE.—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of the Ahoskie Methodist Church, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and faithful member, Mrs. Emily E. Adams, who entered into eternal life December 26, 1952.

We are mindful that today the presence of those we love may fill our cup with joy, and tomorrow sore bereavement may cast us into the valley of sorrow. But it is with grateful hearts that we acknowledge the goodness of God for the privilege to know and love Emily E. Adams; and that for a time, in the pilgrimage of life, we walked along together. As we pay tribute to the virtues exemplified in her life may we rededicate ourselves to the principles by which she lived.

Whereas, the society misses her presence, her prayers, her abiding interest and capable leadership as she repeatedly served as president, vice-president, secretary of spiritual life, and circle chairman, as well as her loyal support of the entire program of the W. S. C. S.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we accept this dispensation of Providence as a means of drawing us closer to God and each other as we labor together for the ongoing of His Kingdom, until we too are called into a higher and fuller service; that a copy of the resolutions be entered in the records of our society and that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and to the members of her family.

W. RANDALL HARRIS

ASHEVILLE—WHEREAS, the Official Board of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, composed of men and women who have for many years unselfishly, and at the sacrifice of time and money, furthered the work of our church and advanced the cause of Christianity;

AND WHEREAS, one of the outstanding members of Central Methodist Church and its Official Board has suddenly, and without warning, been relieved of his earthly duties;

AND WHEREAS, we recognize the sterling character of W. Randall Harris and wish to publicly and officially acknowledge our great debt to him for the wise counsel that he has given us and the great amount of time he has devoted to our church.

AND WHEREAS, we know that the official positions held in our church by W. Randall Harris must be filled, but in doing so we are cognizant of the fact that his place in our hearts and thoughts cannot ever be filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Official Board of Central church as follows:

1. That we, individually and collectively, are saddened by the death of our friend and associate, W. Randall Harris.

2. That the unselfish and consecrated devotion displayed by W. Randall Harris in all matters affecting Central Methodist Church will be greatly missed for many years to come.

3. That this resolution be entered in the minutes of the deliberations of the Official Board of Central Methodist Church and that a true copy be delivered to the family of W. Randall Harris, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Janet Niblean, Secretary
Chas. G. Lee, Jr., Chairman

JOSEPH S. WOMBLE

CARTHAGE—On the morning of Friday, February 13, 1953, Joseph S. Womble died suddenly of a heart attack at the home of Mrs. M. J. McPhail, his sister-in-law at whose home he resided. He was born August 14, 1876, and lived most of his life in Carthage.

Brother Womble was a steward of the Carthage Methodist Church for several years, and at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Trustees of the church. He loved his church and was a faithful attendant at its services. He had retired from his work, but in earlier days he was a skilled craftsman in woodwork, and was foreman of the woodshop of the Tyson and Jones Buggy Company of former Carthage days. He was an industrious, honest, thrifty, and honorable man, who was respected among all his associates in his work, in his town, and in his church. He was a man of faith whom we shall miss, but we

rejoice in the assurance that he has entered into the eternal spiritual realm, and into the service of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is survived by one son, Joseph Womble, Jr., of New York, three sisters, Mrs. W. I. Stockton of Siler City, Mrs. Will Johnson of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Angus Campbell of Flushing, New York; one brother, Will Womble of Greensboro. His wife, the late Katherine Muse Womble, preceded him many years.

Geo. W. Blount, Pastor

MRS. MATTIE PAGE MERRITT

NEWTON GROVE—Mrs. Mattie Page Merritt was born Jan. 5, 1876, and departed this life Oct. 6, 1952. She was married to A. S. Merritt Oct. 29, 1903. She was converted in early life and united with Trinity Methodist Church near Taylor's Bridge in Sampson County. She was a loyal and faithful member, always ready to serve in any capacity she was called upon to serve. She was a good neighbor, a loving wife and a devoted Christian. Others were enriched by the example of her faith, courage and fidelity. To know her was to love her and those who knew her best loved her most. She will be missed in her home and community for a long time to come but our loss is heaven's gain. She is survived by her husband and two nephews, Chas. Melvin of the home and Hiram Melvin of Charlotte.

The funeral was held in Trinity church by her pastor, Rev. G. H. Tyson, assisted by Rev. M. D. McLamb, a former pastor.

W. J. MCKETHAN

FAYETTEVILLE—We, the members of the Board of Stewards of Camp Ground Methodist Church, wish to express our appreciation for one of our faithful members, W. J. McKethan, who died January 31, 1953, "Mr. Jack", as he was affectionately known to all, lived fully and nobly the Christian life. He was a life-time member of Camp Ground church, having served it well as a steward and trustee. His love for his church will not fade with his going, but rather does it live on in the lives of his fine children and grandchildren.

We desire to express our sympathy to his good wife and all the children. Though we are grieved by his going, yet we rejoice to know that he lived so well before his fellowmen.

We hereby vote to send a copy of this appreciation to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication, a copy to his wife, and a copy to be recorded in the minutes of this organization.

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Camp Ground Methodist Church
J. Malloy Owen, Jr., Chairman

MRS. LENA A. GRANT

PLEASANT HILL—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Spring church, Pleasant Hill and Lebanon churches wish to express our feeling of loss in the passing of our beloved member, Mrs. Lena A. Grant, February 10, 1953. We would like to pay tribute to her as our faithful member and for her loving service.

Her life was always ready for service to her church, Woman's Society, home, community, any service to our heavenly Father. She was quiet and sincere. Her strong Christian character is a challenge to each of us to follow in her footsteps for our society.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: First—We send love and sympathy to her family. Second—That these resolutions to put on our minutes, and a copy to be sent to her brother, sister and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. W. Crew, Sr.
Mrs. J. N. Massey
Mrs. H. E. Vassar

MRS. LYDA GILMORE

HIGH POINT—Archdale Methodist Church has lost one of its most loyal and consecrated members, Mrs. Lyda Gilmore. We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, wish to pay tribute to her memory. We wish to express our gratitude for her wonderful service and devotion to her neighbors and her church. We also want to express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Mrs. Gilmore was always a kind and faithful person, showing her thoughtfulness and concern for others by her good deeds. It would be hard to find a harder church worker or a more loyal member.

Therefore be it resolved: That in appreciation of her devoted service this tribute of love and respect be written in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy sent to her family, and one be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

ARCHDALE METHODIST CHURCH
Mrs. I. K. Purvie
Mrs. L. J. Marshall

ALBERT STANLEY WARD

MADISON—News of the accidental death of Albert Stanley Ward, 33, came as a great shock to his family and friends. The tragedy occurred on September 2, 1952. While working on a power line he came in contact with high voltage wires which were supposed to have been disconnected.

A member of Bethesda Methodist Church, Madison, Route 1, since early boyhood, he was at the time of his death serving on the board of stewards and was treasurer of the Cemetery Club. He was a member of the Dan River Masonic Lodge No. 129.

Born in Stokes county June 25, 1919, most of his life had been spent here. For several years he was part owner of Blackwell Garage and Service Station

and spent most of his time in mechanical work. In the past three years he had been employed by the L. W. Routh Construction Company and was working out of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., at the time of the accident.

He was the son of Albert L. Ward and the late Eliza Flynn Ward. Surviving, in addition to his father, are three sisters, Misses Evelyn, Louise, and Betty Jean Ward all of the home. Funeral services were conducted at Bethesda Methodist Church by Rev. W. B. Royals and Rev. F. C. Hubbard in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Stanley's outstanding personality and fine Christian character made his life an inspiration to those who knew him, and won for him a host of friends wherever he went.

MRS. N. W. DAILY

ELIZABETH CITY—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. N. W. Daily who died on November 11, 1952.

Her devotion to her family, her friends and her church was outstanding, and as long as her health permitted, was a loyal attendant of the Society. Though we miss her, may we ever cherish her memory, and to the bereaved family, we express our sincere sympathy and personal loss and ask, that in appreciation of her life this tribute of love and respect be recorded in our minutes, a copy be sent to her family and to our church paper, the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. G. R. Barrow
Mrs. Constant Fearing
Mrs. Gilbert James

MRS. HATTIE GRAY HENDRIX

PLEASANT GARDEN—Mrs. Hattie Gray Hendrix, 78, for several years a citizen of Pleasant Garden, N. C., died February 5, 1953, and was buried in the church cemetery.

Born in Randolph County, June 22, 1874, she was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Gray. When still a young girl her family moved to Pleasant Garden, where her father, a medical doctor, practiced for several years. Early in womanhood Hattie Gray was married to Mr. Vick Neelley and to that union were born five children, four of whom survive: Mrs. Lee Neelley of Greensboro, Mrs. Basil G. Ross and Misses Ethel and Sarah Neelley of Pleasant Garden. After the death of Mr. Neelley she married Mr. John C. Hendrix who passed away about two years ago. A son, J. C. Hendrix, Jr., of the home, survives.

Mrs. Hendrix was a loving mother, grandmother and wife; a kind neighbor and a loyal church member. She possessed a talent for verse and wrote several which her family and friends have loved. One, in prayer, it seems was realized in her life and in the last hours:

Help me to live each day and hour
As Thou wouldn't have me live.
Protect me with Thy heavenly power;
In death be with me still.

Perhaps her best composition was one entitled "The Babe of Bethlehem";
In old Judea, long ago
As shepherds watched by night;
A star was seen with radiant glow
Which filled their hearts with fright.

An angel said, "Be not afraid,
A message sweet I bring;
For unto you a Child is born,
A Saviour, Prince and King."

Then sang the angel choir above
"Peace and goodwill to men."
The star shone brightly on their way,
Which led to Bethlehem.

They found Him in a manger;
Worshipped on bended knee.
This little Babe of Bethlehem,
Who came for you and me.

Mrs. Hendrix will long be remembered for her kindness and gentleness to all, and for her influence which will be felt as the years go on.

Mrs. Bernard W. Kirkman

THE METHODISTS HAVE COME TO FORMOSA

(Continued from page ten)

America is here in the personnel of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), in the "Point Four Program" (Mutual Security Assistance (MSA)). The United Nations is here in personnel WHO and UNICEF. Recently the head MSA in Taiwan said that because of progress being made Taiwan would be independent of economic aid within five years' time.

But spiritual need is more clamant universal, timeless. That is why Methodism is in Taiwan and why we covet your operation in this new undertaking by your Church.

Why Celebrate the Lord's Supper?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 26:6-13, 26-30

The common meals of a group of Christians may well be turned into a Lord's Supper, where they partake of their food as the gift of God, and as a symbol of the infinitely more precious gift of his body broken for them.

Our lesson begins with the story of the feast in the house of Simon the leper. We can be sure that Simon was no longer a leper, and that the guests were full of wondering gratitude to Jesus for healing him. A good woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive ointment, and poured it on his head as he sat at the table. She perfectly expressed the spirit that should dominate every gathering of Christians. We should all have an eager desire to express our gratitude to Christ for what he has done for us, and should also overflow with love for one another.

But when the disciples saw this prodigal outpouring of the costly ointment some were indignant, and said it might have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor. But Jesus said, Why do you trouble the woman? she has anointed my body for the burial. And without doubt when shortly afterward Jesus was crucified, the soldiers were astonished at the exquisite perfume that still adhered to his garments. The act of the woman was an inspiring symbol of the overflowing devotion we owe to Christ for going to the cross for our salvation. And Jesus said that wherever his gospel was preached in the whole world what this woman had done would be told as a memorial of her. And this plainly suggests that we also should tell of all similar acts of spontaneous, sacrificial love for Christ and his followers. This is one of the best ways to preach the gospel.

After this came the celebration of the Jewish feast of the Passover. In it Jesus illustrated how he fulfills, nay rather overflows the old Jewish customs. The Jews observed the Passover once a year, but this Christian sacrament was to be observed frequently, because Christians are constantly to partake of the sacrificed life of the Saviour. And the fact that they were so often to observe this sacrament suggests that it symbolizes the very heart of the gospel, and represents a truth that can scarcely be over-emphasized. To the Christian Jesus is the perfect teacher, and the perfect example, but he is more than that. He is the One who gives to us his very own life. In a spiritual sense we eat of the flesh and drink of the blood of the Son of man.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper should of all things be kept from being merely sentimental, for Jesus when he said, This is my body, and This is my blood, knew that he was to be crucified on the morrow, and hence he expects us by faith to receive from him divine strength bravely to witness for him, and manifest his sacrificial love for our fellow men. And the rite should be free from all superstition, for to ascribe a magic quality to the bread and the wine is in contrast with the spirit of Jesus. Our Lord himself, and He alone, is the divine source of grace and strength.

After they partook of the Lord's Supper he sang a hymn and went with new courage out into the darkness. And so ought we to sing in our hearts when by faith we receive the grace and mercy of our Lord and Saviour. All through the centuries men facing great danger have partaken of the sacrament, and received reinforcement and courage to face their trials. As we partake of it, we should hear the words of our Saviour, In the world ye have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

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WHEN THE MARCH WIND BLEW

By Janice June

It was a March day, and the wind was blowing. Some March days are pleasant. They suggest new green things soon to be, and a sun growing warm. This day was not one of that kind. It was a day cold at the edges so that one pulled one's coat quite tight and hoped to get there, wherever it was, soon.

It was school for Danny—and a strange school at that. As everyone knows, March is not a time to enter a strange school. Danny lived with his mother and his father in a trailer, and when they moved, he naturally moved too. This year they moved in March.

Danny turned into the schoolhouse, entered the principal's office, and presented a card from his last school. At least he had known enough not to bring his mother along.

"Hmm," said the principal, looking at Danny. "It says here you're to be in the fourth grade. Well, we'll try you there."

It did not sound promising and it was as bad as it sounded when Danny went into the classroom. Everyone stared. Two or three boys snickered. Why? There was nothing wrong with Danny except that he lived in a trailer and started in a new school in March.

At recess, the fourth grade played games in class because it was too windy to play outside. Most of the games Danny had never heard of, and everyone watched when he muddled things up.

"You've never played this before?" the teacher asked—and all the class hung on his answer.

"No ma'am."

"Danny's never played drop-the-eraser," she said to the class, "so we must all be kind and help him—"

"Oh, rats!" thought Danny.

"Where do you live, Danny?"

"Over there—in that big field," said Danny. "There where the trailer is."

"Danny lives in a trailer," explained the teacher, although the boys and girls had quite keen hearing and had heard every word.

"You know we're going to have lots and lots of trailers pretty soon, and there'll be lots and lots of new boys in school."

"My father says it's going to ruin the country," said one little girl, rising to speak, and switching her skirts importantly.

"My mother says we'd better move out—all these riff-raffy people coming in," said another little girl.

"Now, now," said the teacher, "that's no way to talk."

All this time, Danny had been standing, holding the "dropped" eraser in his hands. "Give me the eraser," said the teacher briskly. "Recess is over."

Danny could feel the gritty chalk from the eraser on the palms of his hands.

"Oh, my!" thought he. "This is fierce. This is simply fierce."

But the day wore on—as days do—and the time came to go home.

"I wonder how I'll get to my place," thought Danny, "with all these kids around."

"Probably I'll have no friends till the other trailers come," he thought. It was really too bad that his father always had to be one of the first at these places—and

just as Danny got acquainted, they had to move on.

The children all went out two by two, their books under their arms—quiet and docile. Danny was not fooled by that. The minute they got outside, everything would be different. He knew. And it was true. Outside, the boys and girls began running and shouting, and the March wind picked up the excitement, caught hold of Danny's cap, and away it went off over a great bare field.

"Look at the trailer boy's cap," the children shrieked. "Catch the trailer boy's cap." And off they went pell mell while Danny stood with his nose getting red in the wind and his hands getting chapped.

"Oh, my!" thought Danny. "My, my!" And suddenly one boy came running back with the cap.

"Here you are," he said. "These kids—they haven't got any sense."

Danny put his cap on and fastened the flap under his chin. "Want me to walk you home?" asked the boy.

Danny shook his head.

But the boy fell into step beside Danny. Danny walked silently on.

"Why doesn't he go back where he belongs?" thought Danny. Why does he come poking along with me?"

And the wind blew at his back so that he almost bent over.

"Pretty bad old wind," said the boy. "Worse than ever since they dug up all the trees with the tractors. We useta have a good grove here. Now it's all cut down for trailers," his voice blew against Danny's ears as they walked along. It was just a little way now to the trailer. "It was a nice grove of trees. One tree had a swing on it, and in the spring—after this old wind stopped blowing—we used to have our lunches there."

Every place Danny had ever been—every place he remembered at least the trees had always been cut down. Always he lived in a bare lot with other trailers—rows and rows of them. But at first there was always one trailer out in the middle—all alone—his trailer.

The other boy was coming right along. They got to the steps of the trailer. Danny stopped and so did the boy.

"Well," said Danny, "so long!"

They stood looking at each other.

"It's not my fault they cut down the trees," thought Danny. "I wish I didn't have to go to school. I wish I didn't have to, ever again. I didn't cut down their old trees."

"You know," said the other boy, "I have never been inside a trailer."

And as the red crept up this boy's face, Danny found himself saying:

"You want to see inside?"

"Oh, gee," said the other boy. "Gee! Yes."

Why, this boy wanted to see something of Danny's very own! Why, Danny could give this boy something—a look at his house.

"C'mon in," he said gruffly. "It's windy out here." Importantly he threw open the door.

"Mom," he cried. "Hey, Mom, I'm home and I brought me a friend."

—World Outlook

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Announcements

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The Spiritual Life Retreat for the preachers of our North Carolina Conference will be held at St. Paul Methodist church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Monday, March 23. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M., and will adjourn about 10:00 P.M. All preachers are urged to attend.

Paul N. Garber, Bishop

TATESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Statesville District Conference will be held at First church, Hickory, Thursday, April 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Representatives of the various interests of the church are invited to present their causes.

Ralph Taylor, D. S.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT SETS MISSIONARY PACE

I consider it a very special privilege as superintendent of the Fayetteville District, to be able to make at the close of the first round of quarterly conferences such a fine report on World Service and Foreign Mission Specials.

The Fayetteville District was apportioned for World Service \$31,502. It has pledged on this item \$35,093 which gives an over-subscribed amount of \$3,591.

For Foreign Mission Specials the district has accepted \$10,440. Every one of the 47 churches has accepted specials and all of the churches are participating in these specials.

Walter C. Ball

Fayetteville

WILMINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Wilmington District Conference will meet in the Clinton Methodist Church, Clinton, on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:45 a.m. All pastors, local church officials, and other interested persons are hereby officially notified.

V. E. Queen, D. S.
Wilmington District

TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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W. A. Tew, Secretary

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1953

MINISTERS INVITED TO

WOMAN'S MEET

Ministers of the North Carolina Conference are invited to attend any or all of the sessions of the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which meets at First church, Rocky Mount, March 24-26.

Mrs. H. I. Glass, president

District Appointments

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Ocracoke, 11	March 15
Atlantic: Sea Level, 7	16
Maysville: Pollocksville, 11	22
Trenton: Oak Grove, 3	22
Conference-Wide PASTORS RETREAT at Goldsboro, 10	23
Fremont: Eureka, 7	23
Dover: Bethany, 7	25
Straits, 11	29
Newport, 7	29

Camp Glenn, 11	April 5
Beaufort Ct: Merrimon, 7	5
Wayne Ct: Providence, 11	11
La Grange: Hickory Grove, 11	12
Goldsboro Ct: Salem, 3	12
DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Mount Olive, 10	13
Our Conference-Wide UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION	17-26
District YOUTH RALLY of the U.E.M. at New Bern, 730	18
Grifton: Edwards, 11	26
Pikeville: Mt. Carmel, 3	26
Seven Spring: Beston, 7	26

South Carolina Conference	May 1-8
EVANGELISTIC MISSION	1-8
Mt. Olive: Calypso, 11	10
Garris-Grove: Piney Grove, 3	10
Pink Hill: Woodington, 7	10
Aurora, 7	13
Walstonburg: Wesley, 11	17
Grimesland: Salem, 3	17
Vanceboro Ct: Epworth, 7	17
Oriental: Kershaw, 7	20
Stonewall: Hobucken, 7	23
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Ayden: Macedonia, 7	31

June 2-5: Annual Convocation at Duke
June 6-7: Laymen's Retreat at Louisburg
June 15-July 1: Supply Pastors School at Duke
June 22-July 10: Supply Pastors School at Emory
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Book Reviews

HOW TO BE A TRANSFORMED PERSON by E. Stanley Jones. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 1951, 364 pages, \$1.50.

A great many ADVOCATE readers are already possessors of this book of daily devotions by the man who was referred to by one of our outstanding preachers recently as "the world's greatest Christian". It is in the best Stanley Jones tradition. Says he: "It is not a question of whether you would be or would not be transformed—you are being transformed, for better or for worse.—It is the nature of human nature to change—we can decide which forces shall mould us. This book undertakes to show you how."

While the book is primarily a "page-a-day" book, it is also divided into weekly units and can be used as a basis of study for a group. Ministers will find it rich in illustrative material. Stanley Jones' life and experience have been so extraordinarily fruitful and his contacts so many that one gets the impression that these illustra-

tions must come to him quite spontaneously as he talks or writes. Here is a man whose Christian witness has been a power in every quarter of the globe. It is equally easy for Stanley Jones to recall striking incidents from China, India, Japan, or America. It gives the reader the feeling that Christianity has long since become a worldwide faith, which indeed it has. An incident taken at random from the book will illustrate some of the foregoing observations:

"Srinivasa Shastri, a Hindu, one of India's greatest men, said to me 'Religion seems real to you. How did it become real?' I told him simply and straightforwardly of my conversion. At the close he thoughtfully said: 'I see what I need—I need conversion. I must find conversion for myself or I must warm up my heart against someone's heart who has been converted.—He (Shastri) once remarked to an audience at the close of my address: 'We always know where Stanley Jones is coming out. If he begins at the binominal theory, he will come out at the place of conversion.' He was right, for life comes out at that place."

Raymond A. Smith

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By Walt Holcomb

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An American Looks at Europe's Problems

By Bishop Arthur J. Moore

One is forced by the frightful urgencies of the total European situation to attempt a realistic interpretation of the problems. Whenever a thoughtful American examines the assets and liabilities of postwar Europe, he comes almost at once to these two conclusions: (a) there are vast and intricate problems upon whose solution the peace of the world and the happiness of mankind depend; and (b) the problems are so perplexing one loses all desire to speak as a prophet.

We who live in prosperous America are always in danger of losing patience with the European nations, and are apt to accuse them of delaying tactics. Certainly they do seem to lack the courage to take quick and decisive action. At least so it appears to an outsider. What we do not always remember is that twice within the lifetime of a single generation, Europe has witnessed the devastating scourge of two total wars. Millions of men died, vast quantities of wealth were blown to bits, and her cities and lands were ravaged.

In Germany alone there are 6,000,000 more women than men as the result of war. We must not be surprised or disappointed then, if Europeans seem to lack energy and unity in cooperative efforts to prevent another war. I do not write to excuse them for their seeming tardiness; I am only suggesting that the situation in America is one thing, and in Europe is quite something else.

The chief topic of conversation on both sides of the Atlantic just now, is the prospect for the early ratification of the six-nation European Army Treaty. During his recent visit to several European capitals, John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State, sought to impress upon the leaders of these nations who are allied with us the paramount importance of their taking more decisive action if they are to continue to receive American aid. He emphasized that he would need evidence of their purpose to cooperate fully in order that he might convince America to continue its foreign aid program. In fact, he warned Europe, with notable frankness that if they failed to take action he would not be able to represent them effectively before the American Congress.

With all of that I agree, but there is something to be said about the age-old suspicions and fears between Germany and France, and other countries, which makes quick and positive action difficult if not impossible. We have entered upon a long and difficult road and we must not turn back even when the pace of our partners is slower than we like. Either we stick together and thus form a coalition strong enough to deter the bold imperialism of Russia, or we fall to pieces and surrender Europe to communism by default. At least so it appears to me.

Quest for Freedom

Another topic of almost endless conversation over here is the great number of German refugees who are slipping daily across the iron curtain from East to West Germany. The Soviets have done everything possible to stop this flow of distraught men, women and children; but, as I write, they continue to come. Today's paper tells of more than 3,000 who at great risk of life and loss of all property crossed the line only yesterday. The Russians have created what is known as a "dead zone," complete with guard towers, barbed wire and ditches designed to stop the flow of refugees. But still they come.

Practically all of them cross from the Eastern Zone of Berlin to the Western or Allied Zone, and are then flown out in airplanes to different places in that part of Germany being occupied by America, England and France. This great number of refugees represent all walks of life.

Let no one think that those who reach freedom do so by simply crossing a line. That would be a great injustice to the men and women who have escaped. Once having made the decision to leave homes, possessions, and friends in the Eastern Zone for life in an overcrowded refugee camp in the free West, they face all kinds of danger and possible death. How shall they prepare for flight, board the proper trains, or finally cross the border without arousing the suspicions of the police? This can be done only by intelligent planning, reduction of baggage to an absolute minimum, not to mention having nerves of steel. If they are lucky enough to enter Western Germany, there they face a life of poverty in a country overcrowded with refugees. How intolerable slavery must be, and how precious is the air of freedom!

We who have so much freedom in America should highly resolve that our prayers and sacrifice will always be given to defend and preserve those sacred principles which make for human freedom and the well-being of mankind. Long ago William Penn said: "Unless we are governed by God, we will be governed by tyrants." Whenever men put a super-state in the place of reverence for Almighty God, their freedom is gone. Never do I come home from one of these emergency missions without an almost agonizing prayer upon my lips, "O Lord strengthen the Christian convictions and ideals which have made my nation strong and free."

After three busy days with Methodist leaders in England, two days in Paris and one in Brussels where I sought to discharge official responsibilities, I reached Germany on February 19th. For one entire week now I have sought to be of some real help to our German Methodists. Frankfurt, Germany

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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Then there are those with whom we find spiritual fellowship. They are the ones with whom we like to sit and be silent. They are the ones who understand us when we have experiences too deep for words. They are the persons to whom we go when sorrow stuns the reason and numbs the body.

When disaster overwhelms, men do not always find their best consolation among their clubmates. The men with whom we like to associate in lighter vein do not always have what one desires when "deepe calleth unto deepe." The fellowship of kindred spirits which we crave in our moments of deepest need must be cultivated if it is to be preserved. We need friends of the spirit, and we must show ourselves friends of the spirit to others who need.

If such little groups of friends of the spirit were multiplied throughout the land, only God could measure their influence. Communism spreads by the formation of cells. Early Christianity grew by the same principle. Only by vital groups of the good can we counteract the subversive groups of the bad.

Yes, we are known by the company we keep, and our day demands goodness dynamic enough to help keep the company. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

SPEAKING ACQUAINTANCE

"Often when I pass a church
I drop in for a visit,
So that when I'm carried in
The Lord won't say, 'Who is it?'"

MY PREACHER MADE ME TIRED

By J. Doyle Stalcup

My preacher made me tired when he continued to call on me to lead in prayer at the evening church service. Wonder if he didn't know that was his job as a preacher?

My preacher made me tired when he kept wanting me to attend church school regularly and then stay for the morning preaching hour. After that he seemed to expect me to come back for the evening service, not to mention the Wednesday evening family night supper and prayer meeting. There was also the monthly board meeting, as well as the Methodist Men's club. Wonder if he didn't know that I had a lot of other things to do?

My preacher especially made me tired when he kept "preaching money." It seemed that every time I went to church he was wanting money for something. There was the Methodist Home, Race Relations Day, College Day, and many others too numerous to mention. Wonder if he didn't know that I had other financial obligations to meet and that I always paid a little?

My preacher made me tired when he, with the church school superintendent, came and asked me to take a class of teenagers. Wonder if he didn't know that I taught a class several years while my boys was growing up and that some of those who have children now should do their part?

May I tell you when my preacher quit making me tired?

My preacher quit making me tired when I began to take seriously what I said when I answered, "I will," to the following question that was asked when I became a member of The Methodist Church:

"Will you be loyal to The Methodist Church and uphold it with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?"

Does your preacher make you tired?

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THE NEW CHAPEL OF BROAD STREET CHURCH, STATESVILLE

On Sunday, March 8, Bishop Costen J. Harrell dedicated the new Memorial Chapel of Broad Street Church, Statesville. At 9:30 A.M. Bishop Harrell officiated in the Holy Communion in the Chapel, and at the eleven o'clock service preached the dedicatory sermon and led the congregation in the Act of Dedication. From 4:00 until 5:00 Sunday afternoon open house was held in the Chapel for all the people of the community.

The Chapel is dedicated to the memory of members of Broad Street church who have lived and labored and died in the cause of Christ. It is gothic in architecture and planned by Marvin Helms of Charlotte. It was built and fully equipped at the cost of approximately \$35,000.

In addition to its many uses, the Chapel will be open 24 hours a day for prayer and meditation. Every Sunday evening at 6:00 from sixty to seventy young people gather here for quiet worship and prayer.

WILL OUR LORD FIND US SLEEPING?

And they went to a place which is called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray". And he took with him Peter and James and John . . . And he came and found them sleeping. Mark 14: 32-37.

One of the saddest and most heart-breaking experiences that came to our Lord just before his crucifixion occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was aware that opposition against him was crystalizing, that at almost any moment his enemies would come to have him arrested. He knew that death was near.

In that tense, awful moment he invited Peter, James and John to go with him into the Garden. Coming to a certain place, he asked the three to wait while he went a little farther for personal prayer. In the darkest period of testing most of us want to be alone. Jesus prayed. Then he returned to the three who were perhaps the most spiritually sensitive of the disciples. To our Lord's amazement he found Peter, James and John sleeping. In perhaps the most crucial hour, at a time when the whole Christian enterprise hung in the balance, the disciples of Jesus went to sleep. Their dullness of spirit, their spiritual lethargy perhaps hurt more than the nails that later pierced our Lord's body.

This, unfortunately, is a familiar story. Even today, some of us who are supposed to be the most sensitive spiritually are asleep. We are insensitive to the tremendous issues at stake in the world today. We are insensitive to the unprecedented opportunities that confront us today. Many of us in the church think we can go on in the old routine, using archaic methods, going on at an ox-cart-age pace. Some of us think we can keep our old prejudices. We forget that we live in a world in revolution in which people everywhere are demanding liberation, demanding to be treated as fellow-human beings. Yet many of us in the church are stubbornly resisting anything that changes the status quo.

Many of us are insensitive to sin, to its destructive and deadening effects. We have become accustomed to lie down and sleep in the midst of a world whose sins is gnawing like a cancer on our very souls.

Many of us are insensitive to human need. In the face of the suffering confronting our world, multitudes are unstirred, unresponsive. The supreme tragedy of this hour is not simply that there is so much suffering, but that so many of us can live in a world of suffering and be unmoved.

O God, deliver us from our spiritual blindness and our spiritual lethargy. Awaken and sensitize us to our own desperate need. Then keep us sensitive to every human need. May we join with Jesus in giving our lives, if needs be, that men might know the meaning of his crucifixion and the power of his resurrection. Amen.

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.
—Henry Ward Beecher.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHAT DOES PALM SUNDAY MEAN TO US?

Some time ago I sat one evening on the Mount of Olives looking across the city of Jerusalem as the sinking sun touched the dusky domes to gold. In my imagination I pictured the royal personages that had once moved through the streets of the Holy City.

I thought of King David's gallant figure as he fought for his beloved capital and dreamed the designs of his temple. I thought of King Solomon and the splendors of his reign which have stirred the hearts of my Jewish friends ever since.

My mind encompassed also the Crusaders who came to rescue Jerusalem from the Moslem Turks in the name of the Christian kings of Europe. I recalled the breach in the Jerusalem wall made a generation ago to permit the royal entrance of the proud German Kaiser Wilhelm. Then my thought came down to World War I, when the British General Assembly entered the conquered city on foot. The city of Jerusalem has seen many kings and conquerors.

But why was I sitting there pondering the fact? What had brought me and other pilgrims then, as always, thronging the city? Not the mere desire to see the site of David's citadel and Solomon's Temple, not to see the scars of the Crusaders and the tracks of Kaiser Wilhelm and General Allenby.

No, I had come because of another who was called a King—One who had entered the City of Jerusalem on a certain first day of the week now popularly called Palm Sunday.

Compared with the other historic entrances, that Palm Sunday procession gave the least promise of lasting force. No uniformed bands played martial airs. Whatever the impression of that entrance, the followers of Jesus melted away in the next few days as the first flakes of snow melt quickly on a wet sidewalk. By Friday the little furor was over.

Yet the professed followers of that crucified King now number some 600,000,000. The procession grows with each passing year. Nineteen centuries have led our hymn writers to address Him as King Eternal.

Let us think therefore, not about something said on the spur of the moment amid the enthusiasm of Palm Sunday, but about a scene years later. Paul and Silas had come in from their preaching tour to the town of Thessalonica in Greece. For three Sabbaths they had preached in the synagogues of that city, trying to convince the people that Jesus was the Christ.

Many, both Jews and Greeks, believed. But the enemies of Paul gathered a mob and made an uproar before the house of Jason, where Paul was staying. They dragged Jason before the city officials charging: "These have turned the world upside down are come hither also, whom Jason has received; and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another King, one Jesus."

Here, then, years after the first Palm Sunday, we see those early Christians charged with disobeying Caesar because they say that there is another King, one Jesus. Caesar, as Rome's imperial throne, certainly did not seem in much danger

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Father, we would tread softly, for we are on holy ground. Yonder is Christ Thy Son, facing the Cross. So soon He will die there. He finds that there is no other way. He must give himself that others may live. How calmly and quietly He does it all! Like a lamb that is being led to the slaughter, He opens not His mouth. But there is an awful hurting in His sensitive soul. His ideals are so high and our thoughts are so selfish and ordinary, that His heart is broken over our sins. We could be so great, and yet we will not. We could be so helpful to everybody, and yet our common living is a hindrance to so many.

And so we behold Him agonizing in Gethsemane, while very soon now we shall fall asleep and leave Him to suffer alone. Help us not to leave Him alone there, nor anywhere. How could we ever be forgiven?

And yet if we leave our brother alone and ignore his suffering cries, we leave Christ alone. Awaken us, lest we forever die in our selfishness and thoughtlessness without knowing the meaning of the Cross. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

Let me know then, that the secret of holiness, as of peace, is to live 'one day at a time'. To believe in the possibility of a life of 'perfect love' is simple, as John Wesley himself said, to believe that God can answer for us the prayer of the Psalmist: 'Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.' This He can do for me today, and He can do it again tomorrow. Then let me live this day with God.

—Francis B. James

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of the techniques available to us, that the church would make a greater impact upon our generation?

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MCOR Is Methodism's Compassionate Heart

"Compassionate service to persons who have been struck by calamity." This in a sentence is the function of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR). Indeed, MCOR is The Methodist Church serving as the Good Samaritan in other lands. Wherever tragedy and disaster strike, where human need is acute, there MCOR will be—pouring in oil, binding up wounds, saving human life, ministering in the name of Christ.

Some of the needs MCOR is helping to meet are: Korea—aid to Methodist workers and their families, many of whom have lost everything; aid to one family a month costs \$20;—loan to Methodist laymen who have lost everything and want to get started again: loan to one family costs \$50;—clothing for the naked; processing and shipping costs \$15 a bale. India—aid to Methodist workers and their families, many of whom are on the verge of starvation because of inflation; aid for one family for five months costs \$25;—aid to Methodist boys and girls who are in hostels supported by our Methodist boarding schools; extra food for ten boys or girls costs \$10 a month;—aid to patients suffering from tuberculosis; cost of treatment is \$40 monthly.

In addition, MCOR is working through interdenominational agencies, such as Church World Service, in the Displaced Persons program which has brought 58,000 persons to the United States; cost is \$100 a family;—in rehabilitating Korean amputees which costs \$200 each. It is also supporting the World Council of Churches in providing assistance to refugees from behind the iron curtain, which costs \$50 a family; and Arab refugees in Palestine, which costs \$40 a family.

Recently, MCOR voted to send \$50,000 to aid the Dutch in the flooded areas of Holland.

To carry on its work of mercy MCOR depends upon Advance Specials, offerings on World Communion Sunday, week of dedication contributions and direct gifts. Certainly no church or individual Methodist can withhold his prayers and financial support from this healing, helping organization which represents the compassionate heart of Methodism where human need is acutest. Headquarters of MCOR is 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

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Are There Lessons We Can Learn from Communists?

Miss Alice M. Huggins, a Congregational missionary recently returned from China, believes that there are important lessons the church can learn from the Communists.

The first lesson, Miss Huggins says, is the Communist emphasis on youth. "We pamper our young," the missionary explains. "They give the young responsibility, with power." Government work in China is done largely by people in their late teens and early twenties. "I would like to see someone experiment with letting children attend church," Miss Huggins admonishes. "A ten-year-old is perfectly capable of participating in the worship I attend. They are twice as smart as they look! American children could add a great deal to the church if they were given a chance."

A second lesson we could learn from the Communists, the Topeka, Kansas, native declares, is in continuous study of our beliefs. Communists, she says, require everybody to study communism every day.

A third lesson, she explains, is in the realm of psychology. The Communists adapt their techniques to what people can use. "In China," she states, "propaganda is spread by radio, plays, catchy songs that everybody learns, literature on every level, including hundreds of comics, a new medium they learned from the West, but which they use, and the western church fails to use."

The Communists, of course, do many things and have many techniques which the church could never accept. Could it be, however, if we put more emphasis on youth, stressed the study of our Christian beliefs, and made a wider use

The Minister and Federal Social Security

Representative Carl Elliott of Alabama has introduced a bill in Congress which would permit ministers to participate on a voluntary basis in the Federal Social Security Act. The Alabama Congressman, in speaking for his bill, said that it was only fair that clergymen have this right along with many others who are covered under the self-employment provision. He added that ministers ordinarily are underpaid and that it is difficult for them to save any money for old age.

We believe that Congressman Elliott's bill has merit. Most denominations have an inadequate and unsatisfactory retirement plan for their preachers. Even though the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference have about the most liberal pension in The Methodist Church, yet it is for the average retired pastor inadequate. Furthermore, it is quite expensive to the church. For example, the average large will pay several hundred dollars a year while the retired preacher receives from \$40 to \$50 for each year of service. Widows of preachers get considerably less.

Under the Federal pension plan the individual and the firm for which he works each pay an amount equal to 1/2% of the individual's salary up to \$3,600 per year, nothing beyond this amount. In other words, a person now pays up to \$54 a year and his employer pays a similar amount. This percentage is being gradually increased. A person who has been under social security for n years is eligible at age 65 for full social security benefits which amount to \$85 maximum benefits per month plus half that amount for his wife, when he is 65, making a total of \$127.50 monthly. This is about equal to the amount a retired pastor who has served 30 years will receive monthly from Conference Claimants' funds. Based on present rates churches pay to Conference Claimants' Funds in 30 years the church will have paid between \$18,000 and \$20,000—considering average salaries at \$3,600—while in 30 years the individual and the firm for which he works, based on present rates, pay less than \$3,500 for Federal Social Security.

Many ministers in connectional jobs under the present system are at a particular disadvantage. They are not eligible for social security benefits. At the same time, unless the organization for which they work pays \$420 a year to Conference Claimants' funds they are disqualified for a church pension during the years they are out of the pastorate.



That Singing Spirit Of Methodism

And He Hath Put a New Song in My Mouth—Psa. 40: 3

By Bishop Paul N. Garber

It is difficult for Protestants today to realize that 200 years ago our forefathers did not have the beautiful hymns which we now possess. The Roman Catholic church had never favored congregational singing. Martin Luther had written some beautiful hymns, but in the eighteenth century they were used only in German churches. Some of the English Protestant churches used the Psalms as hymns, though the singing of Psalms proved to be dull and lifeless. Before Methodism arose in England, men like Watts and Doddridge had written a few hymns, but in general the use of hymns in church services was very limited.

Methodism must be given the credit for popularizing the use of hymns in Protestant churches. The Methodism that produced the greatest ecclesiastical statesman of all time, John Wesley, also furnished to the world the "poet of Christendom," Charles Wesley.

Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, was born at Epworth on December 18, 1708. He was given an excellent home training by his mother, Susanna Wesley. He was graduated from Oxford University, was ordained as a minister in the Anglican church, and for a short time was a missionary to Georgia. Like his brother John, he had had a vital Christian experience. When John Wesley began the great Methodist movement, Charles aided him as a Methodist itinerant, though he never preached as did his brother, and as he had a large family to support, he soon ceased his itinerant work and located permanently in London.

Charles Wesley's services, however, were not lost to Methodism. While his brother was preaching to the masses of England, Charles served by writing the great hymns of Methodism. His name has been immortalized in Methodism and in all Protestantism because of his devotional poetry. Between 1738 and 1788 he wrote 6,500 hymns, an average of one for every three days for fifty years. It now takes thirteen volumes of 500 hundred pages to contain his hymns. During his lifetime there were issued 63 separate publications of his hymns. No other person has ever written so many hymns.

The Poet of Methodism

Not only did Charles Wesley write many hymns, but he also wrote hymns of unsurpassed excellence, hymns which will last for centuries to come. Nearly 150 years have passed since the death of Charles Wesley, yet sixteen per cent of the hymns in the Methodist Hymnal are written by that Methodist poet. He has been called the "poet of Methodism," though he could more aptly be called the "poet of Christendom," because the entire Christian world has made use of his words. His hymns are to be found not only in Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational hymnals, but also in those used by the Unitarians, the Universalists and the Mormons. The titles of a few of Charles

This message, which appeared in the North Carolina Christian Advocate June 7, 1928, seems particularly appropriate for the evangelistic emphasis in Methodism today.

Wesley's hymns will show how universally they are used: "Jesus, lover of my soul," "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing," "Come Thou Almighty King," "Love divine, all loves excelling," "Hark the herald angels sing," "Christ the Lord is risen today," "A charge to keep I have," "Arise, my soul arise," "Soldiers of Christ arise."

Perhaps the greatest of Charles Wesley's hymns is "Jesus, lover of my soul." It was written shortly after his conversion. Many accounts have been given as to the occasion for writing this hymn. Because of its reference to tempests and storms, it is thought that an ocean storm during Wesley's voyage to Georgia furnished the inspiration. It is one of the supreme hymns of the world. Millions of people have received comfort in the hour of trial and discouragement by the singing of these beautiful words:

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high,
Hide me, O my Saviour hide,
Till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last."

This hymn has gone to all parts of the earth, and has been translated into virtually every language there is. It has been described as the "finest heart hymn in the English language." Henry Ward Beecher declared: "I would rather have written that hymn of Wesley's 'Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly,' than to have had the fame of all the kings that ever sat on earth. That hymn will go on singing until the last trumpet brings forth the angel band; and then, I think, it will mount up on some lip to the very presence of God."

Another great hymn of Charles Wesley's was "O for a thousand tongues to sing." When Wesley was converted he was told that his blessing was an individual affair, and that he must not say anything about it. For a while he followed that policy, but upon the first anniversary of his blessing he had become so enthused over his new found peace with God that instead of keeping it to himself he wrote:

"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of his grace."

Since 1780 this hymn has been placed as Number 1 in nearly all the Methodist hymnals. In reference to this privileged position, Mr. Stead has said: "Given the first place in the Methodist hymn book, it may be said to strike the keynote of

the whole of Methodism, that multitudinous chorus, whose voices, like the sound of many waters, encompassed the world."

Divine Love is Theme

It is inspiring to study in detail the history of Charles Wesley's great hymns, but space allows now for only a few generalizations. First of all, Wesley's hymns are characterized by the theme of divine love. The word "love" appears in his poems hundreds of times. He was never weary of writing about it. "Love" was descriptive of the spirit that animated Wesley. In these immortal words he embodied the theme of God's love to mankind:

"Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown."

Another striking peculiarity of Wesley's poetry is its energy, strength and vitality. He always wrote with vigor because he was always in earnest. He felt deeply and accordingly expressed himself with great force. There is nothing weak, silly, or sentimental in any of Wesley's hymns. Mr. Garret Horder says: "For spontaneity of feeling, his hymns are pre-eminent. They are songs that soar. They have the rush and fervor which bear the soul aloft."

Charles Wesley's hymns expressed the personal element. To him God was not a distant King, but was a spirit dwelling in every believer's heart. Charles Wesley's religion was a personal religion; his whole outlook on life had been moulded by a personal Christian experience. Therefore instead of describing salvation in general terms, Charles Wesley could always picture it as a concrete personal reality. Notice the subjective aspect of the following hymns: "Arise, my soul arise," "Jesus, lover of my soul," "A charge to keep I have," "And are we yet alive?"

Charles Wesley caused the early Methodists to sing from a personal standpoint the great themes of the Christian faith.

Ring With Tone of Assurance

Charles Wesley's hymns ring with the tone of assurance. There was no doubt in Wesley's mind of God's love. He knew that he had received salvation through Jesus Christ. While others wrote about the hope of salvation, Wesley wrote as one who had already experienced that blessing. As an example compare one of Watt's hymns with one that Wesley wrote. Watts said:

"Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Nor Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore."

In contrast with that longing and wishing, Wesley bravely sets forth:

"The promised land, from Pisgah's top,
I now exult to see,
My hope is full: O gracious hope
Of immortality."

Charles Wesley's hymns are immortal because Wesley had personally experienced the things which he describes. He knew the joys of salvation, hence he could sing of them sublimely. Much sorrow had come into his life; so, he was able to sing in tones understood by all in sorrow. The successive deaths of his five children, enabled him to sympathize in verse with those made sorrowful by the hand of death. Wesley's writings met definite human needs. The early Methodists could find inspiration and guidance for every moment of their lives in the hymns of Charles Wesley. Isaac Taylor has declared that there is no height of feeling proper to the spiritual life that "does not

find itself emphatically and pointedly and clearly conveyed in some stanzas of Charles Wesley's hymns".

Embody Theology of Methodist Revival

Charles Wesley's hymns embodied the theology of the Methodist Revival. While John Wesley put the Methodist theology into form, Charles Wesley versified the doctrines, and caused them to be sung by his generation and by all future generations. So many fundamental doctrines of religion were embodied in Charles Wesley's hymns, that once John Wesley declared that the Methodists could find in his brother's hymns a summary of practical and experimental theology. There is hardly a doctrine of Methodism that is not found in Charles Wesley's hymns. In his hymns on God's universal and everlasting love Charles Wesley probably did more to destroy the doctrine of predestination than did all his brother's sermons against it. Very few people today read John Wesley's books on theology, but every Sunday millions of people sing the theology of Methodism in Charles Wesley's hymns.

From 1738 to 1788 Charles Wesley served his Master by writing the great hymns of Methodism. He praised his Saviour to the very end of life. A few days

before his death, while in extreme feebleness he called Mrs. Wesley to his bedside and requested her to write the following lines at his dictation:

"In age and feebleness extreme,
Who shall a sinful worm redeem?
Jesus, my only hope thou art,
Strength of my failing flesh and heart,
O could I catch a smile from thee,
And drop into eternity."

That was Charles Wesley's swan song. In beautiful sentiment, one historian has written of Charles Wesley: "For fifty years, Christ as the Redeemer of men had been the subject of his effective ministry, and of his loftiest songs; and he may be said to have died with a hymn to Christ upon his lips."

Charles Wesley put a new song into the life of England. The early Methodists began to sing his great hymns, and soon the characteristic note of Methodism was joyfulness. The religion of some denominations had made the people sour and morose; the Methodists, on the other hand, became happy people. Soon it was possible to locate the Methodists because of the singing and whistling that were always heard in a Methodist home. Singing of Wesley's hymns by the Methodists affected the nation. All the nation broke into song. Clarke records: "In church and

chapels, by the wayside, and in the field. In the shop and in the kitchen, and in the parlor, on foot and on horseback, men learned to sing."

Methodism would never have had its marvelous progress without its great hymnology. Fletcher truthfully has stated: "One of the greatest blessings that God has bestowed upon the Methodists, next to the Bible, is their collection of hymns." Charles Wesley's great hymns have been a part of our fighting spirit. Are we making sufficient use of them in our churches? Are we allowing the transitory popularity of some modern hymns to supplant "Jesus, lover of my soul," and "Love divine, all loves excell-ing?" Are we wise in encouraging paid choirs to do the majority of our singing? Are we not often permitting elaborate anthems and sometimes even pagan music to take the place of the Christian hymns of Charles Wesley? Methodism made progress because it had a new song in its soul. If Methodists allow their music and song to go out of their lives, will they keep their fighting spirit? Dr. Buckley spoke wisdom, when before the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in 1881 he said: "Mark this: Methodism dies when Methodists do not sing; or singing, do not sing their doctrines and experiences."



CALVARY: 1953

By Sherrill B. Biggers

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him . . ." Luke 23: 33

One evening Dr. W. A. Smart returned home and found his wife weeping over an open Bible, saying, "They crucified Him, they crucified Him!" This is the realization that we want to break with new meaning upon our minds during these Lenten days.

When the funeral train of Abraham Lincoln passed through Albany on its way to Springfield, a Negro mother held up her little boy and said, "Take a good look, honey, he died for you." Not only should we remember that Jesus was crucified, but that he was crucified for you and me.

Many believe that if Christ lived today on earth, we would crucify Him again. Be that as it may, we have an opportunity to crucify Him as it is.

First, Jesus was and is crucified by people like Caiaphas, men and women with narrow, prejudiced minds. Some-time ago, I was talking with a Christian who quoted Scripture profusely, unfamiliar Scripture. When, in the course of the conversation, I mentioned that I was planning to attend a retreat for Protestants, Catholics, and Jews he said, "and let them fill you with that brotherhood stuff!" The poet has said of Caiaphas, the high priest who helped engineer Jesus' crucifixion:

Caiaphas was in his own mind
A benefactor of mankind,
And read the Bible day and night.

We must never forget that Christ was crucified by some very "religious" people. Caiaphas was not only a man who lived long ago, he is a type of person who lives in every age, even today.

Jesus was and is crucified by men and women like Judas, men and women who

promise Christ that they will follow Him and then quit. Judas followed Christ as long as Christ agreed with him. Christ limited is Christ crucified. Jesus said, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." It is easy to pledge our loyalty to Christ with a silent "if" in our hearts. "If" is a little word, yea it is a little door that stands forever open and through it many have gone in and out of the Kingdom of God without so much as squeaking the hinges. I will follow you Christ, IF you go my way and IF it doesn't cost too much!

Some think Judas betrayed Jesus primarily because of money, and that is something for us to think about; others believe it was because Jesus chose too high a way—the way of love instead of hate and force. Many could be "won" for the Church today if we took out the cross and put in the club, took out the savior and put in the judge, took out love and put in strife. Like the fabled fox, Judas saw the grapes were high, so he "decided" they were sour and became like the "sour". Judas was not only a man who lived long ago, he is a type of person who lives in every age, even today.

Still again, Jesus was and is crucified by people like Peter, men and women who won't "Take the witness stand for Christ". They do not shout "Crucify Him", yet they leave His defense to the preacher and the Sunday School teacher.

Dr. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy expressed it in his poem "Indifference":

When Jesus came to Golgotha they hanged
Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and
feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of

thorns, red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and
human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham, they
simply passed Him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only
let Him die;
For men had grown more tender, and
they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the street,
and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them for they
know not what they do."
And still it rained the wintry rain that
drenched Him through and through;
The crowds went home and left the
streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall and
cried for Calvary.

I know the strength of the Lord's army is not determined by numbers, yet the forces of evil are afraid of numbers. Perhaps the enemies of Jesus would have taken him sooner but they "feared the people" (Mark 12: 12). Could it be that they waited until they had a less dangerous minority? Christianity has come to a critical stage in America today if for no other reason than that the ratio of Christians to non-Christians is about 50-50. Don't think that those who "use" the ballot box for selfish and evil purposes haven't noticed this! When Pilate had tried everything else, he tried "democracy" and launched that tragic campaign between Jesus and Barabbas (Mark 15). Christ and His Church needs everyone who names the name of Christ as never before. One reason that Christ was crucified was simply this—when the corridors of the pretorium multiplied enemy voices shouting "Crucify Him", there were not enough of His followers present and shouting to shout them down. Peter and Pilate were not only men who lived in the long ago, they are kinds of temptations that live in us today.

This is a good time to raise again the question, "Lord, it is I? There is food for meditation in the words of that Negro spiritual "Were You There, When They Crucified My Lord?"

World Methodist Evangelistic Convocation Set; Leaders Plan Youth Emphasis

EXPECT 67,000 TO ATTEND WORLD METHODIST EVANGELISTIC MEET

The eyes of Methodism are turning with mounting interest to Philadelphia, Pa., where the World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism will be held June 26-28, 1953. "The Friendly City" is preparing to welcome 10,000 official delegates to the Convocation which will come to a climax on Sunday afternoon, June 28, the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birthday, with a great mass meeting at Franklin Field. An attendance of 67,000 is expected.

With registrations coming in from all over the nation, it is noted that the entire Judicial Council of the church will be present. The General Conference Commission on Cultivation and Promotion has arranged to meet in Philadelphia for its spring meeting the two days after the World Convocation.

Some of the speakers include Dr. Dorothy Farrar, vice president of the British Methodist Conference; Dr. Harold Roberts, vice president of the World Methodist Council; Mr. E. Vincent Perkins, secretary of the World Methodist Council; and Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, pastor of Central Hall, Birmingham, England. These from England, combined with the leaders of the World Methodist Council in this country, will voice the central theme of the World Mission on Evangelism, "Christ Can Change the World."

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METHODISTS TO EMPHASIZE YOUTH WORK DURING QUADRENNIUM

More Methodists are putting their minds and will to work to make effective the church's current four-year emphasis upon youth.

Wedging a two-day strategy conference into their already tightly-packed schedules, 37 leaders of the denomination met in Chicago March 11 and 12 as a general advisory committee on the youth emphasis.

Invited to meet by the children's youth department, the committee was charged with offering practical suggestions on ways of arousing The Methodist Church to the need for "an unusual effort in developing, improving, and extending its youth program."

Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the board's youth department, described the environment of young people today as "disrupted by the all-pervading sense of fear and suspicion."

He cited statistics to show that The Methodist Church is working with 23,000 fewer youth than it did five years ago and that three out of four young people are outside the church. Official census estimates indicate that by 1960 the youth population of the country will reach more than 32 million—an increase of 20 per cent—and will greatly increase Methodist responsibilities.

"The vast majority of the youth of this generation," according to Mr. Ewing, "are seeking friendly guidance for constructive, positive living. If the church is to help young people make a positive contribution to their day, it must find ways of countering the negative elements in youth's world and work with them in qualitative experiences through which life can be changed in the direction of Christian growth."

The 1952 General Conference declared that "it is imperative that we discover new and more effective means of minister-



ing to the youth of this generation" and adopted a four-year youth emphasis.

Keeping faith with that mandate, responsible groups have been busy since last summer laying the groundwork for the youth emphasis. A national planning conference held in August at Purdue University adopted a five-point program:

1. To help youth lay hold of the transforming power of God.
2. To meet the world's pagan forces with Christian conviction and action.
3. To capture young people everywhere with the message of Christ.
4. To work for a dynamic Christian fellowship in the local and world community.
5. To prepare for the task through vocation, through churchmanship, and through service in the community.

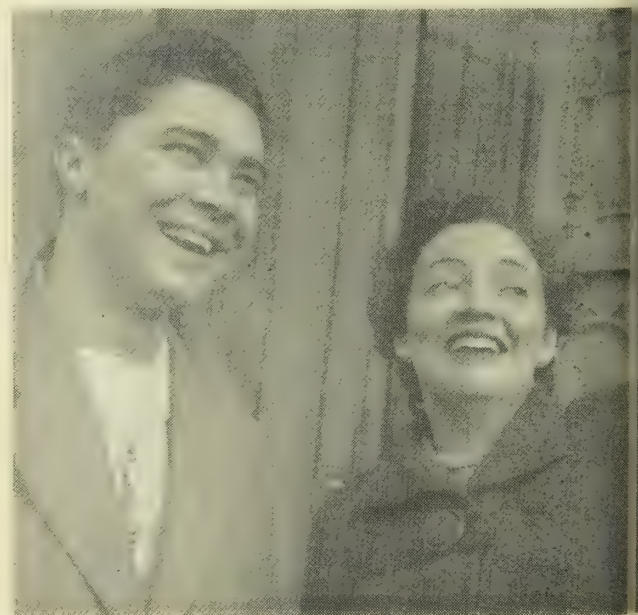
In November the Council of Bishops issued a strong statement endorsing the youth emphasis, named six of their number to serve on the general committee, and designated 1953 as a period of preparation leading up to the year's end services when the whole church would be called to prayer to face its responsibility for strengthening the youth program.

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FINDS JAPAN CHURCH PIONEERING

Miss Alice Cary, administrative secretary for Japan under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational Christian) is now on a visit to churches in the Far East. From

Just returned from an enjoyable week at a United Nations-government seminar sponsored by the National Conference of Methodist Youth are these two Duke University student. Don Beaty, president of Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Nancy Lee Smith, president of North Carolina Conference MYF, attended the United Nations General Assembly, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City, then traveled on down to Washington to sit in on sessions of the House and Senate, to interview senators and representatives, and to try to formulate their Christian position on international relations problems, such as economic aid, technical assistance, human rights, disarmament, and so on.



Tokyo she writes in commendation of the activities of (United) Church of Christ in Japan:

"Tokyo gave me the chance to meet with the Church of Christ in Japan leader, to see for myself the great advance they have made since those early stumbling post-war years. I reached the city just in time to sit in on an Executive Board meeting, to hear reports from surrounding churches, and to me the most encouraging of all, to learn first hand of the new pioneer programs which are opening up new fields in rural areas. To listen to a young man, recently graduated from our Theological School, tell of his experiences breaking into an area hitherto untouched by regular Christian work, and the results of just one year's work there, convinced me of the validity of the program and makes us proud that our contributions to the United Church are going now almost entirely to such projects. The Japanese themselves feel competent to care for the established churches, hard as the going often is, asking that our support be used for opening new work in new fields. As colleagues in this venture, our evangelistic missionaries work in close cooperation with young Japanese ministers."

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COLOR FILM ON JOHN WESLEY BEING MADE

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Church's full-length color film on the life of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism, will be ready for release next fall, it was announced here by two officials of the church's Radio and Film Commission.

Rev. Harry C. Spencer and Rev. Howard E. Tower, executive secretaries of the commission, returned here March 7 from London, where they conferred with Arthur Rank, British movie producer.

Spencer and Tower said that Rank, a noted Methodist layman, has scheduled shooting the film in April by one of his movie companies, Religious Films, Ltd.

"We found film negative temporarily in short supply in England, but Rank assured us that filming of Queen Elizabeth's coronation will not delay production of our Wesley movie," Mr. Spencer said.

The 16 mm. film is scheduled for premiere showings in representative Methodist churches across the country during September and October prior to general release to the denomination's other 40,000 churches.

The Board of Managers
of
The Methodist Home
Charlotte, North Carolina
cordially invite the ministers and members
of the churches of the Western North Carolina
Annual Conference to attend the
Service of Dedication
of
The George Washington Ivey Memorial Chapel
and the
formal opening of the new South Wing
Monday, April 6, at four o'clock in the afternoon

The service will be followed by a reception in the dining room

Formal Opening of the New Wing of The Methodist Home
Is Scheduled as Part of Dedication Program

A Program of Healing and Rehabilitation

Willard S. Farrow

The third floors of all the buildings are devoted to the Infirmary and the Geriatric department.

When illness comes to members of the Home they receive skillful and loving care in the Infirmary. The death rate is exceptionally low. The Infirmary staff includes two doctors, a general practitioner and a specialist in internal medicine. They conduct regular clinics in the Home, and they are on call at all times. A consulting staff is available in the various fields of specialized medicine.

Two registered graduate nurses are assisted by six licensed practical nurses and thirteen nurses' aids, orderlies and helpers.

The Geriatric Department

When the frailties of the years overtake members, they live in the Geriatric department. Life here is tempered to the strength of the patients. It is cheerful and colorful. There are three small dining rooms where social life is a feature of mealtime. The various social rooms of this department are equipped with radios, record player, television, piano and all of the furnishings and equipment for gracious living. From the colorful rooms the patients look out over spacious, beautifully landscaped grounds.

The Residence Areas

In completing Unit 3, or the new South wing, in addition to being able to render the additional services on the third floor mentioned elsewhere in this article, three distinct needs were met on the other three floors. A total of 44 resident rooms were added on the second, first and ground floors. Up until this time the backlog of applications had reached unheard of proportions, but immediately within a four-week period 38 new members were welcomed into the Home, and by the end of April the balance of all available rooms will be occupied by members whose applications have already been approved. Accompanying these added resident rooms are six separate social areas in the form of either well appointed foyers or solaria.

Secondly, on the first floor the new wing gave the Home its much needed suite of administrative offices—five separate light, airy, beautiful rooms—all joined by inner connecting doors. Walking down the hall from the Pickens building going toward the Chapel foyer the offices in order are: Cashier-bookkeeper office, business manager, superintendent's outer office for staff secretaries, superintendent's inner or private office, and last the conference room which serves for the regular staff meetings, Home Council, and various other committee meetings.

Third, in finishing the new wing on the left side of the hallway of the first floor an office for the director of home life, a ladies' lounge, a nurses' living suite, a members' reading room, all badly needed, came into being. Then on the ground floor the hobby shop has burst from a crowded one-room bud into a flower of four wonderful, large rooms, plus a combination salesroom and a much needed Trading Post. It is also in this area we find the new beauty parlor and barber shop.

The completion of Unit 3 has truly made it possible for the Methodist Home to serve a greater number of deserving older people more graciously and efficiently in their twilight years.

The Chapel at The Methodist Home

Mrs. G. G. Adams

It is most fitting that the Chapel in the Methodist Home will be known as the George Washington Ivey Memorial. A noble man thus honored by noble sons and the Conference in which he labored for nearly 53 years. Rev. George Washington Ivey was an itinerant Methodist preacher in the days when the bishop thought that young preachers should move every year. Many thought that if a preacher were sent to the same appointment for more than two or three years, that he was not able to do what was expected of him.

The itinerant preachers of those days were known as "circuit-riders." Circuits were large and often the roads were uncharted and not many of them were paved. This did not discourage or deter George Washington Ivey, known as "Uncle Ivey." A quotation from "The Man of the Burning Heart," by Plyler, gives a clear insight into the heart of this loved man: "He was a brave yet gentle circuit rider with body of oak and heart of gold. Without a break and without a strain, that strong body and knightly soul gave devoted service, filled with heroic deeds and heaven-born aspiration. No road was too rough, no day too cold and no congregation too small to keep back this itinerant preacher. He was so genuine and true that men trusted him without reserve and received him as a man sent from God. The common people heard him gladly and quoted his words long after he had passed on."

George Washington Ivey was born in Stanly County, North Carolina, on September 14, 1828. He was licensed to preach in 1849, joined the South Carolina Conference at Wadesboro, North Carolina, in 1850. The South Carolina Conference then embraced a large part of what is now the Western North Carolina Conference. "Uncle Ivey" was stricken while preaching a funeral sermon in Ebenezer church on the Caldwell circuit and died five days later, November 7, 1902.

This Memorial Chapel is colonial as are its lantern-shaped ecclesiastical lights, which hang from an arched ceiling. The six large windows are art glass in rainbow colors. One stained glass window, built in rich scarlet, deep blues and vivid greens, is above the altar in the divided chancel. A majestic figure of the Christ, surrounded by worshippers with uplifted hands, depicts the title of the picture of this altar window, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God."

The pews and altar furniture are white with mahogany trim. Each of the twenty pews has at least one hearing aid, and there are six hearing aid connections in the balcony. A green carpet on the floor of the chancel and green rubber tile on the floor of the nave complete the furnishings of a chapel built for beauty and comfort as aids to worship to Almighty God.

The altar brasses are memorials, also. The cross and candlesticks were given by Rev. George L. Ehlhardt in memory of his maternal grandmother. The vases and offering plates were given by the staff and members of the Home in memory of Rev. Allen Benjamin Wall, father of Rev. B. Reid Wall, superintendent of the Home.

A STATEMENT

When a great task has been finished, those who have undertaken it respond with joy. Vision and faith were joined in the effort to add another wing to the Home for the Aged, Charlotte, and to build the George Washington Ivey Memorial Chapel.

Easter Monday, April 6, will be a day of rejoicing and gratitude for hundreds of people in the Western North Carolina Conference who have had a part in this singular achievement. At 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day the new wing will be formally opened, and the George Washington Ivey Memorial Chapel will be dedicated. Many of our people will doubtless desire to be present on this occasion. The Methodist Home for the Aged, already distinguished for its gentle and effective service, moves into a new era. Let us thank God and press on.

COSTEN J. HARRELL

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES OF

THE METHODIST CHURCH
740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

March 11, 1953

Mr. Marshall I. Pickens, President
Board of Managers, Methodist Home for Aged
c/o Duke Endowment, Power Building
Charlotte, North Carolina
Dear Marshall:

I am looking forward with pleasure to the visit at your Home when you dedicate the new unit. May I, in advance of this occasion, congratulate you and the Board of Trustees of the Charlotte Methodist Home for the Aged and the Western North Carolina Conference for the magnificent job accomplished.

Going back to the day when I stood on that farm with no buildings whatsoever and no plans before me, I looked down the years and saw something of a magnificent home for elderly persons. But I did not believe nor realize then that the progress which has been made by your group could be accomplished in such short time. The achievement of your program deserves national mention.

The program all of you have developed, the buildings you have erected and the progress you have made are most commendable. I know that every member of our Board would join with me in these words.

Blessings on you as you approach the day of dedication of another great wing in your chain of service to those who have reached the Sunset of life. You people have proved that residence in the Charlotte Methodist Home for the Aged adds life to years and years to life.

Sincerely yours,

Karl P. Meister
Executive Secretary

Evangelism Nets Church Many Members; Short Says Idolatry Is Foe of Evangelism

METHODISM GAINS 275,000 THROUGH EVANGELISTIC MISSIONS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A series of 53 city and regional evangelistic missions has gained The Methodist Church 275,000 new members, it was reported here by the national headquarters of the denomination's Board of Evangelism.

The latest state-wide campaign, concluded in March by Methodist churches of Ohio, netted 36,074 commitments to set a new record for a single episcopal area. Eleven of the area's 19 districts exceeded in a week's time their total membership intake of the previous year.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, headed the Ohio mission, and the campaign director was Rev. Leslie Ross, Nashville, staff member of the evangelism board.

Meanwhile, Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., led a team of 85 Methodist ministers from across the country to Cuba to conduct an intensive nine-day preaching campaign throughout the island.

The board reports that when the mission ended February 19 with a "victory rally in Havana, 2,145 new members had been added to Methodist rolls, and 2,198 others had rededicated their lives to the church.

"These two missions marked the opening of the American phase of Methodism's world-wide emphasis on evangelism during 1953," said Dr. Harry Williams, director of the board's Department of United Evangelistic Missions.

He said that most of the campaigns have been held on a metropolitan or state-wide scale, and that the largest single effort will come April 17-26 and May 1-10 when 5,000 Methodist churches of eight southeastern states unite in simultaneous missions. They have set a goal of 200,000 new members.

The series of special evangelistic missions started in Philadelphia in November, 1949. On June 26-28, Philadelphia again will be the focal point when 5,000

delegates gather for a "world convocation on evangelism," commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

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BISHOP SHORT DISCUSSES INCENTIVE FOR EVANGELISM

An "incentive for evangelism" is emphasized by Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn., as Methodist churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction approach the opening of their United Evangelistic Mission, April 17-26 and May 1-10.

Bishop Short is general chairman of the jurisdictional campaign, which has a goal of 200,000 new church members and as its slogan: "You Need Christ Now!" Bishop Short's statement follows:

"It is always interesting to consider what kind of an impression a city makes upon a man—what he sees there and what he hopes to find there.

"We are told in the New Testament that when Paul visited Athens his spirit was stirred within him when he saw the whole city given to idolatry. Still the impression which sensitive souls inevitably receive as they look understandingly at any community is that of idolatry.

"Idolatry is not simply fashioning a God from wood or brass or stone. It is allowing something of our own creating or choosing to take the place that properly belongs only to God. This idolatry is found not only in the slums of every city but it is also found sometimes in the business district, in centers of learning, and in the suburbs, for such things as the worship of pleasure or money or purely secular learning are idolatry. And, likewise, secularism which is so commonly seen in our own day is idolatry.

"Only actually seeing and sensing the tragic idolatry of our day can prove any adequate incentive to evangelism. What we need to do is to look seriously at the tragic world right at the door of each one of us. When we actually see it as it is, our hearts will be stirred within us.

When our spirits are stirred within us at the thought of the idolatry in the communities where we live, we will be prompted to action. This action will take the form of giving our own witness, seeking to make disciples, and planting the church."

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LEADERS CHOSEN FOR DUKE CONVOCATION AND PASTORS' SCHOOL

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of the Philadelphia Area will deliver the sermons and Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, former dean of the Chapel at the University of Chicago, will be the Gray Lecturer in the Duke Convocation and the North Carolina Pastors' School to be held on the Duke University campus June 2-5, according to an announcement made last week following a meeting of the Convocation committee and the executive committee of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School.

In addition, an outstanding group of teachers and speakers will offer courses in the Pastors' School. The group, recommended by Dean James Cannon of the Duke Divinity School and Dr. W. A. Kale, dean of the Pastors' School, together with the courses to be taught, follows: Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, "Our Message to This Age"; Dr. Edmund D. Soper, "Our Church in the Asia of Today"; Dr. Lowell B. Hazard, "Interpreting the Bible to Youth"; Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, "The Modern Search for the Original Bible"; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, "The Minister as Pastor"; Dr. Herbert E. Stotts, "The Minister and Social Problems"; Mrs. W. R. Reed, "The Vacation Church School"; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, "The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service"; Dr. E. H. Nease, "Evangelism."

Holt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, will lead a series of discussions on "The Church and the Press." Bishop Harrell will give a lecture on "The Stewardship Emphasis in The Methodist Church." Morning worship will be conducted by the following: Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Gastonia; Dr. Edgar B. Fisher of Durham; and Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School.



Joint Committee of Methodist Commission on Chaplains and Richmond Area representatives met recently in Washington to study plans for pilot program designed to follow-up Methodist personnel in Armed Forces. The Richmond Area has been selected to work out a program that may be adopted by the rest of the church. Those attending the meeting were (left to right) Rev. W. C. Ball, Fayetteville; Rev. J. W. Arthur, Crewe, Va.; Felix S. Harvey, III, Kinston, N.C.; Rev. J. Roy Smith, Richmond, Va.; S. Charles Candler, Madison, Ga.; Dr. Walter C. Gum, Richmond, Va.; D. Stewart Patterson, executive secretary, MCOC; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Washington, N.C.; W. Jasper Smith, Bethel, N.C.; Chaplain Fred C. Reynolds, associate secretary, MCOC; Chaplain Fred H. Heather, Jr., associate secretary, MCOC; Donald W. Shriver, Norfolk, Va. (in rear); Mrs. Charles P. Graham, Bridgewater, Va.; Mrs. Reba Payne, Washington, D. C.; George Harris, Washington, D. C.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

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EDENTON STREET CHURCH, Raleigh, had 300 persons to attend prayer services during a recent week in preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission.

REV. W. J. MILLER of High Point was the speaker recently for the newly organized Methodist Men's Club of First church, Liberty.

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, observed homecoming Sunday, March 22, with Rev. R. A. Taylor of Gastonia, former pastor, as speaker.

MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH on the Mount Pleasant Circuit will be dedicated Sunday, March 29th at the eleven o'clock service. Dr. C. W. Bates of Swannanoa, former pastor, will bring the message and Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs of Charlotte, also former pastor, will assist in the dedication. Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., pastor, will be in charge. Open house will be held from 2:30 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

REV. AND MRS. JESSE L. INGRAM wish to thank their many friends for their many kindnesses and prayers during Mr. Ingram's illness. Mr. Ingram, who was in his second year as pastor of Park Avenue church, Salisbury, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in November, 1952. His recovery has been slow. On March 18, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram moved to the home of Mrs. Ingram's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, Randolph St., Thomasville.

THE WAXHAW CHARGE on Sunday, March 15, launched a campaign to raise \$1,600 to wipe out the indebtedness on the parsonage. At the morning worship service Dr. Carl King of Salisbury spoke on the subject, "What Think Ye?" after which Roger W. Duval, superintendent of the Church School, spoke and passed out 200 silver dollars to be used as talent money with a report to be made in three months.

THE BROOKLAND CHURCH on the Brooksdale charge, Roxboro, Route 3, has enrolled in the Town and Country contest sponsored by Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. The set-up meeting has been held with the following chairmen elected: C. M. Treihart, general chairman; Rev. D. D. Traynham, chairman of committee on "Toward a Better Church"; R. E. Moore, chairman of committee on "Toward a Better Community"; Mrs. C. C. Daniel, chairman of committee on "Toward a Better World"; Mrs. Mack Daniel, chairman of "Historical Committee".

REV. WILLIAM M. CASSETTY, Jr., veteran Methodist transportation official, was honored by his colleagues in the Methodist general offices at 740 Rush street, Chicago, when he reached retirement age on March 21. Known to thousands of churchmen because of his long-time leadership of the denomination's transportation bureau and earlier connec-tional jobs, Dr. Cassetty was also honored earlier in the same week when the World Service Council's executive committee be-towed upon him the title, "executive sec-retary emeritus" of the transportation bureau. While officially retired from the Methodist position, Dr. Cassetty will con-tinue to operate Educational Travel Ser-vice, specializing in foreign travel and cul-tural tours. He also continues as chairman of the Inter-Church Transportation Com-mittee, which represents 20 different de-nominations.

FIRST CHURCH, Hamlet, will have the 40-voice glee club of Randolph-Macon, Ashland, Va., for a sacred concert on Sun-day evening, April 12.

BISHOP W. W. PEELE of Laurinburg was the guest preacher at the morning worship hour Sunday, March 22, at Trinity church, Red Springs.

PLYMOUTH METHODIST CHURCH recently organized a Methodist Men's Club with the following officers: presi-dent, W. S. Davenport; vice president, N. M. White; secretary-treasurer, M. G. Chesson; publicity director, Ralph Hunter.

REV. AND MRS. B. REID WALL of Charlotte was called to Oakland, Nebraska, recently on account of the death of Mrs. Wall's mother, Mrs. Henry Bolin. Mrs. Bolin, who was 75 years of age, died un-expectedly.

DR. GAITHER P. WARFIELD, director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, has gone to Germany to be the guest of the German Federal Government on a study-tour of relief needs throughout the Republic and especially in West Berlin.

THE DURHAM DISTRICT, at the end of the first round of quarterly conferences, reports a total of \$37,172 accepted on World Service and \$9,950 accepted on Advance Specials, according to Dr. E. L. Hillman, district superintendent.

DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH, on a budget of \$10,420 for the Conference year, has paid through March 15 a total of \$7,171.25. Many benevolent items have been paid in full for the year. Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt is pastor and Fred Stowe, Jr., is church treasurer.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE is planning for its 26th summer school with the first term set for June 8-July 15 and the second term, July 16-August 22. Designed for students who need to make up credits or those who need to reduce the time for graduation or for teachers who want to continue their education or high school graduates who wish to begin their college work in June rather than September, the High Point College summer school will offer a variety of courses by many regular faculty members. Regular entrance re-quirements or a state teacher's certificate are necessary for admission. Dr. C. R. Hin-shaw is director of the summer school.

HARRISON METHODIST CHURCH, according to the pastor, Rev. Orion Hutch-inson, Jr., has two readers of the North Carolina Christian Advocate who are older than Mr. R. E. Tarkington of near Windsor, whose picture appeared in the Advocate last week. Harvey W. McGinn at 92 is the church's oldest member, an honorary steward and is still quite active, frequently walking more than a mile at a time. William L. Patterson, also a member of the Harrison church, is 91 and has been subscribing to the Advocate more than 40 years. He is assistant teacher of his Sunday School class and last week attended a training school at Pineville to brush up on some of the latest teaching methods. "Both Brother McGinn and Brother Patterson," writes Mr. Hutch-inson, "set the rest of the congregation an inspiring example of church attend-ance, for rarely are they absent. They are showing to all of us the way to grow old gracefully".

MISS MURIEL LESTER, social worker, lecturer, author and world traveler, will speak Wednesday, April 8, at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Greens-boro.

DR. M. B. STOKES, retired missionary from Korea, who has been in Japan as an interpreter for the U. S. Government for the past 7 months has returned home due to the illness of Mrs. Stokes.

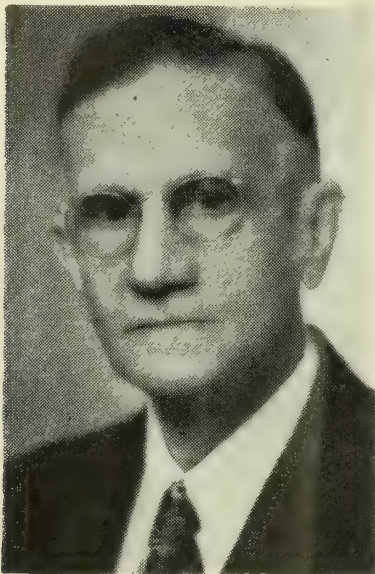
THE CHARLOTTE DISTRICT Wom-an's Society of Christian Service will have a Day Apart at Calvary church, Charlotte, March 31, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Frank Little, Conference secretary of spiritual life, will be the leader and every member of the Society in the District is urged to be present.

FIRST CHURCH, HERTFORD, was host to a training school March 1-3 for churches of the Hertford area, with more than 40 receiving credit for perfect at-tendance. Three courses were offered as follows: "Adult Classes at Work", taught by Rev. E. R. Shuller of Conway; "Teach-ing Youth", with Rev. T. A. Collins of Raleigh as teacher; "Teaching Children," taught by Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of Dur-ham. Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the host church, served as dean; Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor of the Perquimans charge, was secretary; and Rev. C. H. Beale, pastor of the Chowan charge, was treasurer. Charges participating included Chowan, Hertford and Perquimans.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, has appointed two new members to the church staff. Miss Hulda Whitely, who received her A.B. degree from Duke University in 1946 and has done graduate work in the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., assumed her duties Sunday, March 15, as associate director of Chris-tian education working largely with the junior high department and the children's division. Miss Whitely has served as di-rector of Christian education at Mount Vernon Methodist church, Danville, Va., and at Central church, Asheville. Richard Crowder, a 1952 Duke graduate, will join the staff at the end of the present aca-demic year at the Duke Divinity School where he is preparing for the ministry. Mr. Crowder, who was a member of the Duke basketball team and president of the senior class, will have charge of the recreational activities of the church dur-ing the summer months.

CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, held a wedding anniversary party recently for all married couples of the church. Spon-sored by Circle Number 3, the group heard the pastor, Rev. Edgar C. Price, on the subject, "We Live Together and Like It", following which he invited the couples to take their vows again. Couples receiving orchids were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Boydell, who, having celebrated their 53rd anniversary, have been married the longest time of any couple present; and Mr. and Mrs. Hall Kirkman, who of those present were the most recently married couple. Miss Wanda Louise Price and Miss Mary Jo Caudle, with Miss Rebecca Low-dermilk as accompanist, sang love songs of yesteryears. Tables were decorated to represent the various anniversaries. Miss Velna McCulloch gave the sugges-tion for the party and Miss Pearl Mc-Culloch is president of the sponsoring Circle. The party was directed by Mrs. Charles Routh.

Church School Day Offerings to Aid Many Worthy Causes This Year



Dr. S. A. Neblitt

Serves 46 Years

Dr. S. A. Neblitt is a minister, missionary and church statesman, with 46 years of service in Cuba. He has given the best years of his life to our mission work there, having served as pastor, district superintendent, executive secretary of the Board of Education, dean of the Methodist Seminary, president of the Cuba Council of Churches, a leader in developing a Theological Seminary for the Evangelical churches of Cuba, historian of the Cuba Annual Conference, editor of the DISCIPLINE in Spanish, and a writer of Church School literature. It was the privilege of this writer to room with Dr. Neblitt during the sessions of their Annual Conference in January, 1949. Although he is now on the retired list, Dr. Neblitt continues to work for the advancement of our mission in Cuba.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Neblitt has been concerned with the problem of Sunday School lessons in Spanish for a long time. At present, the task is to complete group graded lessons for primaries and juniors. Already in use are the first year primary and the first year junior. Other units are in the process of being written. Mrs. Effie Chastain Naylor, for many years a missionary to Cuba, is writing the lessons for juniors. Mrs. Alfredo Nanez, wife of the executive secretary of the Rio Grande Annual Conference, writes the lessons for primaries. The project is designed to provide materials written for and adapted to use in Spanish speaking countries. It is not a matter of translating our literature into Spanish. Our conference Board of Education has designated \$500 of our Church School Day offering for this work this year. Every Church School that observes this day with a program and an offering will have a part in the creation of this literature.

Expression of Appreciation

Luis Diaz de Arce, executive secretary, Cuba Conference Board of Education: "This is the most outstanding contribution to the Christian work in our country in the last ten years. Now I can say with pride for its high quality, 'Here is something you can use'." de Arce was a stu-

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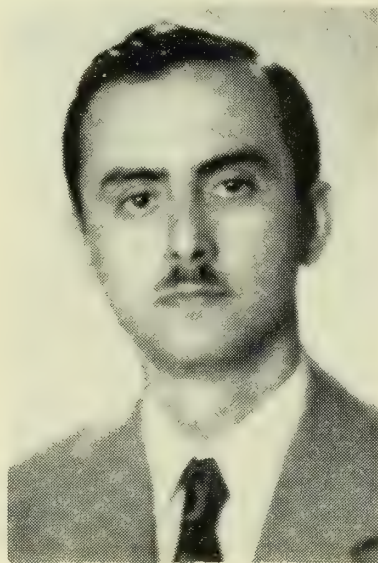
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CARL H. KING, Editor

dent at Scarritt College several years ago. He has given his best years of service to the cause of Christian Education in Cuba.

Shackford Hall— More Unfinished Business

For thirty years, Shackford Hall, Junaluska, has served as an educational center for the church at large and for the West-



Luis Diaz de Arce

ern North Carolina Conference. This building has never been completed. Young adults in the Virginia, Holston, and W. N. C. Conference are taking the initiative in helping to finish this building. Six hundred dollars of the Church School Day

offering this year will be used by the young adults of our conference to complete another room there. Julian A. Lindsey is president of the Conference Young Adult group that is sponsoring this project.

The Bible—Our Guide

THE BIBLE-OUR GUIDE is a program written by Mrs. W. R. Reed for use in every church on Sunday, April 19. The art work in connection with this program is by E. K. McLarty, Jr., who frequently renders excellent service to various causes with his pen sketches. Bishop Costen J. Harrell has contributed to this project with an article on A NEW TRANSLATION OF AN OLD BOOK. Dr. Luther A. Weigle has expressed appreciation for the educational value of the approach being made to the Revised Standard Version.

The remainder of the offering, received on this occasion will support the work of the Conference Board of Education in the cultivation of Vacation Schools, training schools, laboratory schools and other phases of the program.

Letters of Appreciation

"Dear Brother King: I have just received the good news that the Board of Education of your Conference will contribute \$500 toward the preparation and publication of Church School literature in Spanish. I want to thank you for this very timely contribution. This literature is being used quite extensively in Cuba and Puerto Rico, and in some schools in Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Mexican churches in the Rio Grande Conference. With all good wishes for yourself, your work and the Conference Board of Education, I am,

Yours sincerely,
S. A. Neblitt."

"Dear Brother King: I am delighted to know of your interest in the literature project for Spanish speaking people of our church. This is rather urgent matter, and I deeply appreciate the recent action of the Conference Board in setting aside \$500 for this cause. In my judgment, this is a generous contribution and one that will widely and vitally serve the causes dear to our hearts. With esteem, I am

Most cordially yours,
Costen J. Harrell."



Shackford Hall—An Unfinished Project

A TIME TO GO FORWARD

By Mrs. E. U. Robinson, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Southeastern Jurisdiction

We need to see ourselves and our church in the grand sweep of the history of the world.

We have dwelt long enough in our inertia, in our immunized state toward the needs of mankind, in our satisfaction with the status quo, in our safety. The very fact of our safety presents us with danger.

We have arrived at the time when we must face the fact that we are the Lord's portion!

We have been taken from captivity by Jesus Christ to possess the land about us. We can be truly transformed by this new allegiance, and should not wait for a year of evangelism to witness, to work, to conquer for Him!

"All social action," said Dr. J. A. Engle in a recent issue of *ADVANCE*, "in the local church and community should not be left to the Woman's Society of Christian Service. . . . Here we all (however) can take a suggestion from the women of our churches." Although we appreciate Dr. Engle's implied commendation, we regret that the situation is true.

The question which logically follows is, can women devise ways in which our conviction and commitments can permeate the entire church life where we are members? The recognition of our program of social action places us under the mandate of letting these attitudes and action spill over into the full church life.

There are so many more women than men—1,500,000 more women than men of voting age in the U.S.—that our very numerical strength increases our responsibility toward this century of trial.

God in his mercy has used the great missionary movement in the last 150 years to plant the faith in the countries of the world. As surely as he spoke to Moses in the wilderness, he is calling his church today—to go forward!

Forward in Human Rights

Let us go forward in human rights. The whole range of human rights spreads out before us, for we have scarcely touched the fringes. The liveliest issues of our day are peace, race and liquor.

Can we in obedience give our strength to those pursuits of peace—that peace may come in this century? Peace meetings, peace seminars are only a part of our act of obedience. We can participate in peace meetings from now on—and unless we bring into clear focus the point of the story of the Good Samaritan, our efforts cease to be a venture of faith and dwarf into conscience-salving day-dreaming!

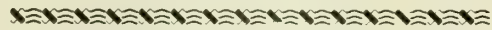
How can we reconcile our faith with our failures in the whole scope of human rights?

Can we continue to call ourselves obedient children of God and deny our brother man those privileges we concede to ourselves?

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is in the middle of the stream—and here is where we must ever be! Our program of work is concerned with hunger, spiritual, physical and cultural hunger; disease; ignorance. These are the headwaters from which comes the flood of communism! How stem the flood? By beginning with the headwaters. By beginning where we are. Any one of these great issues of our day can be taken hold of right where you and I live! Our daily en-

vironment is so surcharged with the issues of war, race, liquor that we do not have to move from our living rooms to see the point of approach!

War and race are so interrelated that you nor I can work toward peace unmindful of this fact. In every one of the six statements, "The Things That Belong Unto Peace"—all people are included.



Methodist Information has provided this abstract of Mrs. Robinson's timely address at the annual meeting of the W.S.C.S., southeastern jurisdiction, Feb. 24-26 in Jackson, Miss.



Our statement in each of these documents stem from that simple but mighty truth which is the very essence of the Judeo-Christian tradition—the inescapable, indestructible truth that all men are brothers!

You and I do not want to exclude seven-eighths of the people of the world from the relationship of brother. Every time one white baby is born—seven babies of color are born. We do not want to claim brotherhood with all those who are His children; or, do we?

The recognition of brotherhood carries with it the privilege of working with as well as for our brothers.

Forward in Combatting Alcohol

Our attention is being turned toward the alcohol problem in our program of study for the year ahead. We bow in penitence that as Methodist women we have helped bring social approval to the use of alcoholic beverages by our voiceless acceptance of such a status. Unless we bring to our study of this age-old evil a vitality of spirit and a determination to cleanse Methodist homes from any part with it—we might as well skip this study. We cannot wash our hands and our consciences by relegating alcohol to the category of health alone.

According to recent figures released by authorities in the field, it is estimated that there are 4,000,000 alcoholics in our nation today and one out of four is a woman.

The question which confronts us is, what can Christian women do about this upward trend in women alcoholics? We can bring information into our homes about the effects of alcohol. We need to help our youth know that science has discovered nothing that can prevent man from crossing the invisible borderline between social and compulsive drinking. The only answer is total abstinence.

To Christian women, the last year's per capita consumption of liquor of 26 gallons—the exorbitant cost to our nation annually, of one billion dollars in wages, production cost, jail, hospital care, preventable accidents caused by drinking, et cetera—are concerns. With renewed courage and zeal, let us give our every energy toward the realization of the only answer to the question of liquor—total abstinence.

Forward in Winning New Members

Let us go forward in increasing our membership. There are 2,481,139 members of The Methodist Church in the

Southeastern Jurisdiction. About 40 per cent of these are women. Therefore, there is a potential membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of about 900,000. Our actual membership is 378,558 which is a gain of 7,558 over last year.

You readily see the challenge that these figures present us—a potential membership of 900,000 which would be an increase of more than 500,000. These women need our fellowship—we need theirs. What are we going to do about it?

Sarah Chakko gives us these words of discovery:

"There is a new urge toward usefulness on the part of the women of the world."

You and I both know hundreds of women in our churches that give of their talents and training to various secular organizations but are not contributing their skills to our woman's society. Let us capture this "urge toward usefulness" and thus provide these women with a cause that satisfies and also strengthens the work of our society and our church.

Forward in Christian Discipleship

Let us go forward in Christian discipleship.

Discipleship—Each of us has come face to face with the core of our program of work for the quadrennium—the price of Christian discipleship. Has discipleship cost us anything yet? Has there been any sacrifice? If we meet the actual "Things That Belong Unto Peace", if we fully believe the statements of the "Charter of Racial Policies" and endeavor to put them into practical operation, we will suffer and we will sacrifice. But unless we do, do we have any part with Him?

Christian discipleship is not a modern statement of conviction—it came into prominence on that first Easter morning, and has been manifested again and again in the lives of His followers across the centuries.

Christian discipleship interpreted in daily living is as vital and needed as the sunrise each morning that dissipates the shadows and warms the earth in a glory of light.

Do we feel compulsion to share this quality of living with others? Unless there is a felt compulsion in our hearts, evangelism for us is only a lifeless word.

From the Commissioning Service, Buck Hill Falls, January 23, 63 young men and women were sent forth to our mission station around the world.

At this annual meeting of the Board of Missions an appropriation of \$15,950,519 was made for the year beginning June 1st. Of this amount, \$6,874,537 was appropriated by the Woman's Division.

Though this appropriation was the largest yet made by the Board of Missions, the average gift for missions of the individual member of The Methodist Church is less than five cents per week. Is there an indicated relationship between gifts and personnel?

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has increased the per capita giving and it is now \$4.49 per year.

Is there here another opportunity to bring our convictions to bear upon the entire church? Our thesis is that "the Lord's portion is His people."

MRS. BALLARD ILL

Mrs. E. L. Ballard, editor of this page, is a surgery patient in the Martin Memorial Hospital, Elkin, N. C. She is recovering satisfactorily and can have visitors now.

Trustees Meet; Baseball Teams Practice; March 29 Is Children's Home Sunday

LITTLE LOVABLES

Two little boys, brothers, have come to live at The Children's Home. One is a little over four years old and the other is approaching his third birthday. These little boys, the younger members of a family of five who have come to live at The Children's Home, are very interesting little youngsters. They don't seem to be able to talk much but they put on little loving scenes from time to time. This scribe happened to be at the fitting room yesterday when these little lovable were getting some clothes to wear. They were clean and very much interested in the surroundings. From time to time the proceedings had to stop while either one of the little fellows went over to embrace the other one, usually planting a kiss on his brother's cheek. Now these little boys will have an opportunity to live in the beautiful home that the late W. N. Reynolds provided funds for during his lifetime.

DING AND DONG

Arnold and Ronald Bell, twin brothers, graduated from The Children's Home and the Richard J. Reynolds high school last June. These boys had spent a good deal of their time here before waking up to the challenges that came to them. Being a bit inclined to take things easily and jokingly, this scribe gave them the name of Ding and Dong. It didn't matter much which was Ding and which was Dong. But after graduation the Bell boys got good jobs and went to work, determined to enroll in High Point College in the coming September. Reports from their scholastic records indicate that they are doing real well. These young men use eight hours living in school, eight hours at a work job up town and eight hours in sleeping, provided they get in promptly. With this heavy schedule the Bell boys seem thoroughly alerted towards learning something.

CLEANING UP

Our board of trustees meets tomorrow. Before the board meets there is a hustling time around here in the Administration Building for cleaning and tidying up the surroundings. At the present writing it has been a bit interesting to see the folks who live here doing such a good job cleaning the floors, washing the walls and placing the flowers and getting the surroundings to look well.

WILD ONIONS

While the women folk and a few little boys are working here at the Administration Building, Eddie Newsome and a bunch of boys are out on the campus with the power mowing machine. At this time of the year our campus sprouts many wild onions and when the mowing machine gets to working on them the odor seems to want to retaliate on those who have clipped them off a bit. After a few mowings the wild onions will rest their growth for a while and the grass will carpet the ground with a good coat of greenness.

A FIRST COUSIN

An apparently good woman who with her husband live in Biloxi, Mississippi, has just come in to get acquainted with a first cousin, Mary Duke. No relative has come to see Mary during the eight years she has been here and we were wondering whether Mary would have an oppor-

THE CHILDREN'S HOME WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

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O. V. WOOSLEY, Editor



Will Dreams Come True?

tunity to become acquainted with a good relative and go along with her as she continues to develop. So Mary and her first cousin, married to a good man with a good business, are discussing the matter of Mary's going to live with her kinslady.

BLANCHE'S BLOSSOMING

The picture this week is that of Blanche Nichols, doing right well in the tenth grade in high school. Blanche is one of the two older girls who live in the Smith Building where they help the home mother in taking care of a lot of little primary girls. Blanche has found a boy friend over in high school and she and he have the opportunity to date one another each Sunday evening. This interesting affair has caused Blanche to blossom out a bit. This young lady is sponsored by the J. W. Clinard Bible Class at Main Street, High Point, Mrs. Carl R. Wright being the correspondent.

RAN OUT OF FUN

One recent evening four of our early teen-age boys decided they would take off and get away without registering out. It was reported that the boys said they would go out towards Reynolds lake, where our boys are not invited to go, and after having caught some fish they would hold them over the fire and have a good time eating them; and then would bounce out for Cherokee. So the boys left with that story in the minds of some of the remaining boys. It so happened that a very heavy rain fell and the light Cub tent didn't do a very good job at sheltering the boys. Added to that misfortune was the fact that their matches got wet

and they couldn't build a fire, a fire that they thought would cook a fish when held over it. When the boys came in on the following afternoon they reported that they hadn't had anything to eat since the noonday before and that they were hardly able to walk along the highway, where a patrolman picked them up and brought them in. The boys looked pretty well punished as they came in. About all they could say to the inquiring friend was that they simply ran out of fun.

OUTDOOR PLAY

The beautiful spring days have given our older boys and girls a good opportunity for practicing baseball, the boys with the hard balls and the girls with the soft balls. After the basketball season has closed the youngsters seemed to welcome with a good deal of zest the opportunity for playing outdoors. The prospects for a good varsity team are at this writing not the most promising. However, after a lot of outdoor practice the youngsters may come along with some assurance at making a good team.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY

March brings another fifth Sunday, a Children's Home Sunday. Doubtless many of our friends will use this Sunday for securing a good offering to be forwarded for the upbringing of our boys and girls. The incoming returns from the fifth Sunday offerings have several times kept us out of the red. So we will be very grateful for such contributions as come in from the March fifth Sunday.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Little five-year-old Alexander seems to have the folks down at the Reynolds Building, where the pre-school age youngsters live, a bit exercised as to how to deal with him. He has a lot of fun keeping himself and twelve other little pre-school age boys from going to sleep when sleepy time comes. In fact, little Alexander is so great at getting away with what he wants as to bring on a little investigation as to how to deal with him. Of course a paddle would hardly be in keeping with the little lad, but every time he is put off by himself for thinking about his annoyances he is not there when someone goes after him. It is reported that this little Alexander the Great was placed over in a corner where he might have stayed, but noticing the candy box up on top of the clothing wardrobes, he got some chairs and perched himself on top of the clothing storage facilities and ate up all the candy. The good woman who is in charge of the pre-school youngsters is a trained nurse and has had a good deal of psychiatric training. It looks like little Alexander the Great will offer her an interesting case study.

THE SWIMMING POOL

Our architect is busy drawing plans for our new swimming pool. He tells us that he can go along with the drawings all right but that he has not yet received enough information about the equipment to be used for purifying the water. However, we are assured that before long the work can begin on a substantial swimming pool, a joy to our entire family.

GROWING CROPS

At this writing our grain sowed last fall, is green with good prospects of a good yield. It appeared for a while last fall that the grain might not come up, since the ground was so dry. However the oats and the barley and the wheat fields are showing up well and doubtless will produce good yields.

What Does Jesus' Sacrifice Mean?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Matthew 27: 32-44; 54

The marvel of the crucifixion is the fact that the Son of God who might have smitten down his enemies allowed them to nail him to the cross; and when men mocked him and said, He saved others, himself he could not save, Jesus remained silent.

Another wonder of the crucifixion is that one of the two criminals who were crucified with him had faith to pray, Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom. If there ever was a man who seemed to be a sinner it was Jesus there on the cross. But this criminal instinctively felt that Jesus was a comer, and not only a comer but a coming king. There was a majesty and power which was imperial in the way Jesus meekly submitted to the cruelty and mockery of his enemies. It all illustrates the fact that he had a divine love for those who treated him the worst. And that of course means that even more will he manifest that love to all who come to him in penitence and faith.

Jesus cried on the cross, My God, my God! Why hast thou forsaken me? That shows that Jesus suffered not only from his enemies but from an utter darkness and horror that seemed to him like a desertion by God himself. Hence none of us will ever have an experience so terrifying that we cannot say, My Lord, has been through an experience at least as terrifying as this. That brings him very close to us all.

We note that in this horrible darkness he does not give up faith in God. He still cries out to Him, and wants to know the reason for God's apparent desertion. And Luke tells us that his dying words were, Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit. His last thought is that God is his Father and he will commit his all to him.

Matthew tells us that when Jesus died, the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. This to Matthew was a symbol of the fact that Jesus' submission to death out of love to sinners opened up to all men of all races direct access to God. The high priest alone was permitted to enter in behind the veil to the holy of holies. But through Jesus not only the high priest but every repentant sinner is allowed direct and welcome access to God. And we are also told that there was an earthquake, and the rocks were rent. The death of Jesus was of cosmic significance. And how marvelously history has borne out Matthew's conviction of this significance. That earthquake, that rending of the temple veil symbolizes the undoubted fact that the sacrificial death of Jesus was a revolutionary event in the world's history. The old Jewish faith was dim in its hope of survival after death (Psalm 6: 5) but the saints appeared to many after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and thus reinforced the age long hopes of men for a conscious and happy future life.

Whatever of legend there may be in this story one thing is certain. The truth it symbolizes has been a thousand fold vindicated by what has happened to men's hopes and longings through our Lord's sacrifice on the cross. Even the executioners who saw Jesus die exclaimed, Surely this was a son of God. And this faith has witnessed to, all through the ages by the courage that has been divinely imparted

to men who have themselves to suffer and even to die out of loyalty of Christ and love for sinful humanity. The greatest fires that have ever been kindled were started from fires that had been lighted to burn Christian heroes at the stake, and the greatest moral earthquakes have come from the death and suffering of martyrs for Christ.

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Dear Editor:

I appreciate your editorial in the February 19 issue regarding local churches remembering men and women in military service. Our local churches should do more. Others are active, and it pays dividends.

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THE ADVOCATE PAVES THE WAY

Dear Editor:

Enclosed find a check for 72 subscriptions to the best Advocate in Methodism. Another list will follow in the next few days, which will complete our Advocate campaign. We have found fine response to this special effort. Our Official Board got in behind this drive and it went over in a very fine way. As pastor of this great country church, I personally believe that the Advocate will help pave the way for our evangelistic program. We set out to put the Advocate into every one of our homes. This we have succeeded in doing. As pastor, I am sure our church will feel the impact of this special effort for a long time to come.

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TAINTED MONEY

Dear Editor:

Your editorial in the February 26 issue of the Advocate on "Tainted Money" has aroused a chain of thoughts in my mind. What causes money to be tainted? Is it the source from which it is derived or the use of the product involved?

Doesn't the revenue which the liquor industry pays into the county, state and national treasury compensate for all the insane, criminal, debased, debauched, impoverished and suffering people caused by the use of liquor? Not to mention the money involved in caring for its victims?

But liquor is not the only major source of what is, in my opinion, tainted money. The Methodist Church in North Carolina has accepted and is using and glorying in institutions built with tobacco money derived from the sale of tobacco to our men, women, boys and girls for no good purpose whatever as there is nothing about tobacco that enlightens or contributes to the welfare or any user but does contribute to heart and other diseases, makes one indifferent to another's comfort and causes loss of time, energy and money, to mention a few of its faults.

J. F. Hunter

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WHY DOES THE POPE DEFEND THE ROSENBERGS?

Dear Editor:

Why all this "pious" (Latin for pious) fuss by Pope Pius of Rome regarding the lives of the two criminals, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who sought the destruction of our Government? Does it mean the pope would like to see our democracy destroyed and we go back to the Catholic-ruled dark ages, or experience the present backwardness of priest-ridden Romania, Portu-

gal, Spain, Mexico and Catholic-ruled South American countries such as Columbia?

The natural resources of these countries are just as great as England, Scandinavia, Canada or the United States. Why have they remained backward and non-progressive while countries predominately Protestant have gone forward? There is only one explanation.

When Catholicism obtains control of the United States, we too, will be put back hundreds of years; and, be warned, Rome is doing its best to get control of our country. One needs only to go to the heart of our government in Washington, into military establishments like Camp Lejeune, and see through Catholic propaganda even of the presidential inauguration to be convinced of this. Is it not true that great newspapers, news agencies, radio broadcasting and other public agencies in America have been bought up by the Catholic hierarchy? Much of the money comes from the rents of great properties held without taxation by "the Church."

Many informed persons regard Catholicism a greater menace to our country than communism. If you doubt this, read Paul Blanshard's great book, "American Freedom and Catholic Power," which is

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ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The committee on Ministerial Qualifications of the Rocky Mount District will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Methodist church in Whitakers. All applicants for license to preach are asked to meet the committee at that time for examination. Any other persons having business with the committee will please meet us at this time. The District Conference will convene at Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, Thursday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. Our leaders who represent the various causes of the church will be made welcome at this conference and will be given opportunity to present the needs.

J. F. Herbert, D.S.

CORRECTION TO 1952 W. N. C. CONFERENCE JOURNAL

Spray appears in Table 2-B as paying \$517 to the Children's Home. The amount should be \$547. The grand total for the charge is thus changed from \$14,710 to \$14,740.

G. N. Dulin, pastor.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Charlotte District Conference will be held at Mineral Springs Methodist Church Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 A.M. Mineral Springs is on the Monroe-Waxhaw highway, four miles from Waxhaw.

Frank B. Jordan, D.S.

DURHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Durham District Conference will meet at Efland, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 10.

The morning session will feature pastors' reports, Christian education, missions, lay activities, evangelism and Conference interests.

The Conference interests section is scheduled from 11:20 to 12:15. All persons expecting to present causes to the Conference are urged to appear on the program as scheduled. Necessarily the time for each person will be limited to a few minutes per person. We are delighted to share this allotted time for these important causes.

The Conference sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The afternoon session will feature the reports of committees, and the recognition of the local preachers and the retired ministers of the District.

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Henderson, White Memorial, 7:30	29
	April
Easter Sunday (No appointment)	5
Erwin, 11:00	12
Coats Ct., Pleasant Plain, 7:30	12
District Conference, Westover, 9:30	14
U.E.M., North Carolina Conference	17-26
	May
U.E.M., South Carolina Conference	1-10
Gray Rock Ct., Shady Grove, 11:00	10
Cary, 7:30	10

Raleigh, Edenton Street, 11:00	17
Moncure Ct., Buckhorn, 7:30	17
Apex Ct., Holly Springs, 11:00	24
Victory Mass Meetings, Raleigh Auditorium, 3:30	24
Oxford Ct., Morrow's Chapel, 7:30	24
Raleigh, Hayes Barton, 11:00	31
Millbrook, 7:30	31

	June
Louisburg, 11:00	7
Louisburg Ct., Hill King, 3:00	7
Tar River Ct., Kittrell, 7:30	7
Garner Ct., Hollands, 7:30	10
Four Oaks, 11:00	14
Garner-Ebenezer, Garner, 7:30	14
Stem-Bullock, Stem, 7:30	17
Creedmoor, Grove Hill, 11:00	21
Franklinton, Wesley, 3:00	21
Vance, Spring Valley, 7:30	21
Bailey, 11:00	28
Mt. Pleasant Ct., Sims, 7:30	28

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	July
Lillington, 11:00	5
Mamers, Spring Hill, 7:30	5
Henderson, City Road, 7:30	8
Dunn, 11:00	12
Benson, 3:00	12
Smithfield, 7:30	12
Oxford, First Church, 7:30	15
Wesley Ct., Mt. Moriah, 11:00	19
Newton Grove, Ebenezer, 7:30	19
Fuquay Springs, 7:30	22
Zebulon-Wendell, 11:00	26
Raleigh, Wesley Memorial, 7:30	26
Selma, 7:30	29

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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from this Galilean rival. But this Galilean King with his crown of thorns was to outlast the Caesars.

Why? Why will countless congregations this week be singing to Him, "Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come?"

One answer is to be found in the nature of Christ's rule. When the crowd brought Jesus before Pilate for trial, Pilate asked, "Art thou the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight."

Pilate was puzzled. He asked, "Art thou a King then?"

Jesus answered: "Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice."

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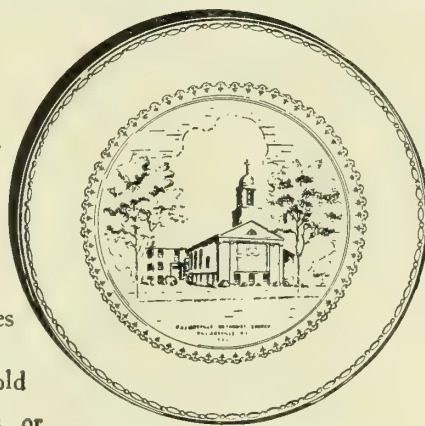
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OVER-POPULATION IS STILL JAPAN'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM

By William D. Bray

Most of us have been reared where there were well-stocked cupboards, where we bought in quantity, and thus were prepared for a rainy day. But the average Japanese family buys food each morning for that day only.

The average salary in Japan is \$55 a month. The National Christian Council of Japan reports that the average pastor's salary is \$15 a month. As a result many men are required to hold two or three jobs. A religious education professor here also teaches at a college in Osaka, and is in charge of a church. Another professor teaches a half week here at Kwansui Gakuin and then returns to his home in Tokyo (eight hours by train) to teach the other half week. I met another man who works days at a pearl exporting company and then teaches English at night school in Kobe. The result often is overtiredness and tuberculosis.

Student tuition here is about \$60 a year. The Education Ministry says that it costs a student in a private college like ours about \$32 a month. If a parent receives only \$55, it follows that most students must seek outside work which since the war is called *arbeit* (the German for work). Lifewise, work and heavy study produce conditions which result in tuberculosis. The tuberculosis death rate has decreased this last year but there are still no statistics on the number of patients.

The standard of living is, of course, related to the over-population here. The Welfare Ministry announced 85,500,000 as Japan's population, an increase of 659,000 over last year's report. This is disastrous in a country that cannot produce all its own food. Nearly half of it must be imported. Japan must also import 60% of its raw materials for manufacture. It must export to acquire dollars to import, and without raw materials it can't manufacture to export. So the vicious circle goes. Many of its sources of cheap raw materials are cut off by the war in Korea and China.

There are about 35,000,000 people too many in Japan. Where can they go?

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CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERS INCREASE 112,376 IN 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An increase in church school membership was reported in each of the six jurisdictions of The Methodist Church during 1952, it has been revealed in the annual "Statistical Record of Progress and Analysis of Membership in Methodist Church Schools" prepared by the Department of General Church School Work of the Methodist Board of Education.

The membership was reported as 6,136,968, a gain of 112,376, or 1.9 per cent for the year. This was slightly more than the gain in church membership, which was 1.4 per cent.

Nearly \$3,000,000 was contributed by the church schools to World Service and conference benevolences—to be exact, \$2,921,117. This was a gain of \$148,500 over 1951 and was 20.19 per cent of the total World Service and conference benevolences contributed from all sources.

An increase of 2.5 per cent in average attendance at Sunday school was noted. This means that each Sunday in 1952, on an average, 3,086,813 attended Sunday school.

While there was a loss of 21 in the num-

ber of church schools, the number of officers and teachers increased by 1.8 per cent, the total being 515,710.

Over half the persons received into the church from all sources came through the church school. Total joining the church in 1952 was 326,959, of which 180,918, or 55.3 per cent, came through the church school. "The ratio of six out of every ten additions to the church coming through the church schools persists year after year and indicates the crucial importance of the church school in the evangelistic work of the church," said the Rev. Walter Towner, director of the Department of General Church School Work, who supervised the survey.

Of the six jurisdictions, Southeastern reported the largest church school membership, as it did the largest gain—1,680,314 and 31,055 respectively.

Second largest membership was reported by the North Central Jurisdiction—1,453,023, with a gain of 24,619.

Northeastern ranked third in point of membership, with a total of 1,162,007 gain of 6952.

In fourth place was South Central. Its total membership was reported as 1,162,007 and its gain as 28,588.

The Western Jurisdiction reported a membership of 409,265 with a gain of 18,636. However, this jurisdiction had the largest percentage gain—4.8. The church school membership of Western was reported as 77.4 per cent of its church membership and ranked first in this category.

The smallest jurisdiction in point of numbers, the Central Jurisdiction, reported 171,238, representing a gain of 2,526, or 1.5 per cent. Its percentage gain was more than Northeastern's and slightly under that of North Central.

OUR READERS SAY . . .

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having a tremendous circulation in spite of Catholic opposition.

Is the Pope concerned for the life of the Rosenbergs? No! This is pure hypocritical propaganda. If popes were ever interested in the lives of individuals, then why the Spanish (Catholic) Inquisition, the slaughter of Christians ever since the Catholic Church came into existence hundreds of years after the birth of Christ?

If Pope Pius is so pious in his concern for life, then why not stop the murderous Catholic persecutions of fine Christians in Catholic countries? He puts the lives of these two communist criminals above those of faithful Protestant Christians in Italy, Mexico, Columbia and other countries darkened by Catholicism.

Secure a copy of the Jan. 31 Sunday School Times, Philadelphia, and note innumerable crimes inflicted by Catholics in Mexico alone. They make one's blood boil. Protestants are driven into the forests to starve or otherwise die; some burned to death in their homes; men beaten and women outraged; pastors whipped and hanged; in the presence of the priest some were scalped, their ears cut off and eyes gouged out.

This was probably at the instigation of the Pope, or at least known to him, for these persecutions are published in the Catholic papers as evidence of religious fervor and faithfulness to the Pope and "the Church."

The Lord Jesus said, "He that hath an ear, let him hear." May the people of America awake before it is too late.

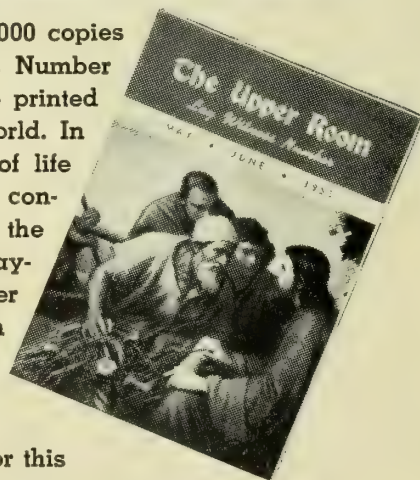
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A Thought for the Week

WE ARE NEVER ALONE!

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. John 14: 18, 19.

Loneliness is one of the saddest words in the English language. To be separated from loved ones and friends, to be cast adrift without human contact, is the hardest experience of all. We were created for fellowship and companionship. Spending too much time apart from others affects our peace, our poise, our very sanity.

Yet there are times when all human companionship seems shut off. So far as human associations are concerned, there are experiences through which we must pass without the consoling and strengthening influence of loved ones and friends. When some great test comes, when some tremendous decision confronts us, we must stand alone. When the cold hand of death touches our tired body we must make the journey alone. No human being—however dear to us—can make the journey with us.

Yet in life's darkest hour we know that we are not alone. There is ever a Pres-

ence at our side. That Presence is Jesus. "I will not leave you desolate", he told his disciples just before he was crucified, "I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also".

Easter reminds us that we are never alone. The Christ who triumphed over the grave lives in every heart who believes in him today. He met the faithful women at the empty tomb that Sabbath morning. He greeted Peter and John and the other disciples on the day of his resurrection. He walked with the two disciples to Emmaus. He walked and talked with the Eleven. He appeared to many who believed following his victory over death. He was a constant companion to Paul and the early Christians. Through the centuries Jesus has walked with his followers. He walks with us today. He lives in every believing heart. He is nearer than breathing.

Because he lives, we are never alone. As long as we believe in him and trust him, we shall never be alone. Because he lives, we shall live with him forever.

O Christ, who dwellest in us, may we have eyes to see thee, hands to feel thee, ears to hear thee, and souls to embrace thee forever. May we know that because thou dost live that we are never alone. And when the fever of this life has ended, may we enter into everlasting life with thee. Amen.

Are You There When They Crucify?

Someone has said that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on that Resurrection Morn only to be crucified again by each new generation that mocks Him, misinterprets Him, ignores Him

In the market-place, among the money-changers, in the palaces of entrenched power, in the halls where honored men of other ideologies gamble with the well-being of their fellows, He is a disturber of conscience, a Man with dangerous ideas, a questioner of the status quo. "Crucify Him! Crucify!" the respectable leaders cry, "but let Barabbas (that thief who is kin to us) go free! He has been punished enough!" And they head the procession that leads Him to a lonely hill outside the sacred precincts of the city Are you there, assenting by inaction, when they crucify my Lord?

Sometimes the sneer, or the look askance, or the denial by the closed mind and the lethargic heart cut deeper wounds into Him than do the thorns and the nails and the sword. For then He knows that His mission has failed to lift men from the grovelling earth to kinship with the Father in Heaven Are you there, driving deep hurt into His hands, when they nail Him to the tree?

Another Judas—dressed in the habiliments of discipleship, adorned with crosses and other emblems of His agony—gives Him another poisoned kiss, and surrenders Him to His enemies. Other followers cannot keep the long night watch of prayer and self-surrender; they return to sleep; they deny Him, thrice and thrice again; they follow Him in the direction of the cross, but afar off. Perhaps they mingle with the mute mob that sees Him hanging in agony—and in pity and prayer for them Are you there, unprotesting, when they crucify my Lord?

Each cross that, in row upon long row, marks the field of yesterday's bloody contest for a needless "cause"—even for a "cause" upon which they have invoked His blessing, and to which they have given His name—is His cross. Upon it He has hung in pain and shame. Each torn body of a youth, mangled in the clash of pitiless steel against God-endowed flesh and intellect, shows the mark of the spear again in His side. Each life sacrificed at the nod of others to give vent to hate, fear, and greed, is His heart breaking again for the sin of the whole world Are you there, adding to His pain, when they nail Him to the tree?

He came that they might know the truth, that the truth might set them free; that they might have and enjoy the abundant life possible through God's bounteous provision for all. When freedom is denied, when millions of men are hungry, when little children (how he loved them!) are starved in body and spirit, when the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are denied in deed as well as in word; when men read and hear with outward eyes and ears only and there is no response in the heart; then His great heart breaks again, and His cross and His tomb are no longer empty Are you (am I) there, helping seal the door, when they lay Him in the tomb?

—W. W. Reid



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

O God, when we hear Thy Son saying, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me", we know that He, too, had to face the hard tests of life. This was, indeed the hardest test of all. It was the bitter cup of death on the cross—even death of the Sinless One, by the hands of those whom He loved so much. Why should it be?

But He prayed through to victory. That was what He did with life's greatest test. He was so different from us. Sometimes we don't even pray at all when we face the mountain or hardship and crossbearing; we simply make up our own minds, without praying, to find an easy way around the cross. We are afraid of the hard road and the hazardous climb.

Grant us the grace of going on, O God, when the going is most difficult. Help us to advance, with faces steadfastly set toward the goal, when heaven's challenge seems to be clear: "Go forward". Give us the beauty of spirit that says to God: "Not my will, but Thine, be done". Through Him who did this so completely for us, we pray. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

By Metta Folger Townsend

If I might prison with a word
this flashing, throbbing life of me,
this soaring, lilting soul of me,
exulting, hoping, knowing, daring,
through heavenly byways faring, faring,
Then might I tell
the message music bring to me,
the song she ever sings to me
of things divine, divine, divine,
of immortality.

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Capture the True Meaning and Spirit of Easter

The week which is climaxed with Easter, so far as the Christian is concerned, is the most momentous period in human history. During those few tumultuous days are packed events that tell the most amazing story of all time.

Try to capture some of those dramatic scenes during that hectic week. Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. His many acts of healing and mercy. His teaching of the multitude. His driving the money changers from the temple. His meeting with the disciples in the Upper Room and the institution of the Lord's Supper. His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas's betrayal. Christ's arrest in the Garden. Peter's denial of Christ. The mock trial. His sentence to death. The slow march to Calvary. The crucifixion. Christ's compassion for the dying thief. The pathetic behavior of his followers during the crucifixion. His words on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit". The callous soldiers gambling for his garments. The uneasy peace that settled over the city following his death. The women gathering at the tomb on Sunday morning to anoint their Lord's body. The words of the young man to the sorrowing women: "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him."

As we recall those incredible events somehow we are sobered by the thought of what men did to God's Son. Moreover, we are convicted because we realize that our sins help to crucify our Lord even now.

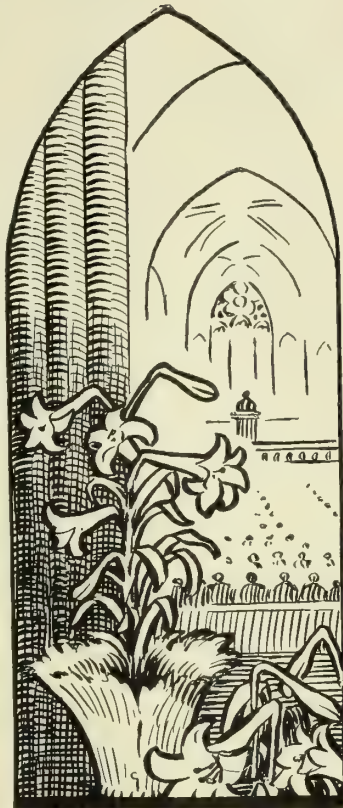
But we are also inspired to know that Christ would give his life that we might live, that we might enter into his glorious resurrection. Because Christ gave so much for us, the least we can do is to try to capture the true meaning and spirit of Easter.

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The Easter Message and the Worth of the Individual

The most disturbing trend in human affairs during the twentieth century has been the slow but unmistakable tendency to discount the worth of the individual. Indeed, hardly since the days of the Caesars has human life been so cheap, so expendable.

We know that in Nazi Germany and in Fascist Italy the individual was simply a cog in a vast industrial and military machine that had blood and



conquest as its insatiable aim. We are fully aware that in all Communist-dominated countries today the individual exists for one sole purpose—to serve the state. He is a unit of production or a number in a colossal army pitted inexorably against all the non-Communist people. Marxism, even though claiming concern for the common people, has done more to dehumanize the individual, more to destroy the dignity and inherent worth of the human family, than any system in modern times

But we cannot charge all of man's lost status to the Fascists or the Communists. We have been influenced by their crass materialism and their vaunted atheism. But that is not the whole story. Even in Christian America personal values have been having a terrific struggle. We have worshipped at the shrine of material bigness. We have made big business, big factories, big production, our aim. Efficiency, mass output, profits, have often come ahead of human personality. Human rights have had a hard time holding their own with property rights. The lure of gold, of increased profits, of ever widening markets has spurred us on. We have worshipped the god of bigness.

Nor has the church escaped this passion for bigness. Denominations take pride in big churches, in big statistics,

in big numbers. Often times, instead of going out where the people are, we have concentrated downtown in our big cathedrals and waited for the people to come to us. The individual member in altogether too many churches is not a person for whom Christ died but a number on a roll, just another pledge to the budget. Pastors are given impossible jobs to do. Instead of being shepherds, too many have become administrators of a big business. Thousands of our members have gone down the broad road to sin and spiritual death for the want of individual pastoral care. Multitudes of church members sit with folded hands because they feel that the church either does not need or care for their services. Thus they are just a part of a crowd at worship on Sunday morning, or even worse, they are not at church at all.

The loss of the personal touch in every area of life, the feeling of not being needed, is one of the most serious matters in organized society today.

There is one redeeming, saving element in this depersonalizing trend of our century. It is the message of Easter. It is the story of the empty tomb. It tells us not only that Christ lives today. It tells us that human life is no cheap, perishable commodity that can be trafficked in by evil and ruthless men. Human life is the most precious commodity this side of heaven. It is so inherently worthwhile that God sent his Son into the world to live among men, to suffer and die in their stead that man—every man—might be saved. It reminds us that Christ believes so much in the possibilities of every human being that he was willing to give his life that all men—from the least to the last—might obtain eternal life. Christ's resurrection is the most glorious good news about human worth that has ever been revealed. No man is common clay. He is a creature of eternity, made in the image of God and redeemed by faith and obedience to a risen Christ.

This is the message of Easter. Let us believe it, and, believing it, let us proclaim it to this skeptical age. Then perhaps man will recover the flame of divinity which flickers all too dimly in his soul today and face life with a new sense of dignity and worth. When any person fully comprehends his true nature no evil power in the world can destroy the divine image within. When society really begins to believe the Easter message the nations can then start beating their swords into plowshares and every man will have the opportunity to attain the spiritual stature for which he was created.

In a world of sagging human values Easter can be as a raft to a drowning man.



"NOT YET, MARY"

By Leon Couch

"For I have not yet gone up to my Father"—John 20: 17 (Goodspeed)

The greatest recognition scene in all literature is depicted in stained glass which thrills you as you go through the doors of the foyer of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, N. C. High above the altar, the outstretched, yearning hands of Mary Magdalene plead for an abiding possession of her Christ and Savior. Already in the darkness before the dawn Mary had come to that place to which all of us come as the number of our days grows less and less—to the gravestone. In the dim darkness of her early morning visit she discovered that the stone had been removed and taken from the opening of the grave and placed over to the side of the tomb! Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. How like a woman she was to feel that this was a task for men.

Both men started running toward Joseph's Lovely Garden where Jesus had been buried—to see what thieves had done—because all the breathless Mary could say was: "They have taken away the Lord from the grave and where do you suppose they have put Him?" John outrunning Peter stopped short at the gaping hole—either paralyzed by what he saw or out of respect to the elder companion—went not in. There were the linen clothes lying—clothes which myrrh had glued to the dead body like lead—not torn, piece by piece—not stripped. No clothing scattered anywhere. No signs of struggle or violence. Even the head napkin was wrapped neatly in a place by itself.

What an amazing thing this was! As if the Master had simply passed through the clothes as disembodied spirit. As yet they know not the Scriptures—that He must rise again from the dead. John surveyed the scene and thought he had better hurry home with throbbing head, this mystery so bewildered his mind.

Alas, Mary stood where he was weeping. From her tortured head, her Lord had removed seven evil spirits—psychiatrist of the soul that He was—and ever since she had understood Him with her heart.

Who is this Mary Magdalene? Not a fallen woman—There were only three: The Samaritan woman, the woman who was a sinner, the woman taken in adultery. Jesus was too much of a gentleman to mention them by name.

Mary the Most Faithful Woman

But Mary Magdalene He calls by name many times. As Peter heads the list of men disciples—so Mary stands at the top of who's who among the women. She is a perfect example of how an evil report once started—can do irreparable damage—especially when you cannot trace the report to its source. She is confused with the woman who was a sinner about whom Luke writes in Luke 7: 37. Rather, Mary Magdalene ministered of her substance—Luke 8: 1-3. She lingered at the cross—John 19: 25. The last glimpse we have of her on Good Friday she is hovering near the Cross and in the shadows of Good Friday evening she is near the tomb as a

faithful dog would stay to watch the passing of a master.

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene first (Mark 16: 9—John 20) not because she was in the vicinity of the tomb. In His spiritualized body, He could have appeared anywhere, anytime, any place. Not to Pilate or the Roman authorities—as you and I would have done, saying, "I told you so". But to Mary first because in her heart was a pure white flame of devotion. That is why she saw him first. Those who are last with Him on Calvary are first with Him on Easter morning.

Questions We Ask

THEFT? Were there thieves who came and stole away the body? A deliberate effort was made in the first century to further that idea. Those who would vilify said "You remember how while He was with us that imposter said . . ."

HALLUCINATION? Was there a mass hypnotism of the 500 upon the Galilean mountain? Was it the dynamic personality of the great preaching of Peter who filled with the spirit of God so thrilled the people that they thought they saw the Lord appear? We forget that these appearances were at least ten in number between the resurrection and ascension. He had a habit of coming back upon the first day of the week—that is why these early disciples were particular about being at church on Sunday morning. So particular were the disciples that they would set aside the stringent Jewish Sabbath and substitute for it a little Easter which comes upon the first day of the week. None of them wanted to be absent in case their Lord reappeared.

ILLUSION? Is the resurrection based upon the wrought up imaginations of a few hysterical women? Even as the Scriptures were being written, St. Paul in his marvelous 15th chapter of I Corinthians

RESTING PLACE

I've found a place not far from here
Which rests my troubled mind,
And everytime I visit there
My cares are left behind.

'Tis just a simple country place
Which might escape the eye
Of one who hurries through this life—
The careless passer-by.

But I love this country graveyard
So free from urban woes,
And though unkempt by living friends,
It's watched by One who knows.

Yes, it seems the Gracious God
In drawing up His plan,
Decided that this lonely spot
Be touched by His great Hand.

And so the mighty oak stands guard
Above those resting there,
And the creeping vine seems to entwine
And choke out every care.

—Robert P. Epps

hesitates to name the women first because he wants to make a case before the world. And the testimony of women did not carry the weight of the testimony of men. So he skipped the witness of the women and mentions the appearance to Peter first.

RESUSCITATION? Did Jesus just swoon away on the Cross? And in the coolness of the tomb-like cave revive again and come forth? Let us remind ourselves that every other person who has been brought back from the dead by resuscitation or reanimation has lived out natural years and died again. Lazarus was raised from the dead but he died normally and naturally later on. Those who were translated have not been seen again. But this One who was resurrected from the dead reappears.

DECEPTION? Did the disciples take him away and then lie about it? If so, you have one of the strangest things in all history: That so much good has flowed from one of the basest lies that was ever told.

No Explanation Satisfies

None of these explanations satisfy all the conditions. The answer to the empty tomb is the resurrection—a matter of perception primarily. Its greatest proof is in **Mary's gesture**—the change that befell her and every other disciple—when fear changes to joy.

In the beautiful piece of art in the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, you have the **moment of recognition** when Mary begins to experience her living Lord. That is why it graces the altar high and lifted up. In a kind of half daze she has just looked into the tomb, after the leaving of Peter and John. Her eyes were focused neither toward the tomb nor out. She becomes aware of a Presence near, somewhat as a blind man does when a person enters a room and no footstep is heard or word spoken. So did Mary sense This Presence over to the left and thinking it the gardener—she said, "Where have you laid Him? I will go carry Him away."

While in this semi-conscious state she moves her eyes more to the left and the vision of Him and His voice become coordinated as you would coordinate sound and sight in a talking picture. In that sweep of a glimpse, he says "Mary!" It is at that point that the artist puts in his glass. She drops the vase of spices behind her—falls to her knees in adoration—lifts up her imploring hands and utters "Rabboni!"

With uplifted hand Jesus says, "Not yet, Mary!" You are not to know me by the sense of physical touch. The doubters and Thomases and materialists may do that. Those who love me most will receive a spiritual experience. Not yet, Mary—because I am not yet ascended. And besides there is work yet for you to do because you are a spirit in a corporeal body. I am not yet in that abiding relationship with the Father—on that higher level where my brethren may always find me.

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"I Believe In.... Everlasting Life"

By Richard L. Ownbey



These words from the Apostles' Creed are climactic in the declaration of our faith. Christianity must stand or fall by what it teaches about life everlasting. At this season of the year many thousands of sermons on immortality will be heard from the pulpits of Christendom. Many of them will note that Easter comes in springtime, and that this annual re-awakening of nature is a parable of the resurrection of human life from its sleep of death. Such a thought is a significant as well as a beautiful Easter coincidence. But it offers no real basis for belief in the resurrection of the dead. Consider some other arguments which are also frequently used at Eastertide.

The fact will be emphasized that man is more than a physical creature. He is a soul, made "in the image and likeness" of his Creator. This means that something of the essence of the divine was "breathed" into him as a "living soul," and it is unthinkable that the essence of divinity is mortal. The soul of man is spiritual energy, and while it changes its forms of expression it is itself indestructible.

It will be rightly insisted that we cannot believe that the finest things we know in life—love, character, sacrifice, faith—are ultimately to mean nothing at all because the persons in whom they have vital expression are essentially mortal, to be tossed nonchalantly away as though they are not worth preserving. Is it not incredible that a universe that produces saints really "hugs dust and throws soul away"? The chemicals in a human body are worth a dollar or so, but surely the spirit living in that body is not to be valued on that dollar basis.

Belief is Universal

Most men believe that there is something in them far above the purely animal. Jack London's Yorkshire man says, "There is summat in me besides the beast." From that consciousness springs an almost universal hunger for immortality, and it is not illogical to argue that in a world like ours, where the basic hungers are provided for, the fulfillment of this hunger will not be denied.

The man who thinks his life is supremely worthwhile does not find it hard to believe that he is to live beyond the grave. He is not interested in "impersonal immortality," for that is a reflection upon the intrinsic sanctity of personality. More than ever, our emphasis today is upon the worth of human persons. That emphasis is increasingly obvious in our religion, our politics, our social ideals, and is the ground of most men's faith that life has a most worthy meaning. Personality is seen as a growing thing with potentialities of development to which none of us would dare to set limits. In the teachings of Jesus we find high conceptions of the capacities of personality, and a noble doctrine of human destiny com-

mensurate with the Christian evaluation of persons.

To many of us these reasons for the immortal hope are logical and intriguing. They furnish us with valuable collateral arguments for our belief in life beyond the grave. We should therefore cherish them as we should cherish all possible supports of our religious faith. But we should hold them in our minds, knowing that they offer no absolute proof of life after death. Poets and philosophers use them to lift our hearts, but as Christians we have more definite grounds for our belief in life eternal, and these grounds are of the highest importance to us as we celebrate Easter.

The belief in immortality in Jesus' day was so widespread that he seems to have taken it for granted. He offered no arguments for life after death. He did not reason about eternal life—he affirmed it. He declared, "The dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25). No one can question that Jesus believed in life everlasting, or that he desired his disciples to believe in it also.

We, the followers of Christ today, believe in his promise of life eternal because we have the assurance that he is alive, that he not only lives among us

but in us, his life being as truly identified with ours as are the lives of those with whom we associate intimately in the flesh. We are convinced that he appeared after his death to a number of credible witnesses who themselves became sure that he had triumphed over death. After his ascension he established fellowship with his disciples sufficient to persuade them of his continuing presence with them. Since then an unbroken succession of disciples have known him as the mightiest reality in life, so that they could say, as did a great preacher to his congregation at the end of a long pastorate: "Better than I know any of you in this city where we have lived and worked together for forty years I know Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour."

We hold and cherish the Christian hope by faith, but we do so with as much conviction as if it were scientifically demonstrable. The disciples' experience of Christ's presence after his ascension was spiritual. They believed that he was not just another immortal spirit who had risen from the grave, but the Son of God and the Saviour of mankind. His resurrection validated the hope they held before his death that he had been sent of God to bring new life to them and to all men, and his continuing presence fulfilled the promise that he would be with them "to the end of the age." Later one of them was to express their great joy in these immortal words: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Jesus did not dwell on the desirability of living on and on, but he talked much about the importance of the quality of life one lives here and now. He lives in us that we may have power to be like him. All that he was as perfect man and Son of God he seeks to share with us, and this is life eternal, now and always. Life with him beyond the grave offers us unlimited opportunities for the fulfillment of our deepest longings, our holiest

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AN EASTER PRAYER

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*O Risen Christ, where sin and death
Seem strong to cancel earth's fair life,
Speak Thou, triumphant, living, Lord,
And silence all the nations' strife!*

*O Master, at Thy glad return
Forth from the grave, with joy new-clad,
O hush the roar of tank and plane,
And make earth's warring peoples glad!*

*Thy presence once again reveal,
As on that morning long ago
Thou didst, victorious from the tomb,
Return in power o'er every foe.*

*Hear Thou our prayer, our last best hope!
Let not Thy Easter joy be stilled!
Grant to Thy people once again
The promise of Thy peace fulfilled!*

MAUD M. CUNINGGIM

Nashville, Tenn.



LIFE IS THE WORD

By Richard Braunstein

We possess no occult powers. Clairvoyant sight and preternatural knowledge are beyond our mental processes. We invoke no spirits to wrap on our tables. With all due respect to the sincere research in the realm of the unseen and unknown, by the Messrs Oliver Lodge and Conan Doyle, our difficulties for the most part are with the seen and known.

On the other hand, there is not a mortal who is not from time to time haunted by thoughts and emotions not of this world. In a very real sense, we are all mystics whether we choose to admit it or not. In a short story written a number of years ago, the author declares: "Truth is inside of us. I can't prove it by logic but I know. God is inside of all of us. He is the power, just waiting to be drawn out. There's only one mind in the universe. It's in you and it's in that waterfall and that grove on the hill. It's all the same thing We all go back to it some day. Sometimes I think Buddha Gautama had the right idea."

We are not placing ourselves in the category of savant or sage, prophet or oracle, and we desire not to pioneer some new cult, but were we destined to live in some tropic jungle or arctic region, we would know, without benefits of calendar, when it is Sunday. How? We have no explanation except that we have the feel of it, the sense of something apart, the awareness of a hallowness and sublimity, dominating earth and bush and beast and sky.

Bliss Carmen felt the touch of spring and visioned its instinct as it governs life, its line going out in nature and in man. "When the vernal sun is warming the earth and April is spreading up the

slopes of the world with resurrection, by what magic is the transformation wrought? In the dim nether glooms of the deep sea all the fin folk have received their summons; the unrest has taken hold of them, the fever of migration; and the myriad hosts of the green Floridian water and the azure Carib calm, gather and move.

"Surely and swiftly they come through the soundless trackless spaces under the broken whitish day, up the cool fresh rivers and pools of the earth. How did they know the date? By instinct? But what is that? The communications came to them as inexplicably as it comes to us—the unuttered word, the presage, the portent. And their brothers, the birds, too; they come flying northward through the night; to them too, the message must have gone abroad. To say that the word went forth among them is to use the simplest and elementary language."

So the word—the WORD—comes to us from time to time. Perhaps a lesser miracle than a stone that was rolled away and a Life came forth, freighted with eternal goodness and divine healing. We all sense and feel the miracle of Easter Morn. It is more eloquent than sermon or anthem. No service of worship or voice of man can do for that which is already done. Life is pulsating within us. Virility possesses our beings. The intimations and intuitions of immortality are beyond rationalization and philosophy.

The history of the Christian Church is one of many crucifixions and resurrections—many black Fridays and Easter mornings. We see the arena and flames of the martyr. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The milestones

of the Christian enterprise are the cross and the stake. We see the dungeon and stripes of an Apostle. We see men and women persecuted for righteousness' sake. Yet theirs is the kingdom of heaven. We see majestic cathedrals razed to the ground and great books burned. But the Holy Spirit prompts to rebuild and rewrite. We see sculpture blasted and painting devastated. We have seen a man on trial, sentenced to death and hung on a cross. We also walk in a garden, early in the morning, when the dew is on the grass and flowers and the air is redolent with odors of growing things, newly born. We see a woman searching and finding her Master. The title of this picture is "He is Risen as He Said." The centuries echo, "He is Risen Indeed as He Promised."

How well James Russell Lowell spread his verbal canvas: "Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne, yet that scaffold sways the future and behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

Christ rose from the dead not because He is a man but because He is divine. Nothing can emerge from the grave except divinity. Every spring we look at new things from old roots. Such is the church. Reborn in each age. The only new thing in an old world. She will go on living and dying. And dying and living. Put a new cover on an old story and you have a new book. But it is still an old story. Science killed the church and still it was there. History buried the church and still it lived. Modernism sings a requiem for the church and still it breathes.

Let us look at death in the clear white light of Easter Morn. If there is so much life in regnant movements and pregnant causes, it is because there is so much life in Christian men and women. This life is continuous. It cannot be divided into now and then, here and there, this side and the other side. As Emily Dickinson puts it in her quaint phrasing: "Death is the porter of my Father's lodge, or the hired man to let down the bars for the tired flocks to come in under the shepherd's care, to the securest fold, their wanderings done, their bleatings at an end." To her a marble stone was a guidepost.

Hugh Black said: "Death is the last open door." For Charles Frohman, standing on the deck of the sinking Lusitania it was "the greatest adventure." Life is a tale that is told. Death is the sequel. Life is a school of experience. Death is a graduate course. The letter we write is brief. The postscript is eternal. The word over God's archway is not "finis." It is "emi-gravit. He has passed on. The adjournment is not sine die but to meet for further conference around the throne.

No mother has poured out all her love. No father has given all his devotion. No teacher has emptied self of wisdom and inspiration. Charles Dickens must reveal The Mystery of Edwin Drood. Robert Louis Stevenson must complete the journey of The Great North Road. The father of Jane Austin must see the belated honors bestowed on his gifted daughter. Our missionaries must see the salvation of the people for whom they prayed and labored. Even the Christ of God awaits the consummation of the Father's business.

With all the power of His risen strength He gives His angels charge over the work of redemption. The pioneer prints of His coming and going, give victory in the world, in the world and over the world.

The Church of the Living God becomes the Living Church of God.

I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

By W. W. Reid



Three things tie me to earth—in a sense imprison me. One is time; another is space, controlled by a force that, for lack of any exact knowledge of its source or nature, we call the power of gravitation; and the third is my body (a cell within space) related to the bodies of other animals, within which I have grown, and act, and give a limited expression to dreams and desires and aspirations. Within that animal body, especially, I feel restrained and incomplete, sometimes frustrated; there are earth-bound chains from which I often want to be free.

I am imprisoned within time. Yet I am unable to comprehend that time ever had a beginning or that it can ever have an ending. Stretch imagination and reason as far as I can, I still cannot comprehend what preceded "time" that was not also bound by time. And must not time, as we know it, go on and on "timeless"? Nor can I comprehend any "end" to space—for there must be (my imprisoned mind says) something still beyond; and any "void" into which I "drop" at the end of "space" must be more space, even if unoccupied by anything. And I fear even Einstein and the mathematical "curve" of the universe cannot give this prisoner answer to the riddles of time and space.

Yet this space, and especially this body-cell within space, that confines me for a few decades within the timelessness of time, is good and it is useful. The ego—the self, the conscious "I"—that inhabits this animal body has changed and (we hope) improved that body through the years of occupancy. But I—the occupying consciousness—have changed, too. The body is a school through which I have grown; in contact with the things of space I have been enabled to master certain spiritual skills, and I should be ready for new lessons and for comprehension of greater truths. (Yes, indeed, I may have "flunked" the course, but I at least now have quite different spiritual skills from those with which I entered earthly life.)

I am convinced that when I (the conscious ego) leave this earthly prison cell (even as the butterfly leaves its cocoon), I shall be free from both time and space and encumbering clay; and that then I shall comprehend more fully that which is hidden now, and shall be more free to reach goals that are far higher than any toward which I can only dream and aspire now. This "I"—this person inhabiting the animal body—is akin to the Divine Person; it came from the Person; it returns to Him; and it will live with Him.

I believe that Jesus, as the Person with the closest kinship to the Divine, and hav-

ing the greatest divinity within Himself, attained the greatest power of any man when His Spirit returned to God. That is why He was able to return to earth for a while and show Himself to His followers. That is why He reigns in power on earth and in heaven today. That is why some men are conscious of His presence today.

I believe that this is the meaning of the Resurrection. Jesus, as the supreme

Expression of Divine Personality that earth has known, not only lived and lives on with God, but was and is able to demonstrate that life to men. Perhaps . . . perhaps . . . as the human race advances, as, having mastered the material world, man turns attention to understanding and growing in the spiritual world, the gap may narrow between the person living within time and space and the Divine Person.

I believe in the Resurrection; and I believe that I shall live with the Divine Person after this probation within time and space.

WITH WINGS AS ANGELS*

A Book Review

by

WILLIAM R. CANNON

The theme of this book is as old as the race, but the method of developing it is as original as the person who tells the story and from whose life, during and after the war years, the contents of that story are derived. Indeed, there is a freshness both in the method of presentation and in the literary style of the book which impresses the reader as soon as he looks at the first page and which is sustained throughout the reading of the entire book. The theme is the confrontation of life by death, the grief which overcomes a mother through the loss of her son, and the triumphant readjustment to life which she, by her faith in the goodness which his life portrayed and in the God in Whom she taught him to believe, has been able to make. Thus the author tells us the reason why she wrote the book: "This book was written because a boy died in battle." And likewise she gives her purpose in having written it: that it might serve as a guide to others who are forced to follow in the same grief-stricken way. Really, like the documents of Early Christianity, it is the simple testimony of a devout person to her triumphant faith in God; and the clue to the whole book is given in these magnificent lines from the preface: "For me it was brand-new and very strange to discover that a fuller, clearer understanding of death led to a happier, more vital attitude toward life."

The book consists of twenty short and succinct chapters, each one of which contains the vitality, force, and uplift of a great sermon. But it follows throughout a definite pattern; and, like a novel, each succeeding chapter rests upon that which has gone before.

There are, in my judgment, four main divisions in the book: first, the statement of the problem which is done vividly, concretely in chapter one; secondly, the description of the coming of death and the author's reaction to it, in the form of serene acceptance in the case of the loss of her parents who had lived full and useful lives and who had stepped gracefully and expectantly from this world to the next, in the form of shock and bewilderment in the case of the sudden death of her brother in the prime of life, and finally in the form of incredulity as to its reality and almost rebellious despondency in the case of the death of her son who was killed in battle over the Baltic Sea, which are told with compelling pathos in chapters two through five, thirdly, the self-analysis of the process of readjustment, the trials and errors of a person, heroic and self-determined in her effort to give herself the answer to the problem which her grief posed; and, fourthly, the answer, satisfying and real, which came to her in the knowledge that her son was not dead, and that immortality is not a thing to be hoped for but is the inherent possession of the truly Christian soul. These last two divisions of the book overlap and, therefore, constitute the major portion of its contents as well as the burden of its message. They are presented in chapters six through twenty, so that all that has gone before is but preface to them.

The salient arguments in the book may be compressed into the following points: First, the reaction of most people to death is pagan, not Christian. Their attitude is that of complete loss. We express condolence to our friends over the death (really annihilation) of their loved ones. Secondly, the life and personality of the loved one who is dead is bound to affect an attitude toward his death. Thirdly, the quality of life of Goodrich C. White, Jr., as his mother remembered it gave substance to her experience in contact with his immortal spirit. Indeed, the optimism of the boy restored to the mother the buoyancy and original enthusiasm of her faith. Finally, she learned to accept, appreciate, and love the new form of life in which she knew her son to be now in as an adequate substitute for the old life in which she had known him when he possessed a body like her own.

This book is unique. It is the only one of its type I know anything about, and I have read many books on death and immortality. But it is not strange or foreign to our nature. Really it portrays an experience which all of us should pray for faith enough to share.

In my judgment, this book belongs to the best devotional literature of our generation. It is beautifully written; its ideas are forceful and poignant; and it mediates to all who read it the Christian faith.

*By Helen Chappell White, New York and Toronto: Rhinehart, 1953

Gastonia Church Plans Special Rites; Rocky Mount District Sets U.C.A. Pace

BISHOP HARRELL TO LEAD DEDICATORY RITES AT BRADLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Bradley Memorial Church, Gastonia, will be dedicated at the morning worship hour Easter Sunday, April 5, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell in charge, assisted by Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District, and the pastor, Rev. John H. Carper.

The church was opened for worship September 8, 1951. The newly constructed sanctuary and extensive renovating to the educational building was accomplished at a cost of \$140,000.

On Sunday, March 15, the \$20,000 note was paid at the bank clearing up all indebtedness on the building. The note will be burned by J. Edward Stowe and J. B. Styers, chairman of the building fund and building committees, respectively.

Two former pastors, Rev. Jesse L. Ingram and Rev. R. C. Goforth, served the church when large exploratory planning and fund raising were done. The building committee was comprised of J. B. Styers, chairman; W. M. Spencer, secretary; M. B. Cloninger, R. O. Jenkins, K. C. Plyler. The building fund committee was composed of J. Edward Stowe, chairman; Columbus Harmon, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Rubye Allen, Mrs. Mary Bradley, T. O. Plyler, and M. B. Stewart. The building program was launched in April 1950.

The parent church out of which came Bradley Memorial was the old West End Methodist Church, constructed in 1892 on West Airline Avenue near the Trenton Mill. Due to the rapid growth of West Gastonia in 1907 a new Methodist church was built on Franklin Avenue. It began with approximately 75 charter members.

In 1922 West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches were placed on separate charges.

Tragedy struck the congregation on Christmas Eve, 1926. Fire completely destroyed the Franklin Avenue building and the congregation was homeless. Church School and worship were immediately resumed in the community house of the Gray-Parkdale Mill, which building, situated on the corner of South Webb Street and Franklin Avenue, is now the educational building for this congregation. In 1929 this community house was purchased from the J. H. Separk chain of mills at a low cost. This building is used as an educational unit.

The name "Bradley Memorial" was given to the old Franklin Avenue congregation when the present educational building was purchased. The late Rev. F. W. Bradley who had labored so faithfully and left such a generation of workers in church's line of descent and, too, because the present site of the building was originally Bradley land for more than fifty years.

At the second quarterly conference held February 6, 1944, the building committee was elected. In March 1950 the contract was let to the Crosland Construction Company, Columbia, S. C., and on Easter Sunday, April 9, the groundbreaking ceremony was held, with T. Wesley Bradley, one of the few charter members remaining, participating in the service.

On Sunday afternoon, September 3, 1950, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, then superintendent of the Gastonia District, together with Rev. Jesse L. Ingram, Rev. John H. Carper, members of the committees and scores of members and friends laid the cornerstone.

THE ADVOCATE TO FEATURE EVANGELISM IN BOTH CONFERENCES

In our issue of April 9 the North Carolina Christian Advocate will highlight the United Evangelistic Mission in the North Carolina Conference. Valuable information and inspiring articles by various leaders of the U. E. M. will be featured. Additional copies of the Advocate are available at five cents each. Orders must reach us not later than Tuesday morning, April 7. The U. E. M. issue for the Western North Carolina Conference will be April 23. Orders for extra copies of that issue should reach us not later than Tuesday, April 20.

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ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT EXCEEDS U.C.A. QUOTA BY \$6,218

The Rocky Mount District was the first district in the North Carolina Conference to exceed its quota at the check-up meeting in the current United College Appeal campaign, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation. On a quota of \$55,000, the district reported \$61,218 in cash and pledges on March 21 at the check-up meeting, with only three of the 40 charges not reporting.

The Wilmington District has also exceeded its quota. With askings of \$40,000, the charges pledged \$41,698, with \$2,451 paid in cash.

The Durham and New Bern Districts have also held their campaigns and the Fayetteville District had its check-up meeting March 30.

The Raleigh and Elizabeth City Dis-

tricts will have their campaigns during the coming fall.

To give financial aid to Brevard, Greensboro, High Point and Louisburg colleges, the present campaign is a part of a statewide Methodist effort to raise \$2,500,000. The Western North Carolina Conference has completed its campaign for \$1,500,000 except for a part of the Greensboro District which is being organized for a drive this spring. The North Carolina Conference is raising \$600,000 by doubling the college sustaining fund for a period of ten years and the balance of \$400,000 on its goal of \$1,000,000 in the current drive.

Pledges in both Conferences are being paid over a period of three years.

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HUGH CHATHAM HOSPITAL ANNEX TO BE DEDICATED EASTER

The recently completed annex of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, will be dedicated Easter Sunday, April 5, with the service beginning at 4:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Congressman Thurmond Chatham of the Fifth North Carolina District. The building will be presented by Raymond Harris, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, and the dedicatory rites will be led by Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the hospital, will be in charge of the program.

Others taking part in the service will be Rev. J. W. Braxton of Elkin, Rev. B. Reid Wall of Charlotte and Rev. S. M. Needham of Jonesville.

This building, which contains 24 beds, will be used to care for white children and colored patients. Memorial rooms are dedicated to Dr. L. B. Abernethy, Rev. D. A. Oakley, Rev. Charles McCain, Mrs. Frankie Andrews, Dr. E. G. Click and Mrs. Fred Neaves.

THE EASTER ASSURANCE

*Who can watch a million tree-buds bursting,
When winter's gone and once again it's spring,
And not find for his eternal questing
An answer, clear and true, that makes him sing—
Makes him sing with joy that even nature
Gives meaning to the ceaseless inner strife,
Speaking those assuring words of Jesus
"I am the resurrection and the life"?*

*Who can watch a farmer plow in springtime,
And plant expensive seed within the soil,
And not have belief that there's a meaning
To all his yearning hope and constant toil?
Who is not inspired by that man's singing,
As he so joyfully upturns the sod,
To the point of cheerfully believing
That one shall reap who plants by faith in God?*

*Who can watch the world bloom out with flowers
Each year as soon as winter's cold is gone,
Then not see beyond the dark grave's coldness
God's resurrected Son producing dawn—
Driving off the darkness, making beauty,
Like which no mortal eye has seen before?
Friends, think not of death as life's sad ending,
For death is truly Heaven's open door.*

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Raleigh.

Two Ministers' Wives Die; Churches Can Still Enter Development Program

MRS. J. D. CRANFORD DIES AT BURLINGTON

Mrs. Eula M. Cranford, 61, wife of Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of Glen Raven church, Burlington, died March 21 at Alamance County Hospital, Burlington, following a critical illness that extended over several months. Funeral services were held March 22 at Front Street church, Burlington, with Rev. W. L. Clegg, pastor, in charge, assisted by Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham and Rev. I. S. Richmond of Burlington. Burial was in the Denton cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include one son, John V. Cranford of Burlington; two brothers, Carl Cranford of Denton and Walter Cranford of Lillington; two sisters, Mrs. Carl Bisher of Denton and Mrs. C. C. Cranford of Farmer, and one grandson.

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DEATH CLAIMS MRS. E. G. COWAN

Mrs. Myrtle Kirkman Cowan, 63, wife of Rev. E. G. Cowan, pastor of the Goldston charge, died March 23 at the Chatham Hospital, Siler City, following a period of failing health extending over several months and critical illness for three days. Funeral services were conducted March 24 from the Goldston Chapel by Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Siler City and burial was in the cemetery at Whynot.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, are two sons, Robert F. Cowan of Dallas, Oregon, and E. G. Cowan, Jr., of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mary Ross of Moorestown, N. J.; three brothers, H. P. Kirkman of Greensboro, B. W. Kirkman of Pleasant Garden and Joseph A. Kirkman of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Cowan was a native of Guilford

County. Mr. and Mrs. Cowan moved to Goldston in the fall of 1950.

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FATHER OF MRS. A. J. HOBBS PASSES

Robert Thomas Savage, father of Mrs. A. J. Hobbs of Goldsboro and Mrs. G. A. Kirkland of Salisbury, died at his home in Corapeake on March 25. Funeral services were conducted at Parkers church, Corapeake, by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, pastor of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, and Rev. R. T. Commander, pastor of the North Gates charge.

Mr. Savage, a farmer and a former treasurer of Gates County, was a loyal churchman and outstanding citizen. Mrs. Savage died in 1948.

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DEADLINE FOR ENROLLING IN CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EXTENDED

Good news has come about the extension of the deadlines in the Church Development Program sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Churches desiring to enter have until April 15 to do so. The reports must be in by May 15. The period to be covered by the report remains the same—April 1, 1952 to April 1, 1953.

As has been said before in these columns, churches of any denomination in places up to 5,000 population may enter. One church in each of thirteen southern states will be named "Rural Church of the Year" and receive an award of \$500. Four others in each state will be awarded \$100 each.

Since this is the first year and the program was late getting underway the report will naturally deal more with achievements than church progress this year.

If your church has not entered it

should do so at once. To enter, send your name and address, the name and address of your church, the county in which it is located, the name of the denomination and your position in the church, to Dr. E. D. C. Brewer, Director, Box 787, Emory University, Ga.

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News in Brief

SPRING HILL CHURCH on the Mamers charge has entered the "Town and Country Church Development" program.

BANKS CHURCH on the Creedmoor charge has received a new electric organ, the gift of Mrs. Loren P. Kirkland in memory of her husband, L. P. Kirkland, and his uncle, Philo White. The organ will be dedicated at the eleven a.m. service Sunday, April 12, with the pastor, Rev. W. G. Farrar, in charge. All friends of the church have a special invitation to attend.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE commencement speakers will be Dr. Myron C. Wicke, executive with the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, and Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Dr. Wicke, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker at graduation exercises June 1 and Mr. Robbins will deliver the sermon on May 31, according to Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of the college.

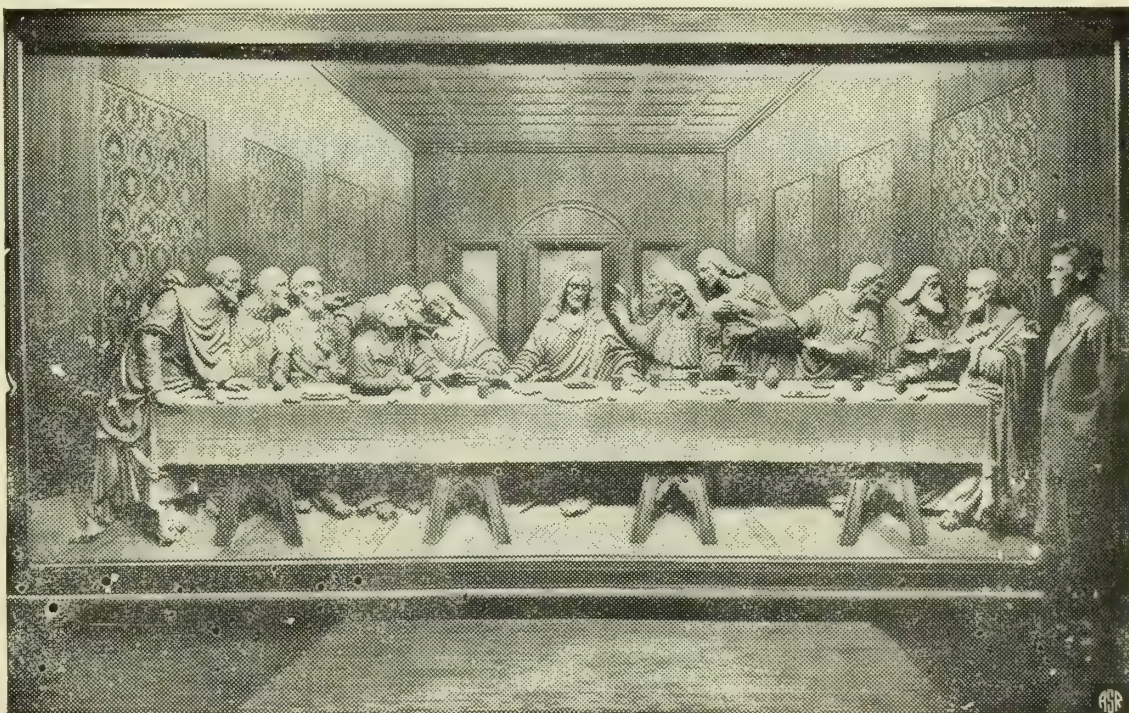
THE LAKE JUNALUSKA singers have vacancies for a tenor and bass for summer engagement at the Methodist Church's Southeastern Assembly grounds, Lake Junaluska, N. C. Prof. Cyrus E. Daniel, director of music at Vanderbilt University, said auditions for the positions will be held April 15 in Nashville. He is summer director of music at Lake Junaluska. Prof. Daniel said applications should be sent to him at Box 75, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., before April 15.

All the specialized skills of some of the finest craftsmen of New England have combined to create this life-size copy in wood of the famous painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci.

More than a year was used in preparing the great carving—18½ feet long and 8½ feet wide. The figures, of limewood, are delicately tinted to give a feeling of life-like reality, and a giant frame of contrasting walnut gives it depth. The carving will be the point of central interest in The Upper Room chapel, now nearing completion in Nashville. It is expected that visitors who view the carving will be moved to spend a few moments in prayer and meditation in keeping with the purpose of The Upper Room—a devotional guide issued in 17 languages and used round the world. The chapel itself is part of the new headquarters building for The Upper Room, the world's most widely used devotional guide. It is believed that it will become a devotional shrine and point of interest for visitors of the Mid-south.

The picture shows W. D. Irving, of Irving and Casson, New York and Boston, who have produced wood carvings for some of America's greatest churches and cathedrals. The wood carving was done from a model created by Earnest Pelligrini.

Life-size Wood Carving of Last Supper



Courtesy Christian Science Monitor

Youth Summer Program Includes Assemblies, Workshops, Mission, Annual Conference

MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Two senior assemblies and an MYF program workshop—Assembly at Louisburg, a special workcamp on youth evangelism at Raleigh, the second Annual Conference Session of the MYF at Duke University, and an older youth assembly at Camp Don-Lee—these are the several training and enrichment possibilities for youth and adult-workers-with-youth to be conducted during the summer in the North Carolina Conference. Let's take a closer look at each of them.

SENIOR ASSEMBLIES (Louisburg)

Annual features in the conference summer program are the Youth Assemblies held at Louisburg College for senior youth (high school ages). There are two such assemblies planned for this year; here are pertinent details:

Dates: June 15-20; June 22-27

For Whom: Any senior high age boys and girls in the N. C. Conference.

Purposes: (a) Personal spiritual enrichment; (b) broader Christian fellowship; and (c) training in the program of MYF.

Cost and registration: Total cost per delegate—\$16.00. Pre-registration with \$2.00 fee is necessary by June 5. Send all registrations to Curt Gatlin, address above.

Leadership: June 15-30—Rev. F. R. Dail, Gibson, dean; Mrs. H. R. Odum, Gibson, dean of women; Dr. Wayne McLain, Washington, D. C., Bible forum leader; Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Kinston, inspiration speaker.

June 22-27—Rev. W. D. Caviness, Goldsboro, dean; Mrs. J. D. Stott, Kittrell, dean of women; Dr. Charles Ramsey, Greensboro, Bible Forum; Rev. R. E. Seymour, Warrenton, inspiration speaker.

MYF PROGRAM AREA WORKSHOP

The first week at Louisburg, June 8-13, will be somewhat different from the regular youth assemblies. This assembly will be a special workshop-type program in which much time will be given to a study of "program areas" in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and toward an understanding of how the total program of youth work in a church can be conducted.

The best leadership available is being invited to participate, including Miss Emeline Crane of the Youth Department, Nashville, and Miss Elizabeth Dixon Johnson, DCE at Duke Memorial, Durham. Other pertinent details:

Date and Place: June 8-13, Louisburg College

For Whom: Any youth (15 and up) and adult workers who have leadership responsibilities in a local church.

Main Purpose: To offer special training in and study of the "total program" of MYF work in the church.

Cost: \$16. Registrations should be in the conference office not later than May 30.

Leadership: Rev. T. A. Collins, Raleigh, dean; Mrs. Susan Waller Miller, Kinston, dean of women; other leadership to be announced later.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS MISSION

For the first time in our conference there will be conducted a Christian Witness Mission, July 26-August 1. This mission, also known as a youth evangelism workcamp, will take place in Crabtree

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Creek State Park and in the town of Raleigh.

Planned for about 40 carefully-selected youth, it will give the participant an unusual opportunity to assist the churches of Raleigh in an on-going program of visitation evangelism. Other ways of sharing Christ will be used also, including a Preaching Mission conducted simultaneously by the Raleigh churches, special visits to hospitals, homes, and jails, open-air services, and radio programs.

Directors of the Mission are Rev. T. A. Collins and Rev. W. Carl Walton of Raleigh.

The cost of the mission is estimated to be from \$12 to \$16 per delegate. Other information will be given on this page later. Inquiries and requests for application forms should be addressed to the registrar, Miss Ann Woodall, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh.

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF THE MYF

For the second year Duke University will be the site of the Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Scheduled for August 16-20, the conference will bring together one youth delegate from each local church, all sub-district presidents, and at least one adult counselor from each subdistrict area.

During the past several months churches have been electing official and alternate delegates, confirming them at the Quarterly Conferences. Those churches which have not yet done so, are encouraged to elect their delegates as soon as possible and send the names and addresses to the conference director of youth work. A youth delegate should be at least 15 years old.

ACS is designed primarily to be a business and promotion session for the MYF—local church, subdistrict, district, and conference. The program will also include worship, recreation, and discussion. A special project will be the revision of IT.

Deans for 1953-54 ACS are Rev. Troy J. Barrett, Greensboro, and Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City. Inspiration speaker for the Session: Rev. Dan Whitsett, Sylacauga, Alabama.

Cost per delegate will be approximately \$16; churches and subdistricts are urged to help pay the expenses of their representatives.

Full Council Retreat

Following on the heels of ACS the full council of the N. C. Conference MYF—made up of all subdistrict presidents and counselors, the conference youth council, district directors of youth and intermediate work, the conference director of youth work, and the executive secretary of the Board of Education—will convene. In a two-day session, careful plans for the year ahead, 1953-54, will be made.

The Retreat will begin with supper

on Thursday, August 20, and close on Saturday morning.

Eighth Annual Conference Rally

The climax of ACS will come on Thursday, August 20, with the gathering of more than 1000 youth and adults for the Youth Rally. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the five-hour session will be spotted with items of inspiration, interest, and concern to all Methodist youth. Rev. Dan Whitsett will be the key speaker. The Rally will be held in Page Auditorium and the Duke Chapel.

OLDER YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT DON-LEE

Post high school age youth are the folks invited to attend the Older Youth Assembly, August 23-27, at Don-Lee. This four-day session will present Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, as the forum speaker, and Ed and Barbara Spann, Methodist Student Directors at Duke University, as deans.

Fun and frolic will be linked with work and worship as the group seeks to find Christ's will for their lives. Study-discussion areas will include such topics as: Preparation for Marriage, Church Life on the College Campus, Inter-group Living, and others. The cost of participation will be approximately \$14 per delegate. Registration forms, posters, and other information will be mailed pastors, students, college student directors, and other persons in April.

SEJ YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

A limited number of MYF officers and adult workers—16 youth, 4 adults—will have the opportunity of special training at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Leadership Workshop at Lake Junaluska. Dates: July 22-29; cost: approximately \$35 plus travel.

Attendance at Youth Leadership Workshop is limited to subdistrict, district, and conference officers, and adult workers. Qualified persons who are interested in participating in the workshop should write Curt Gatlin in the early summer.

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A BRIEF GUIDE to LOCAL CHURCH ORGANIZATION

by G. Lemuel Fenn

By specific direction of the 1952 General Conference, the General Board of Lay Activities has produced a 16-page, inexpensive booklet, outlining briefly and concisely how changes of the new legislation affect local church organization.

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More Than 300 Women Attend 13th Annual Session at Rocky Mount

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service began at First church, Rocky Mount, on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m., with Mrs. H. I. Glass, Durham, the president, presiding. Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham, brought the opening meditation on the Christian home.

Mrs. Harry Pearsall, president of the local Society, brought the word of welcome to which Mrs. O. W. Dowd, Raleigh, responded.

The opening business was a report by the recording secretary, Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Durham. The next report was by Mrs. M. W. Warren, Knightdale, on children's work.

The morning session was closed by a Service of Remembrance by Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Rocky Mount.

After lunch, planning committees were held by the secretaries of the various lines of work in the class rooms of the educational building.

The Communion service was conducted by the district superintendent, Rev. J. F. Herbert. An offering for the babies of Korea amounted to over \$1600, the largest sacrificial offering ever given by the women of the North Carolina Conference.

At the evening service Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth, conducted a meditation centering on the goals for this quadrennium. Miss Elsie Parker, Raleigh, gave the reports of the Wesleyan Service Guild and introduced Miss Lillian Johnson, executive secretary for the Guild from the head office in New York City.

Election

In an election, 229 registered delegates chose Mrs. C. D. Barclift, Durham, as delegate to the Assembly in Denver, Col., in May 1954. Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, was elected the alternate. Mrs. H. I. Glass, the president, goes by virtue of her office.

Honorary Life Patrons

Women honored by special memberships were: Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. E. G. Cothran, Raleigh; Mrs. E. R. Meekins, Columbia; Mrs. Darden Eure, Morehead City; Mrs. S. A. Maxwell, Durham; and Miss Mamie Chandler, Greenville.

Local Women

Heading the committees making this conference an outstanding success were: Mrs. M. J. Cowell, general chairman; Mrs. Henry Toler, registration; Mrs. L. B. Aycock, housing and placement; Mrs. N. C. Booth, transportation; and Mrs. L. G. Hooks, pages. Mrs. Harry S. Pearsall, president of the local society, introduced her chairmen and many of the other women assisting in the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and visitors. The music was under the direction of Mrs. T. B. Suiter.

Study Jewel

The Lillie Moore Everett study jewel was awarded to the Elizabeth City District by Mrs. N. P. Edens in recognition of outstanding work in the field of study courses held and reported.

1954 Conference

First church, Elizabeth City, invited the 1954 conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to meet with them in March for the fourteenth annual session. Mrs. Glass and the women of

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the conference were delighted to accept this gracious invitation.

Sub-district Meetings

In the Wilmington district there will be five sub-district meetings next month starting with the Columbus on April 8 at Chadbourn; Lumberton on April 9 at Fairmont; Jones-Onslow April 11 at Swansboro; Duplin-Samson April 14 at Roseboro; and New Hanover on April 30 at Southport.

The Rocky Mount district also has planned five sub-district meetings. On April 7 Southern-Central will meet at Clark Street church, Rocky Mount. On April 10 Quin-County will meet at Sandy Cross. April 14 Halifax meets at Ebenezer. The Northampton sub-district will meet at Rich Square on April 16, and Zion will be host to Warren on April 30.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

Bishop Cushman bringing the noon meditation on Wednesday and Thursday was an inspiration to the women. More than 1,000 gathered to hear this outstanding churchman.

"You may be a hard worker," declared Bishop Cushman, "in the Woman's Society, but unless you remain in Jesus you are nothing. Too many women give their time to other organizations which mean little or nothing when the church organization is the greatest on the planet today. Women are activated—too active—to get down to fundamentals."

"Tomorrow is too late to pray. It must be done today. Our big business is witnessing," he declared, "and how do you know that you belong to the church?"

Committees for the Conference

The evaluation committee has Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham, as chairman and Mrs. S. A. Dunn, Enfield, and Mrs. Thomas Hunter, Wilmington, on the committee.

Resolutions committee had as chairman Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, and serving with her were Miss Elsie Parker, Raleigh, and Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, New Bern, was chairman of the Courtesy committee. Mrs. J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount, and Mrs. L. C. Larkin, Roanoke Rapids, helped her introduce the many guests and distinguished visitors to the conference.

The Program committee for the 1954 conference is composed of Mrs. A. H. Borland, Durham, chairman; Mrs. N. P. Edens, Parkton; Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, Columbia; Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, Raleigh; Mrs. C. M. Allen, Bahama; and Mrs. G. W. Jackson, Hertford. Mrs. H. I. Glass, Durham, is an ex officio member of this committee.

Miss Lillian Johnson

On Tuesday evening Miss Lillian Johnson brought the address discussing the common goals of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She described the model guild stating that it knows its purpose, it knows its service, it has a well-

rounded program and it gives the bulk of its money to regular missionary channels, and is aware of every opportunity for service in the church, meeting the needs of the employed women of every age and interest.

Miss Mary Gardner Appointed

Mrs. A. H. Borland, Durham, editor of the Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate made her final report and presented the name of Miss Mary Gardner, 206 West Edenton Street, Raleigh, as the new editor. Miss Gardner was formerly editor from 1938 to 1947, and the women will be glad to know that she has returned to work in this splendid way. The next page for the North Carolina Conference will be written by her.

Guest Speakers

Miss Lucile Colony, executive secretary from the Woman's Division for India and Pakistan, brought the main address on Wednesday evening using the topic "Being a Missionary Today".

Miss Colony is a graduate of Mississippi State College. She holds an B. A. degree in sociology and a master's degree in education from the University of Iowa. During 20 years of service as a missionary in India, she was the principal of the Training Institute for Women at Jabalpur, Central Provinces. After her return to this country she became a member of the staff of the Board of Missions, a position she has held for the past nine years.

Miss Sarah Bennett, Natchez, Miss., has been for fourteen years a missionary to Brazil. On furlough at the present time, she has brought the message of missionary interest to the women of the conference. Her first message was given on Wednesday afternoon telling of the work and the women of Brazil. On Thursday morning she brought special news from the Methodist Institute at Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"NOT YET, MARY"

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Not yet, Mary. Go tell my brethren something else. That death is not what they think it is. Death is the gateway to life, not a trap door to nothingness. It is through this gate that we enter the presence of the Eternal God. Death is merely the knot that ties body and soul together. Go tell them, Mary—that death is just the summons and release of the Father.

How often we feel like Mary—when we reach this level of reality and we confront the apathy and indifference of the man who refuses to perceive spiritual truth and we want to cling to the Lord and He says, "Not Yet"—When we still have to go about the world and tell this story to every nation! That it is useless for us to put our heads together unless we put our hearts together first. Even in the councils of the United Nations. Yes, we have to tell it on the mountain—over the hill and everywhere—that Christ is Risen and ascended to His place—That we are not alone any more—That our hope has a pole-star. Tell it—without letting men rest until they come to rest in Him—Forever drawn upward by the one choice which makes them really free.

Is Easter in your mind? Is Easter in your feelings? Is Easter in your feet?

Mary leaves the scene of Joseph's Lovely Garden with rushing feet to tell the brethren—the first preachers of the resurrection story. Not telling them one by one but by telling them all together—anywhere and everywhere. And what does she say? She does not say "I have grasped," but I have SEEN the Lord."

Easter Reunion Plans Completed; 24 Make Citizens Honor Roll; Concert Given

VACATIONS

The children of our Methodist Orphanage look forward with a great deal of pleasure to "vacation time".

There are many, however, who do not have homes to which they can go, and last year a number of our friends, both laymen and ministers, opened their homes to this group.

Perhaps you would like a young lad, or a young lady, for a two weeks period beginning on June 27 of this year.

A note from you indicating your interest and the age you prefer would be greatly appreciated, not only by me, but by the one you would be kind enough to take.

CITIZENSHIP HONOR ROLL

Twenty-four of our boys and girls were selected to the Citizenship Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks period of the current school year. They were honored by the Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church with a meal and social get together at the S & W Cafeteria. Members of the group are as follows: Eighth grade: Janet Lee and Wade Smith; Ninth grade: Danny Partin; Tenth grade: Jerry Hunt and Elsie Pridgen; Eleventh grade: Martha Batson, Bill Bland, Janet Best, Jean Braswell, Joan Braswell, Juanita Goins, Doris Horne, Bruce Lamm, Eleanor Pierce and Annie Ruth Strickland; Twelfth grade: Betty Jane Carraway, Patricia Chinnis, John Clark, Franklin Daniels, Marvin King, Alice Mason, Colleen Murray, Hazel Newton and Frances Ellis.

TELEVISION AUDIENCE GROWS

The television audience among our family continues to grow. Television first came to our campus in the Brown building. A second set was recently installed in the soda shop part of our campus recreation room. The arrival of a new couple to supervise the Garriss building, Mr. and Mrs. Hagwood, has resulted also in the arrival of TV set number three. We are happy that our family may enjoy the benefits of this modern entertainment and educational medium.

JUNIOR GLEE CLUB PRESENTS CONCERT

Our Junior Glee Club presented this week its annual concert. This group consists of 35 mixed voices from the eighth and ninth grades. Selections rendered during the evening program included spiritual, sacred, and popular music. Mrs. Louise Wilson directed the group and Colleen Murray was accompanist.

Our music program involves the Junior Glee Club and the Senior Glee Club. The Senior Glee Club, composed of boys and girls in grades ten through twelve, presented a special Christmas concert and will also present a Spring concert April 28.

SENIORS ENJOY BARBECUE

Barbecue was the featured dish for our senior class on Friday, March 13. The group enjoyed delicious barbecue at a supper sponsored by the senior class of Corinth-Holder School of Zebulon. This is the second time this school year that members of our family have been guests of the Corinth-Holder School and its principal, Ottis C. Freeman, and we certainly appreciate such kindness and generosity. Coach Jim Brown accompanied groups on both occasions.

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CO-EDITORS OF ANNUAL

Pictured this week are the co-editors of this year's annual. These five boys have been working throughout the year on the annual, which has now been completed and is in the hands of the publisher. Their responsibilities in connection with the annual included soliciting for advertisements and sponsorships, arranging layouts and preparation of copy.

Last year was the first year in the history of our school that an annual was published. This year a contest was held to select a name and the winner and title has been withheld until the annual is delivered. We are pleased that it is possible for us to publish another annual this year, as it serves as an everlasting record of school and campus life and activities. Annual sponsor is Principal Martin.

All of the co-editors are senior boys. They attend school in the afternoon from 12:30 to 4:30 and attend study hall from 7:30 to 9:15. Their mornings are spent working as a student-learner in the Diversified Occupation phase of the Trade and Industrial Education program of the State Department of Public Instruction. We feel fortunate to be able to participate in this program, which offers a student who does not plan to attend college an opportunity to learn a trade or occupation, while in school. Twenty hours per week are spent in school, and twenty hours are spent on the job. This program offers our school, and other schools, throughout the state a means of meeting the vocational needs of boys and girls in a way which could not otherwise be possible. Many of our graduates who have participated in this program continue to work in the same trade or occupation for which they were trained, and some continue to work for the same employer.



ANNUAL STAFF

L. to R. Robert Taylor, Frank Daniels, Marvin King, John Clark, James Pace.

BASKETBALL TEAMS FETED

Our basketball boys and girls team managers, scorekeepers, and coaches were entertained at a barbecue chicken supper in their honor on Friday, Mar 20. Although neither team had a superior won-lost record, both never once failed to give their best for their team, and we are proud of their season performance.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR ORPHANAGE REUNION

A fine committee, consisting of local alumni and Karl Fleming, gathered in my office recently and planned the following program:

Saturday, April 4, 8:00 p.m.—Dance and get-together in the Orphanage Dining Room.

Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.—Devotional service in Orphanage Chapel.

12:00 noon—Dedication of Plaque Memorial to World War II, Orphanage Dead, by Rev. A. S. Barnes.

12:30 p.m.—Barbecue lunch in Orphanage dining room, followed by brief (we really mean it) business meeting.

3:30 p.m.—Easter egg hunt in grove, with 2,500 eggs to be distributed.

5:30 p.m.—Weiner roast for all alumni and Orphanage children, either in, or in front of dining room (depending on weather conditions.)

8:00 p.m.—Entertainment program in chapel, with Orphanage children putting on a talent show. Prizes will be awarded. Alumni members will also participate in the entertainment.

Monday, April 6—Annual Alumni-Orphanage ball game at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, 12:15 p.m.—Final dinner in Orphanage dining room.

We wish to extend to all alumnae members a sincere welcome, and hope that you will be among the many turning in this direction for this most important occasion.

"I BELIEVE IN . . . THE LIFE EVERLASTING"

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ambitions. Our Easter joy, therefore, is most eloquently expressed in the familiar words of St. John: "Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."

The Resurrection's Meaning

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20

If God raised Jesus from the dead we can trust his word: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes, though he die yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Hence it behooves us to examine with great care the scriptural accounts of the Resurrection.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had been terribly disappointed when Jesus, whom they believed to be the great Messiah, was crucified. But they were still loyal to his memory, and went in the early dawn to his tomb. An angel of the Lord had descended from heaven and rolled back the stone, and he said, He is not here but is risen. Love for Christ, in spite of our disappointments, inevitably leads to heartening experiences.

Go quickly, said the angel, and tell the disciples that he is risen from the dead. Heaven's special delivery stamp was on that message, and is still on the message that Jesus is risen. Would that the command to go quickly might electrify the whole church today, and inspire men to go at once into all the dark places of the earth with the great news.

As the women went to tell the news Jesus met them. He always meets those who are going on his errands. Tell my brethren, he said, to go into Galilee, there they will see me. Jesus was not a ghost who haunted his tomb. He would be found in the familiar surroundings of their Galilean homes.

While they were gone the guard that had been placed at the tomb went to the chief priests and told all that had taken place. Note that the guards did not become Christians. That reminds us of the parable of Jesus (Luke 16:19-32) where Abraham says, If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced though one rise from the dead. The guards took the bribe offered to them, and reported that his disciples had stolen the body away while they slept. Klausner, a leading Jewish writer, although he does not believe in the Resurrection, says that it must be granted that there was no deceit in the Christian witness that Jesus rose from the dead. The Christians believed that they had seen him.

There are certain discrepancies in the stories of the Resurrection. James Thoburn, the great missionary bishop of India, told the writer that the verdict of a jury was brought to a British official in India, asking him to sign a death warrant. We have never had a case, they told him, where all the evidence so perfectly harmonized. The official was at once suspicious and delayed the signing of the death warrant, and later discovered that the man was the victim of a deliberate conspiracy to get him executed.

Experience had taught the judge that one does not get perfectly agreeing accounts of the details of an event from a large number of witnesses. The fact that while the witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus are in substantial accord, they differ in details, adds to the credibility of the account as a whole, and shows that the details have not been forcibly harmonized. The best way to discover whether Jesus rose from the dead is to obey his command to go into all the world and preach his gospel to every creature, and find

whether his promise to be with his obedient messengers at all times is fulfilled.

The facts are that men who obey Christ are always inwardly reinforced and also have plain and repeated evidence that the gospel of the risen Christ is being authenticated through the witness of the Holy Spirit, and becomes the power of God to save men from sin and give new life. God keeps saying, Amen, in a very positive way to the message of salvation through the crucified and risen Christ.

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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND



Happiest Easter

By Lennelle Marsh Kanthack

It was Easter Sunday. The sun peeped in through Marilyn's window to say "Good morning!" A fat robin sat on her window sill and chirped merrily, "Happy Easter, Marilyn! Happy Easter!"

Marilyn opened her eyes and blinked at the bright sun. Then she saw Mr. Robin—and blinked again. Suddenly she cried, "It's Easter Sunday!" and jumped out of bed. "I must hurry and cut the flowers to take to Sunday school."

She dressed and ran out to the garden. She cut yellow flowers and pink and blue, and white ones, too. Soon her basket was so full that flowers spilled over the sides and fell to the ground. She was stooping to pick them up when her neighbor Jamie came through the gate.

"Put them in my basket, Mr. Robin," said, "It's larger than yours and I can hold more. Here, let me help you."

"Thank you Jamie," Marilyn said as they picked up the flowers and put them into his basket.

They walked down the street to the big red-brick church on the corner and opened the door to the primary department. Great puffs of sweet smells greeted them. Baskets holding flowers of many sizes and shapes and colors filled the room. Boys and girls and their teachers were making tiny bouquets. Marilyn and Jamie put their baskets beside the others on the table.

"What can we do to help?" they asked.

"You can pull the yellow yarn through the hole in the 'Happy Easter' cards we made last week," the teacher told them. "When that is done, tie a card to each bouquet."

"That'll be fun," Marilyn said as she and Jamie began to work. More children came carrying flowers. Some of them made bouquets. Some of them tied cards onto the bouquets. Everybody was busy. At last all bouquets were made.

"Honk, honk! Honk! honk!" called the horns outside the church door.

"They're here!" someone cried. "The automobiles are here to take up to the Old People's Home." The boys and girls and their teachers left the church carrying their baskets of flowers with them.

"Let's play a game as we ride," someone suggested. "Let's play 'I See.'"

"Oh, I know that game," said Marilyn. "I see birds carrying bits of string and grass for their nests."

"I see new leaves on the trees," said another.

"I see tiny bulbs pushing their heads through the ground," said Jamie. "Everything around us is waking up."

"That's right, Jamie," agreed his teacher. "Easter is new life time."

The automobiles stopped in front of a large building. Everybody got out and walked up the steps. The door opened and voices called out, "Come in boys and girls. Happy Easter!"

"Happy Easter to you, too!" they called back.

"Oh-h-h, the room is full of grandmas and grandpas and their friends!" exclaimed Marilyn as they went into the large living room. The men and women sat in their easy chairs. They listened eagerly as the children gathered around the piano and sang Easter songs. When they finished Marilyn and Jamie and the other children gave each one a bouquet of flowers.

The big church bells rang out loud and clear, calling the children back to church. "Ding, dong! Ding, dong! Come to church! Come to church this Easter day!"

They said good-by to their new friends at the Old People's Home and hurried down the steps and into the automobiles. "This is the happiest Easter I've ever had," said Marilyn. "It was fun taking flowers and singing our Easter songs to the grandmas and grandpas and their friends." And Jamie and the other children agreed.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

District	Place	Date
Durham	Efland	April 10
Elizabeth City	Swan Quarter	April 8
Fayetteville	Stedman	April 15
New Bern	Mount Olive	April 13
Raleigh	Westover, Raleigh	April 14
Rocky Mount	Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids	April 9
Wilmington	Clinton	April 7

All conferences begin at 9:30 a.m.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

District	Place	Date
Asheville	First, Hendersonville	April 7
Charlotte	Mineral Springs	April 8
Gastonia	Lawndale	April 14
Greensboro	Mt. Carmel, Reidsville	April 14
Marion (Already held)		
Salisbury	Kerr St., Concord 2:30 p.m.	April 12
Statesville	First, Hickory	April 9
Thomasville	Hopewell, Trinity	April 9
Waynesville	Highlands	April 8
Winston-Salem	Main St., Kernersville	May 14

All conferences begin at 9:30 a.m. unless stated otherwise.

GASTONIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Gastonia District Conference will be held at Lawndale Methodist Church, Lawndale, Tuesday, April 14, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. The Conference sermon will be delivered at 11:00 a.m. by Rev. W. A. Rollins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Newton. The members and friends of the Lawndale church will provide lunch at 12:30 o'clock for the Conference members and guests.

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March	1—11:00 a. m., Pleasant Grove Church, Pleasant Grove, N. C.
	8—Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, N. C.
	8—9:00 a.m., Chapel Communion Service
	8—11:00 a.m., Chapel dedication
	15—11:00 a.m., Cades, S. C.
	18—11:00 a.m., St. John Church, Aiken, S. C.
	18—1:00 p.m., Bethel Church, Jackson, S. C.
	18—2:30 p.m., New Ellenton, S. C.
	18—4:30 p.m., Williston, S. C.
	22—11:00 a.m., Kingstree, S. C.
	22—7:30 p.m., Central Church, Florence, S. C.
	29—11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., First Church, Morganton, S. C.
	30—12:00 Noon, WSCS, Morganton.
	30—7:30 p.m., First Church, Morganton, N. C.
April	5—11:00 a.m., Bradley Memorial Church, Gastonia, N. C.
	5—3:00 p.m., Pleasant Grove.
	6—4:00 p.m., Opening service and dedication of Ivy Chapel, at Home for Aged, Charlotte, N. C.
	8—8:00 p.m., Belmont Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
	12—11:00 a.m., First Methodist Church, Pickens, S. C.
	12—3:00 p.m., First Methodist Church, Pickens, S. C.
April	16-24: Richmond, Va., Area—United Evangelistic Mission.
April	26-May 3: Meeting of Council of Bishops, Omaha, Neb.
May	4-8—Charlotte Area Evangelistic Mission.
	10—11:00 a.m., Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
	17—Mount Olivet Church, Salisbury District, 11:00 a.m.
	24—11:00 a.m., Woodland Church, Rock Hill, S. C.
	24—3:00 p.m., Rock Hill, S. C. (Dist. Evangelistic Rally).
	26—Brevard College: 11:00 a.m., Inauguration of President; 2:00 p.m., Commencement Address.
	31—Greensboro College: 11:00 a.m., Commencement Sermon.

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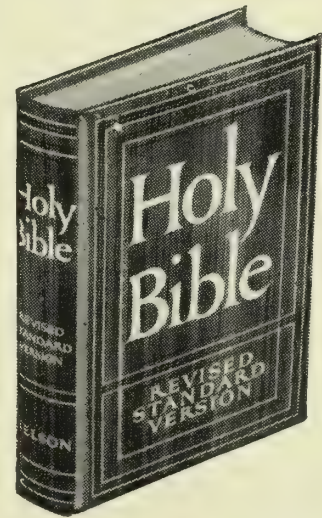
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A MESSAGE For Easter Evening



By A. A. Kyles

The two enemies that man fears most are sin and death. Jesus is able to destroy sin and He has abolished death for those who believe in Him. Easter is the answer to man's first and final question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Jesus answered this question with living evidence. "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." And He says, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Easter gives us a new direction for life. Easter does not mean going west but traveling east. East is the direction of sunrise and not sunset. Death does not mean sundown and darkness to the Christian but sunrise and eternal day, eternal life here and forever. The grave is a gateway and death is a door through which we must pass to eternal life.

Easter means that Christ can break the bonds of death and roll away the stone of sin from the door of our hearts. Christ can give us life that is abundant and abiding, He has become the abiding Christ. He alone can say, "I am with you always." Christ is not a dead body in an ancient tomb in the Holy Land. He is a living person and is with all who believe in Him.

Easter means victory. There was a vic-

tory garden and a country road in the Easter story. Just as Christ walked the Emmaus Road on the first Easter afternoon with two disciples, so will He walk with you and me if we welcome Him into our hearts. He still meets His friends on the road of life and sups with them in the upper room of Prayer and fellowship. Read the after-Easter stories as follows: Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20 and 21.

Were You There?

—IN a dream one night God asked me, not many questions—but just one, containing only three words:

"WERE YOU THERE?"

- Were you there when the Minister said, "Let us pray"?
- Were you there when the offering plates were passed for gifts to proclaim the Gospel and build a better world?
- Were you there when rich and poor, young and old arose together to blend their voices in praise to the God of us all?
- Were you there when the Choir sang, "My God and I"?
- Were you there when the preacher said, "Thou art the man!"?
- Were you there when the invitation was given to come to the Altar and make confession of sins?
- Were you there when the Lord's Supper was served in response to the Saviour's words, "This do in remembrance of me"?

If not, then where were you, my friend?

Are you sure you can justify, BEFORE God, your whereabouts?

Yes, it's time—high time—to say,
"HERE AM I"

—Wilson O. Weldon

**"The Lord has
risen indeed!"**

On Easter Sunday, 1953, the resurrection story will be told again in sermon and song.

Telling the story is wonderful because the people who recite it, and the people who hear it, prove their belief with their deeds. Faith without works is dead.

In thousands of Methodist churches one of the highest points of the lovely Easter service



will be the offering to Methodist World Service. It will be a sort of guaranty of faith, a pledge to serve the living Christ by spreading His Gospel—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, healing the sick, teaching the Way of the Lord.



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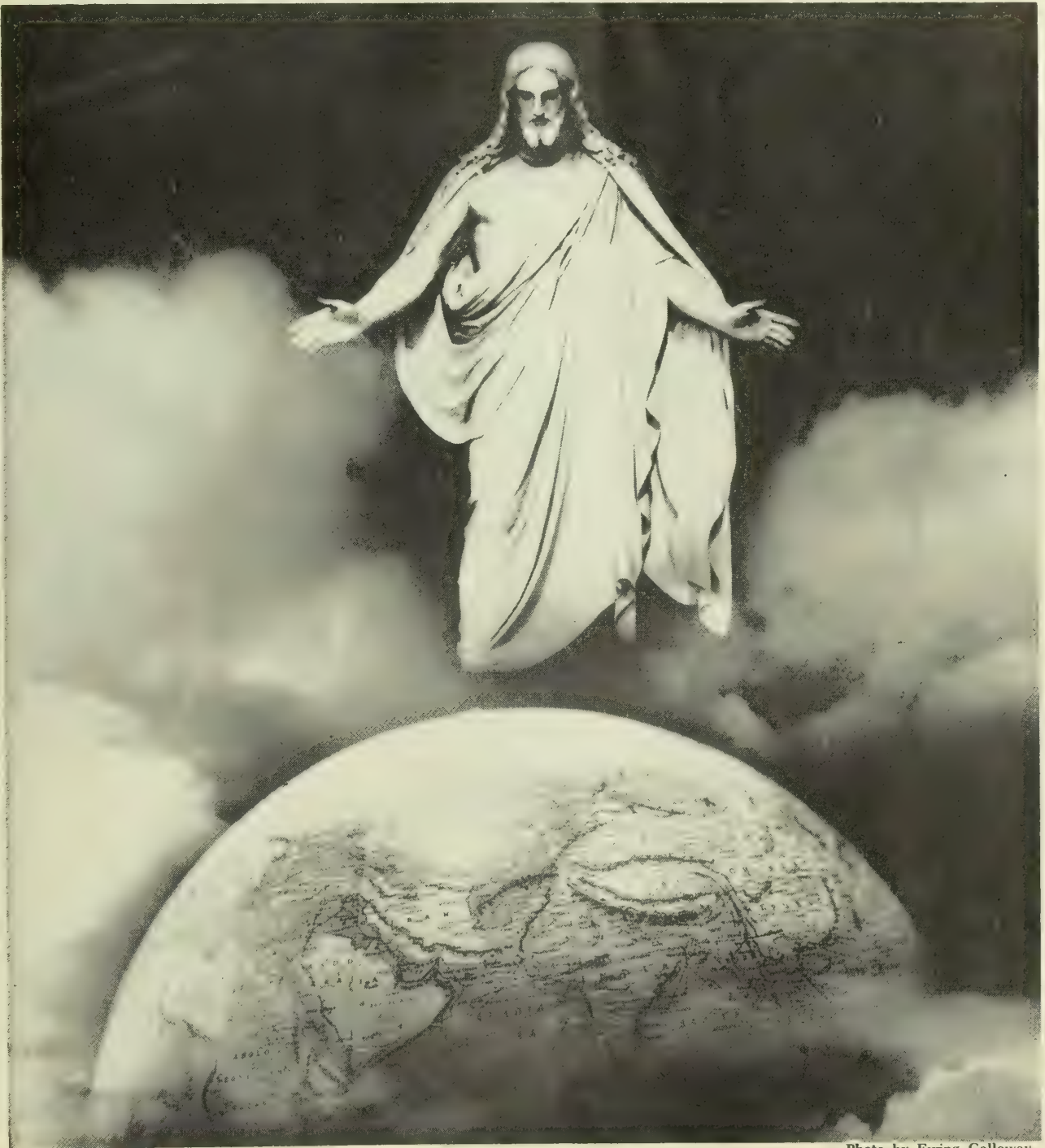


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United Evangelistic Issue for the North Carolina Conference



KEY LEADERS IN THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Left to right: Rev. Eugene Golay, Area director; Rev. W. A. Cade, chairman, mass meeting committee; Dr. F. S. Love, chairman, personnel and assignment committee; Dr. E. L. Hillman, chairman, youth rally committee; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Area chairman; Rev. J. F. Herbert, chairman, publicity and promotion committee; Rev. H. K. King, chairman, spiritual preparation committee; Rev. V. E. Queen, executive chairman; and Dr. W. C. Ball, chairman, finance committee.

The U.E.M. In The North Carolina Conference

By Vergil E. Queen
Executive Chairman



The North Carolina Conference is engaged in the promotion of the U.E.M. under the able leadership of Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area, and Dr. Eugene Golay of the General Board of Evangelism.

The Mission was launched in the Conference on December 5, 1952, when a conference-wide planning session was held in Rocky Mount. Dr. Golay outlined the U.E.M. organization before the pastors of the Conference. The bishops and district superintendents of the Jurisdiction met in Chattanooga, January 6-8, for a general planning conference where final plans were laid and guest pastors were assigned for the co-operating areas.

Early in January, a series of District preparation conferences followed and minute instructions were given for local church planning. Each District was broken down into units of eight or ten charges over which was appointed a unit leader.

Each of the district superintendents has been given heavy responsibilities beyond his own District duties. Each superintendent is chairman of one of the vital functional committees. Rev. V. E. Queen, Wilmington, is the Conference executive chairman; Rev. H. K. King, New Bern, is chairman of the spiritual preparation committee; Rev. W. A. Cade, Raleigh, is chairman of the mass meeting committee; Rev. E. L. Hillman,

Durham, is chairman of the youth rally committee; Rev. W. C. Ball, Fayetteville, is chairman of the finance committee; Rev. J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount, is chairman of the publicity and promotion committee; and Rev. F. S. Love, Elizabeth City, is chairman of the personnel and assignment committee. Each District and each local charge and church have a corresponding set of functional committees.

The Mission begins in the N. C. Conference on April 17 and will continue through April 26. Each local church will feature both visitation and pulpit evangelism. Perhaps the two outstanding features of the Mission will be the youth rallies and the victory rallies. Each District will hold a mammoth youth rally on Saturday evening, April 18.

On Sunday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m. two great mass meetings will be held. The Durham, Fayetteville, Raleigh, and Wilmington Districts will meet in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh. The Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Rocky Mount Districts will meet in Greenville in the East Carolina College stadium. It is expected that 8,000 Methodists will gather in these two centers to celebrate victory won in the U.E.M. and to witness again the glory of Pentecost and Aldersgate.

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We Follow in Their Train

By BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER

On Monday, January 3, 1785, the Christmas Conference which organized the Methodist Church adjourned in Baltimore. The next day Bishop Francis Asbury began his episcopal career by riding fifty miles through frost and snow to Fairfax, Virginia. From that day until his death in 1816, Bishop Asbury visited many times Virginia and eastern North Carolina, the territory of our present Richmond Area. Bishop Asbury visited Virginia 84 times and was in North Carolina on 63 occasions.

Bishop Asbury's Journal is filled with references to the work of God within the present Richmond Area. From his Journal we know that Bishop Asbury, with faithful preachers and laymen, kept alive at all times the flame of evangelism.

I am always inspired by references in Bishop Asbury's Journal to Methodist evangelism in those early days, such as: "I found the Lord was working among the people in Mecklenberg (Virginia)"; "Preached at Moore's in Northampton (North Carolina) once a poor, dead people, but now revived and increased from eleven to sixty members;" "I passed through Southampton (Virginia) where I also beheld the power of God manifested in several lively meetings;" "Preached at Whitakers Chapel (North Carolina). I found God had been working, and that many souls had been awakened." Under the Methodism it is no surprise that evangelistic fervor of pioneer Methodism made progress in Virginia and eastern North Carolina. We Methodists have a marvelous



The social and economic Asbury and the circuit riders of 1953, but there are still thou territory of the Richmond Area saving power of our Saviour. We in the evangelistic train of our our religion with these people.

to come into vital contact with Almighty God, to form a life companionship with our Saviour.

We are now engaged in our United Evangelistic Mission throughout our Southland. In the Richmond Area alone there are 828 pastoral charges, 1981 preaching places, and 462,430 members. Using the motto, "You Need Christ Now" our Methodists are united in the noble cause of offering Jesus Christ to the people of Virginia and Eastern North Carolina.

We Methodists have a message of hope. We do not go before the people of our Southland proclaiming a gospel of good works. We do not call the unsaved to a gospel of mysticism and certainly not to high church practices. We do go before our Southern people with a simple but great message, namely, that all people can come into vital contact with God, that they can form a friendship with our Saviour and that they can experience the daily power of the Holy Spirit in their own lives. We are saying to them that the Christian gospel is a simple message; it is not a theological system difficult to understand. And we are able to point to the Apostle Peter and his colleagues and to John Wesley as living examples of men who demonstrated in their own lives the power that comes to people who will allow Jesus Christ to dominate their lives.

I pray that God may richly bless all of us in this important evangelistic campaign. May we have again the evangelistic spirit of early Methodism. God can work marvelous things in the Richmond Area when all of us join together under the leadership of our Saviour to bring the message of salvation to our friends and neighbors. In the words of the Episcopal Address of the General Conference of 1952: "Let our pulpits ring with the insistent pleading notes and let our people back up this deep concern with their lives, their prayers, and their witness, and then nothing can prevent this Methodism of ours from becoming increasingly an instrument of God for saving the world."

A WALKING-TALKING REVIVAL

Going out in teams of two in New Testament fashion, at least 15,000 Methodist laymen will visit in homes of the "unchurched" in hundreds of communities in Virginia and eastern North Carolina, April 19-26.

Simultaneous with the visitation evangelism program of laymen, 800 guest ministers from six surrounding states will be conducting nightly preaching services in all of the charges of the Richmond Area. A total of 1,500 churches will be working together in the movement.

The Richmond Area Mission is a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Evangelistic Mission, which is the greatest evangelistic crusade ever attempted in the history of the Christian movement. The nine-state jurisdictional mission involves 16 annual conferences, 141 districts, 5,218 charges and 12,173 churches. There are nearly 2,500,000 Methodists in this vast section of the nation.

There are three phases in the Jurisdiction program. The first phase was carried out in the Louisville Area last fall, when 700 charges participated. During the mission 10,000 laymen went out in teams of two and won almost 10,000 persons to Christ and membership in the churches. The second phase, April 19-26, will include the Atlanta and Birmingham areas in addition to Richmond. The third phase will be conducted May 1-10 in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Nashville and Jackson areas.

Guest pastors are secured for the most part on a reciprocal basis, with the areas exchanging within the jurisdiction. In addition, several hundred guest pastors will be brought in from surrounding states. The Richmond Area will exchange with the Charlotte Area; the pastors of the South Carolina Conference will come to North Carolina.

Within the North Carolina Conference almost all of the charges will cooperate. The district superintendents report that 98% of the charges will share in the combined preaching and visitation evangelism mission.

General chairman of the Richmond Area Mission is Bishop Paul Neff Garber. The Area director is Rev. Eugene E. Golay, an associate secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. V. E. Queen of Wilmington is executive chairman of the North Carolina Conference committee.

More than a year in planning, the unprecedented endeavor will get underway actually on Friday, April 17, when host and guest pastors will meet in the District centers for registration and the first session of the "Periods of Power" at 3:30 p.m. The pastors will meet for training and inspiration each morning of the week following also. Outstanding ministers from South Carolina will give instructions in the modern techniques of Visitation Evangelism and Pulpit Evangelism.

Initiating the public services, a youth rally will be held on Saturday night, April 18, at 7:30 o'clock in each of the seven Districts. More than 6,000 young people and their sponsors are expected to attend. Sponsored by youth and for youth, the rallies will feature hymn sings, mass youth choirs, and challenging sermons by leading ministers in the youth field of service. Local churches will bring large groups by car caravans and busses.

By Eugene E. Golay
Richmond Area Director

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The preaching services will open in the local churches on Sunday morning, April 19 with guest speakers in the pulpits. The services, which are aimed at the deepening of the spiritual life of church members and winning new commitments to Christ, will continue each night through Friday. General theme of the Mission is "You Need Christ Now." This will be sounded again and again throughout the week of preaching. Pastors are planning to employ many features to secure large attendance—fill the pew plan, the telephone roundup, special nights, special music, "each one bring one," etc.

First session of training and visitation evangelism by lay workers will be Sunday afternoon, April 19. Workers will gather in the churches at 2:30 o'clock for an hour of instruction by guest leaders, then, with a prayer in their hearts, they will go out in a "walking revival." It is

expected that 6,000 laymen in North Carolina conference will share in this program of bringing Christ into the non-church homes of every community. Monday through Friday nights the lay visitors will meet for supper at six o'clock. Additional instructions will be given each night, after which the teams will go out to visit. Through this New Testament method of Christian witnessing, thousands of persons will be won to Christ and membership in His church.

But victory in the United Evangelistic Mission in North Carolina does not depend upon organization and technique. A tremendous prayer movement undergirds the total program. Beginning with Prayer Covenant Sunday, January 4, the prayer movement has been gaining momentum weekly. It is estimated that 40,000 have signed the prayer covenant cards, pledging themselves to pray daily for the Mission, for the leaders and for persons whom they want to see won to Christ. Hundreds of prayer groups have been organized in the churches. Several cities and individual churches are planning special "Prayer Vigils". Church bells will be rung and chimes played, calling the members to prayer. Many pastors declare that the revival has already begun as they have mobilized the prayer power of their churches. This is God's work. Prayer is essential for doing His work.

In order that everyone may know about the Methodist Evangelistic Mission, a broad and inclusive program of publicity and promotion has been promoted throughout the state. Posters, bumper strips, window stickers and hymnal bands

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The Board Of Evangelism Is Cooperating

By B. B. Slaughter, Chairman

The evangelistic program of the Conference is being taken care of by Jurisdictional leadership for the first six months of the year. In its meeting, February 5, the Conference Board heartily endorsed and strongly recommended full support of the total program of the United Evangelistic Mission. It urged the spiritual cultivation of the personal lives of the preachers and people; and with Bishop Garber arranged a conference-wide retreat for all the preachers in Goldsboro, March 23. Bishop Garber secured the leaders and arranged the program. We believe it was helpful, searching and stimulating. The Board has been advancing funds for the promotion of the Mission until funds come in from the local churches during the revival week.

The Board urged a series of evangelistic services be held in every church not reached by the general plan in April; and that each charge and church formulate a year-round plan of evangelism through visiting committees, fishermen's clubs, etc., not only to reach the unreached, but to re-enlist the delinquent members in the active life and work of the church.

The Board urged a complete survey and visitation in every community. So many of the Good Shepherd's sheep are outside the fold, wandering, lost! Statistics show that above fifty percent of the people in the United States are in the church. But did you know that in the South, the "Bible Belt," the percentage is much lower? Only about forty per cent are in any church. That means that nearly 2,500,000 in North Carolina are outside the church. We must find who they are, where they are, and what they are, and then use our utmost endeavor to bring them into the fold. Only one of the hundred sheep was lost, but the good shepherd went in search of that one until he found it, and brought it safely back to the fold. Only one of the ten pieces of silver was lost but the owner swept and searched the whole house until he found it. Jesus sent his twelve and the seventy out two by two to find the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Jesus himself went out into the fields and streets, the market places and water front and gathered in his disciples. Wesley went into the fields and streets, the factories, and foundries and found those who make up The Methodist Church.

The survey and the follow-up are essential for the success of this United Evangelistic Mission.

Great Preparation Means A Great Harvest

Great preparations have been made for the United Evangelistic Mission in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Eight Bishops and 139 District Superintendents and 5,000 preachers will be engaged in two revivals from April 17 to May 24. In one revival the preacher will be a guest pastor, in the other one he will be a host pastor. This is to be a walking and talking revival. There will be talking in every church by the guest pastor. Selected laymen and youth will walk to thousands of homes and talk to people about Christ and His Church.

This will be a reaching and preaching revival. Preachers and laymen will preach from the pulpits, over the radio, and in the homes. Laymen and preachers will reach out into homes, shops, farms, and stores to tell individuals and families about the living Christ and His power to set them free from the law of sin and death.

We have never known of a bishop taking 500 preachers to assist another bishop and 500 preachers in a revival as will be done in April and May; or 139 district superintendents going with their preachers to help other superintendents and their preachers in revivals.

What a wonderful time to have a revival! Easter, April 5, we celebrated with joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and we move to tell sinning men and women that He is alive.

During Family Week, May 3—10, 2,500 churches will be engaged in revivals and in winning whole families for Christ. In visitation evangelism we try to win the entire family for Christ. What a wonderful time to have a revival. May 24 we celebrate Pentecost and Aldersgate on the same day. This is the anniversary of the birth of the church and the birth of The Methodist Church. Every district is to have a great victory mass meeting.

We believe that this is the greatest evangelistic movement the Southeast has ever seen. There is to be **pulpit** evangelism. Preachers will be preaching the living Christ from the pulpit. There will be **pew** evangelism when the laymen and youth will be visiting the homes of the unconverted and unchurched. There will be **public** evangelism when the gospel story will be told over the radio, on the billboards and in the newspapers. There will be **parental evangelism** when parents will be leading their children to Christ and the Church. There will be **prayer** evangelism when thousands, perhaps a million, will be praying for lost men and women and for a sweeping revival in their homes and churches. There will be **personal** evangelism when men and women and youth will be talking to their friends about becoming Christians and uniting with the church. There will be **private** evangelism for those of us who belong to the church. We will be growing in grace and making new commitments to Christ.

There will be **purse** evangelism. Thousands of tithe money will be putting some of God's money into this great revival in order to pay for evangelistic literature, for billboards, for advertising, for traveling expenses of 5,000 preachers who are to be evangelists, and other expenses. There will be **power** evangelism. We will tarry until we are endued with power from on high. We can stay in an upper room until we receive power to witness to the living Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world.

There will be **pupil** evangelism. The teachers of the Sunday School and the youth leaders will be visiting their pupils

By Harry Denman, Executive Secretary
General Board of Evangelism

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about the giving of their lives to our living Christ and His Church.

There are some things that all of us

can do for this revival. Some of us can preach from the pulpit. All of us can preach with our daily Christian living. Some of us can visit in homes. All of us can visit the Lord in intercessory prayer. Some of us can speak over the radio and television. All of us can speak to our

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SPIRITUAL PREPARATION CHAIRMEN

Left to right: Rev. J. V. Early, Raleigh District; Rev. J. H. Miller, Fayetteville District; Rev. M. W. Lawrence, New Bern District; Rev. H. K. King, Conference chairman; Rev. H. B. Lewis, Durham District; Rev. D. J. Reid, Elizabeth City District; Rev. N. W. Grant, Rocky Mount District. Absent: Rev. L. L. Parrish, Wilmington District.

INDICTED BUT NOT CONVICTED

By W. J. Smith,
Conference Lay Leader

How do we Methodists plead before the court of the peoples of the earth in this matter of evangelism? Are we guilty, as charged, of having allowed the traditional zeal of our forefathers in evangelistic endeavors to wane and partially fade away? Can we avail ourselves of any defense that will help to offset the circumstances which point with unerring justice to the fact that The Methodist Church **needs** to place special emphasis upon saving souls? What has happened to our ministers and to our laymen in these latter years that now causes a **special emphasis** on that part of our church life that throughout our history has been an every-day, normal undertaking with such splendid and glorious results?

In trying to justify our present situation, many of us will want to plead the great advances in unity, in organization, in national and international influence that we have made. Others will point out tremendous efforts to sustain and support our missions, our hospitals, our orphanages and homes, our colleges, and many other fine accomplishments that we have undertaken. To be even a small part of all of these things engenders in our hearts a gratefulness to Almighty God and a pardonable pride among men.

The fact that 9,000,000 of us have pledged our allegiance to Christianity under the banner of The Methodist Church in a comparatively short history, within itself bespeaks goodness and greatness as well as fulfillment of human desire in connection with religious life. Under no condition, however, can we face the future and expect to build upon these physical things alone.

We recognize—and millions of unchurched recognize—that in some manner we have neglected the spiritual side of our church. Our plea of guilty to that fact was evidenced in our last General Conference when we decided that we needed to do something about returning to that phase of church life which has made us great—hence the birth of our evangelistic mission. Our self-indictment in that solemn hour when Methodists agreed to wage a holy crusade under God on behalf of the human race and its salvation, is the only defense that stays our conviction among ourselves and all the peoples of the earth. During that fateful hour one might have heard Wesley, standing with the Master observing that deliberation, joyously say: "Master, the boys have cleared up their problems of unification and organization and are now ready to get down to business again."

This cause coming on to be heard has resulted in defeat for conviction. How many of us will rise up and expend every effort in this evangelistic mission to discharge the indictment?

THE DISTRICTS ARE PREPARING

Durham District

The ministers and members of the churches in the Durham District are experiencing a growing sense of comradeship with all those in the North Carolina Conference who are working and praying for a great united evangelistic mission. We have been participating in meetings on the conference, district and sub-district levels. As the movement has developed we find the local churches are showing a deep interest so that we are expecting a most effective result to come about.

To get the United Evangelistic Mission under way, we have had the functional committees operating under excellent leadership. The spiritual preparation committee has been directed by Rev. H. B. Lewis. This group has rendered a good service for its objective.

Rev. C. D. Barclift is chairman of the mass meeting committee. This group is working with like groups of the Wilmington, Raleigh and Fayetteville Districts in preparing for the mass meeting to be held in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, May 24. Brother Barclift has been chosen to preside at this meeting.

Rev. Curtis Gatlin is chairman of the youth rally committee. He and other members of the district youth council have effected plans for the youth rally to be held at Duke Memorial church, Durham, April 18, at 7:30. More than 1,200 youth are expected to attend. The youth members will have entire charge of the rally program. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Rev. Robert N. DuBose of Whitmire, S. C.

The publicity and promotion committee is being ably led by Rev. A. C. Lee as chairman. It would be difficult to find any better job of publicity being done in the whole Conference. Fullest information is going out by letters, the press and the radio, through this committee.

We are turning rapidly now to the Mission itself. The first of the Periods of Power meetings will be held at Mebane on April 17. This is to be the central meeting place during the Mission. The visitation evangelism instructor will be Dr. J. G. Martin, pastor of First church, Lancaster, S. C. The pulpit evangelism instructor will be Rev. G. S. Duffie, Greenville, S. C. Those instructors will continue throughout the week. The banquet speaker for April 17, will be Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor of Triune church, Greenville, S. C.

The inspirational speakers, April 20-24, will be: Monday, Rev. R. L. Holroyd, superintendent of the Greenville District; Tuesday, Rev. J. C. Smiley, superintendent of the Rock Hill District; Wednesday, Rev. R. B. Herbert, pastor of Buncombe St. church, Greenville; Thursday, Rev. G. S. Duffie, pastor of St. Paul church, Greenville; Friday, Rev. B. B. Black, pastor of East church, Lancaster.

With these outstanding leaders and pastors from the South Carolina Conference, we are assured a great program for the United Evangelistic Mission. Our expectations are running high and we most sincerely believe that great experiences are in store for us all. More than fifty churches in the district are participating and our people are cooperating in a whole-hearted manner. We are joining in heart and hand that the Kingdom of God may be advanced. So will we work and so will we pray for the United Evangelistic Mission.

E. L. Hillman, D. S.

Elizabeth City District

Since the inception of a Methodist Year of Evangelism it has been a thrilling experience to watch the response expressed in a growing enthusiasm. There are churches that are coming alive under the challenge of a great task. There is a growing concern for people and a compelling desire to serve. There are many who are rediscovering their faith in God and the adequacy of Jesus to meet the needs of our modern world. We are learning to pray with Christ for reapers in fields so white to harvest. This Mission is going to recall the great certainties of our religion and test our confidence in our message.

Can we spiritualize and make vital this

great program as projected? Have we a better plan? Has that plan been proven in experience? These questions are prompted by a conversation between two preachers following one of the preparation conferences. "Do you suppose the Holy Spirit has anything to do with this?" To which the other replied, "I doubt it." Another pastor expressed a finer attitude when he said, "If we fail with this program we might as well quit." I have been a pastor for many years and have served my church in many capacities but in these years I have not worked in the limits of a program more perfectly wrought out. Our record in evangelism has been poor. There are churches in this district that did not win a soul to Christ in the past year. Surely we do not blame the Holy



YOUTH RALLY CHAIRMEN

Left to right: Rev. K. R. Wheeler, Wilmington District; Rev. G. C. Megill, Raleigh District; Rev. R. L. Bame, New Bern District; Rev. F. R. Dail, Fayetteville District; Dr. E. L. Hillman, Conference chairman. Absent: Revs. C. R. Gatlin, Durham District; R. T. Commander, Elizabeth City District; R. W. Bradshaw, Rocky Mount District.

The Women Are Behind The Mission

By Mrs. H. I. Glass, president

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is a part of The Methodist Church; and, as such, it has a place in the total program of the Church. When the General Conference, meeting in San Francisco in 1952, adopted the Resolution on "The World-Wide Mission of Evangelism," the Woman's Society of Christian Service began making plans to join in this great effort. This effort is not new since the heart of the work of the Woman's Society is evangelism.

In this effort just now we are thinking of evangelism on the home front. The women of our Conference have a great opportunity to participate individually and as local Societies in this call to present Christ and the Christian way of life to those about us. This a real challenge, and one which we are sure the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet joyfully as a Conference and as individuals.

Our church gave recognition to our women when it named the secretary of spiritual life as a member of the Commission on Evangelism. Opportunities will be offered for service in prayer services, visitation, and in any other plans projected by the local church. In all of this the great opportunity for deepening one's spiritual life is offered.

One of the items on the Covenant Card which we signed in January is this: "I desire to bring at least one person to Christ this year and will make a conscious effort to do so." There are more than 30,000 of us. Suppose each of us should win one person to Christ this year. Result: more than 30,000 new converts in the North Carolina Conference! In Lloyd Douglas' book, "The Big Fisherman," Peter tells a friend of his experience in the early morning when Christ asked him to follow Him and to become a fisher of men. He said he felt compelled to accept Christ's invitation because Christ needed him. We know that Christ is calling us to lead our neighbors to accept Him and the Christian way of life. The theme for our work at this time is: "That the Kingdom of God may be realized." Let us add: through the women of The Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference.

Spirit for our failure. Let's give Him a chance as we say to more people than we can count, "You Need Christ Now."

Because I believe in this program and in the certainty that we need Christ now I am not hesitating to ask these fine men who work with me in this district to do far more than the normal task of the pastorate. Our spiritual preparation began with a two-day retreat for the pastors. Here we found a wonderful and complete fellowship as we shared our experiences and hopes. The retreat was followed with four "All Church Institutes" in which Evangelism and Missions were specially featured. Each program closed with a period of dedication and the people left in a spirit of revival. This has made it easy to accept and work in the framework of our UEM program.

The literature of spiritual preparation is an invitation to fellowship with Christ—the hours when alone with God, the hours of prayer for a cause and the workers in that cause, personal fellowship in a common task and the joy of hours in the Sanctuary, where we meet the Master—all contribute to a new spiritual alertness. Pastors are saying, "Something is happening. There is a new loyalty expressed in church attendance and in the spirit of service." In a spirit of expectancy we move with assurance of divine guidance, to victory in our year of evangelism.

F. S. Love, D. S.

Fayetteville District

Since the beginning of the Conference year, the Fayetteville District has been organized and functioning according to the plan set-up in PROSPECTUS for the United Evangelistic Mission. District committee chairmen appointed are as follows: J. H. Miller, Laurinburg, spiritual preparation; Stanley Potter, Fayetteville, mass meetings; F. R. Dail, Gibson, youth rally; A. S. Parker, Sanford, finance; Grady Dawson, Fayetteville, publicity and promotion. These men attended the opening instruction meeting in Rocky Mount, called by Bishop Garber, and many of their committee members were also present.

Page Memorial church in Aberdeen was filled for the preparation and training program which Dr. Eugene Golay led on Sunday, February 1. Since that local church committees on planning, spiritual preparation, publicity, visitation evangelism, finance, and spiritual life have been set-up and are working hard to prepare the churches for the UEM program. Re-

ligious census has been taken in many areas, and a large number of Methodist prospects lined-up for the visitation teams.

On Sunday, March 29, the Fayetteville District began the big publicity program. On that day bumper and window stickers were put on all cars at the churches, and hymnal bands were placed on all hymnbooks in the churches. The big outdoor signs first appeared on March 25, and since April 1, five billboard signs have been posted along the highways of the Fayetteville District.

The 47 charges of the district have been divided into five sub-district groups, each with a chairman whose responsibility it is to keep a check on progress within his group. These chairmen are: M. R. Chambers, Laurinburg area; E. C. Crawford, Rockingham area; J. F. Coble, Troy area; W. J. Neese, Sanford area; and B. L. Davidson, Fayetteville area. Each of these chairmen has called two sub-district check-up meetings and reports that the plans for the campaign are now entering the final stages of development. The district superintendent attended all five of the final check-up meetings which were completed on March 27.

The giant youth rally is scheduled for Saturday night, April 18, in Aberdeen with Rev. C. K. Lupo, Jr., of Mount Pleasant, S. C., as the inspirational speaker. F. R. Dail, youth rally chairman, is being assisted by J. A. Auman, district director of youth work, in planning for this meeting. Mr. Dail will be in charge of music and will assemble a 250-voice youth choir, on the afternoon of the rally, to practice together, and lead the group singing at the rally in the evening. The Laurinburg High School Band and Glee Club will

also assist with the music. An estimated 1,200 youth from the Fayetteville District are expected to attend.

Now that preparations are in the final stage toward completion, each of the charges is looking forward to the arrival of guest ministers from the Charleston and Marion, S. C., districts. Rev. David A. Clyburn, pastor of Bethel church, Charleston, S. C., will be speaker for the opening and get-acquainted dinner meeting between guest and host ministers, in Aberdeen on Friday night, April 17, at 6:30 o'clock. This group meets together for the first time on the afternoon of April 17, at 4 o'clock, in Page Memorial church, Aberdeen.

W. C. Ball, D. S.

New Bern District

We believe that the pastors and laymen of the New Bern District are participating in the United Evangelistic Mission with three main thoughts in mind: First, we are proud of the world-wide scope of this great movement, in every continent and clime, sweeping over successive Areas and Jurisdictions; we are not only inspired that thousands of pastors and churches and millions of members are in this movement at one time in our Jurisdiction, but we are thrilled that 55 visiting pastors will be preaching in our own District the same week. Second, we are trying to use every means available to reach men for Christ; though bewildered at times by the wealth of material offered us, we would "use all means if by any we may win

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FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Left to right: Rev. D. L. Fouts, Elizabeth City District; Rev. W. L. Clegg, Durham District; Dr. W. C. Ball, Conference chairman; Rev. A. S. Parker, Fayetteville District; Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, Wilmington District; and Rev. Leon Russell, New Bern District. Absent: Ray Bandy, Rocky Mount District, and C. S. Hubbard, Raleigh District.



PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION CHAIRMEN

Left to right: Rev. A. C. Lee, Durham District; Rev. R. G. Dawson, Fayetteville District; Rev. T. B. Hough, Wilmington District; Rev. B. D. Critcher, New Bern District; Rev. S. J. Starnes, Raleigh District; Rev. J. F. Herbert, Conference chairman; Rev. C. J. Andrews, Rocky Mount District. Absent, J. K. Ormond, Elizabeth City District.

THE DISTRICTS ARE PREPARING

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some," and so are commending each resource to the Master and asking Him to help us to use it to bring men to Him. Third, we are already blest in what God has done for us in this time of preparation: Our prayer life has been enriched and strengthened, motives have been searched and purified, churches have been made aglow with a new spiritual life. All of this is reflected in only some partial totals from pastors' reports: 2806 Prayer Covenants, several hundred prayer groups, 3775 prospects recorded, and 754 visitors enlisted.

Our unit leaders have given cheerfully of their busy time to encourage and help in their sections, and a brief word from them follows:

Rev. Leon Russell of the Greenville area writes: "Even before the United Mission begins in our conference, our people are being blessed by the united praying and the united working by which we are seeking to prepare for it. There is a tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, and there is a tie that makes us conscious of our common concerns. That which binds us together now is the call of Christ to make His Gospel known. The people of our district, preachers and laymen alike, have heard His call and we are ready to give our united answer."

Rev. M. W. Lawrence of the Kinston area says: "The unit rally of the Kinston area held Thursday, March 26, revealed that this area is taking seriously the preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission. All charges have the necessary materials; have well-made plans for publicity and for promotion of attendance. Neighborhood prayer meetings, prayer covenant cards, family altars, **The Upper Room**, pamphlets, letters, and personal visits are some of the means being used to prepare the churches spiritually for the mission."

Dr. A. J. Hobbs of the Goldsboro area testifies: "Everything points to a most successful Mission in the Goldsboro area. Our pastors and laymen believe in this united evangelistic effort and unitedly they are moving forward in prayer, dedication and work to victory. Each step of the program has been faithfully carried out in all our churches."

Rev. J. A. Russell of the New Bern area states: "The interest and cooperation of the pastors and committee members predict a successful evangelistic mission for the New Bern unit. Many prayer groups have been organized and hundreds of people are praying. The Methodists are being united in faith, prayer and work which means victory. I believe that this

united mission, which brings together all the methods of evangelism, will help us regain something which we may have lost."

H. K. King, D. S.

Raleigh District

For a good many years The Methodist Church, which historically had set the standard and emphasis in the evangelistic ministry of the church, has seen its glory and genius recede in this fundamental mission of the church. The old and tried methods were not adequate for the changing world. The day is past when the revival in the church and community is the most attractive event of the year and commands the attention and interest of the masses. There are a hundred other things to break the monotony of life and provide entertainment for the people. For the most part, only the faithful have attended our revivals in recent years. For our recruits we have been almost limited to our fixed constituency. The masses of the people have not been brought under the influence and power of the gospel as formerly.

May we not hope that the mass and organized movement of U.E.M., the enlistment of hundreds and thousands of people in prayer, visitation and the personal appeal to people that they "Need Christ Now"; and giving to them God's standing invitation to come to him in faith, trust, love, fellowship and service is the evangelistic approach for our day? The combination of visitation and preaching evangelism all over the Jurisdiction, the Area, the Conference, the District and in hundreds of churches will surely reach the hearts of many people with the gospel appeal.

All the Raleigh District functional committees have been diligent and active. Reports coming to the district superintendent from the seven unit leaders and from the pastors indicate a rising tide of interest, enthusiasm, organized effort and spiritual preparation.

Our guest ministers coming from the Columbia and Florence-Kingtree districts of the South Carolina Conference have been assigned. Their announcement is ready.

During the week of the U. E. M. all the host and guest ministers will gather each day for the Period of Power meetings at Hayes Barton church, Raleigh.

The District youth rally with Bishop Ralph Cushman as their chosen guest speaker, will be held Saturday evening, April 18, in Edenton Street church, Raleigh.

A four-district Victory Mass Meeting

Sunday afternoon, May 24, is planned for the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh.

We are ready and expectant, we hope and pray without exception, all over the Raleigh District.

W. A. Cade, D. S.

Rocky Mount District

The plans for the United Evangelistic Mission in the Rocky Mount District are in the hands of some of the best men in the North Carolina Conference. N. W. Grant of Bethel is spiritual preparation chairman. L. C. Vereen heads the mass meeting committee. R. W. Bradshaw is planning for the youth rallies. Chester Andrews is in charge of publicity and promotion. Ray Bandy, prominent and consecrated layman of First church, Rocky Mount, is looking after finances.

Unit preparation meetings have been held within the past few weeks. These meetings have been well attended. Our unit preparation directors are: Rev. R. W. Bradshaw of Wilson; Rev. J. P. Pegg of Nashville, Rev. Harvey Davis of Warrenton, and Rev. Henry Ruark of Weldon. The purpose of the unit meeting is to see that every charge is prepared.

I believe that our people over the District are awake to their responsibility in this matter. The pastors are anticipating great things. Most of the pastors have made thorough house-to-house surveys to find where the people are who need the church but have not come to the church and its ministers for spiritual leadership. We are striving also to reenlist the people who have become cold to the church and have wandered away from its blessings. In my preaching throughout the District for the past three months I have tried to say to the laymen: "This is your task. The preachers can be the leaders, but you must do this work. The task is too great for the pastors. The members of the churches must pray and go out and seek men and women for Christ and His Church. Tell your disinterested neighbors: 'You Need Christ Now' "

J. F. Herbert, D. S.

Wilmington District

The pastors and laymen of the Wilmington District are currently engaged in preparing for the United Evangelistic Mission, April 17-26. This new adventure in evangelism has already been a powerful force for unifying the District and promises to revitalize the spiritual life of the churches.

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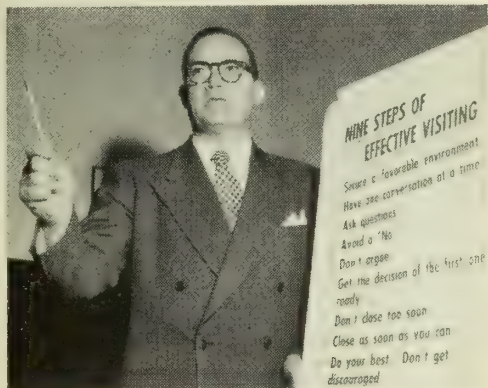


MASS MEETING CHAIRMEN

Left to right: Rev. L. A. Tilley, Fayetteville District; Rev. C. D. Barcliff, Durham District; Rev. H. R. Ashmore, Elizabeth City District; Rev. A. L. Thompson, Wilmington District; Rev. W. A. Cade, Conference chairman; Rev. L. C. Vereen, Rocky Mount District; Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern District; Rev. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City District. Absent, Rev. J. L. Joyce, Raleigh District.

VISITATION EVANGELISM AT WORK

Visitation evangelism is a big part of the United Evangelistic Mission in the North Carolina Conference. Teams of two persons will go out each evening, April 19-24, to win others to Christ. It is expected that during the week around 6,000 laymen in the North Carolina Conference will participate in the visitation program. Shown on this page are some of the steps in visitation evangelism. Cuts courtesy of **Shepherds Magazine**.



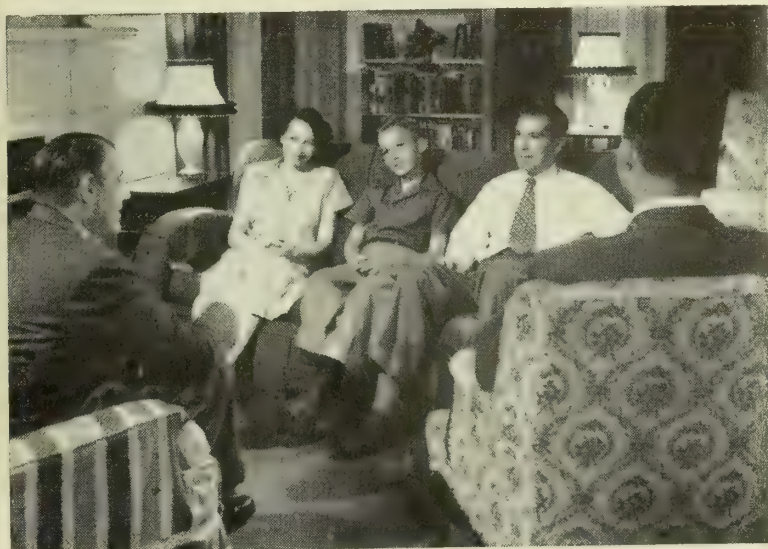
Teams are instructed before going out for visitation. Turn over chart, "They Went Forth—Two by Two," is used.



After their visits, the workers return to the church to discuss their visits, report and share experiences.



Teams of workers kneel at the altar for prayer just before they begin to visit.



A typical visit in the home of prospects



A day of rejoicing when those won to Christ gather around the altar to be received into the church.

EDUCATION JOINS HANDS WITH EVANGELISM



By C. P. MORRIS
Executive Secretary, Board of Education

The Conference Board of Education has a vital interest in the United Evangelistic Mission and is actively supporting this gigantic effort to extend the Kingdom in this part of our nation in every way possible. Christian education has as its supreme task the evangelization of the world in the truest sense of the word. It is seeking to lead boys and girls, men and women, to God through Christ and to guide them in Christian living and growth.

Through the years the Church School has been our most fruitful evangelizing agency. Statistics for the past year, just compiled, show that 55.3 per cent of those received into The Methodist Church on profession of faith came through the Church School. In the North Carolina Conference, the percentage is even larger; it is 74 per cent. In the North Carolina Conference, it was 75 per cent in 1951, 75 per cent in 1950, 76 per cent in 1949, and 75 per cent for the quadrennium.

Furthermore, statistics show that a larger percentage of those joining the church from the Church School persist through the years than those joining from other sources. While two out of three who join The Methodist Church from all sources drop out, six out of every ten who come through the Church School persist year after year. From this group come 95 per cent of the leaders of our church.

It is obvious, therefore, that to strengthen and improve the Church School is to strengthen evangelism's strongest arm. It is to this task that your Conference Board of Education is dedicated. In addition to and preceding its interest in Christian higher education, your Board of Education is committed to the task of helping local churches improve their Church Schools and become more effective evangelizing agencies.

In an effort to enhance its evangelistic program, we are suggesting that each local church carry out the following suggestions:

1. Increase Church School Membership and Attendance.

Since three-fourths of our new church members received on profession of faith come through the Church School, merely to get more members into the Church School and to keep them in regular attendance is to increase the evangelistic potential of the church. Statistics show that two-thirds of the people of this nation belong to no Church School whatever. Experience shows that any Church School anywhere can increase its membership and attendance if it sincerely desires to do so. The following suggestions have proven helpful:

- Set definite membership and attendance goals.
- Elect a membership chairman and some helpers. (Note: In the new organizational plan, the Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation is that chairman.)
- Discover and enlist prospects.
- Assign prospects to workers and visit them intelligently and earnestly.
- Major in hospitality and friendliness.
- Follow up absentees.
- Improve what your Church School has to offer.

h. Have a complete Home Members plan—for children, youth, and adults.

i. Expand your Church School—organize new classes and start out-post Sunday Schools.

2. Win Each Church School Pupil to a Commitment to Christ and to Active Membership in the Church.

All teaching in the Church School should be evangelistic. Each teacher should be made to realize that he is "teaching for a verdict," for a decision for Christ and church membership. He is first of all an evangelist, seeking by precept and example to lead his pupils to God through Christ.

True evangelistic teaching takes into consideration the fact that this decision is not an once-and-for-all decision unless continuing understanding and nurture takes place in the life of the convert. There must be a number of decisions and renewed commitments along the way if the convert is to grow into a mature Christian. Perhaps our greatest task, after all is not that of securing the original commitment but in helping the new convert to become thoroughly Christian in all his attitudes and ways and actively engaged in the life of the church.

The fact that for every three new members The Methodist Church takes in at the front door two are lost through the back door indicates the shallowness of our evangelistic program. There is little value in "roping in" new members in a great evangelistic mission if we do not assimilate them into the life of the church.

How Can the Church School Become Evangelistic?

a. **Select teachers carefully.** The first and foremost quality a teacher should possess is genuine, radiant, Christian character; and the second is a vital interest in his pupils. I had rather have a teacher with limited formal education and little knowledge of methods but with

a dynamic Christian personality and an evangelistic concern for each pupil than one with high educational qualifications who does not possess these qualities.

b. **Train teachers thoroughly.** Opportunities for improving their skills and deepening their religious experience should be provided continually. Leadership training courses and Christian Workers' Schools should be planned annually. Every Church School should include in its budget a fund for the training of its workers. Your Conference Board of Education will gladly help you with this task.

c. **Make every teacher a personal evangelist in terms appropriate for the ages of his pupils.** Help him see why it is important to be an evangelist, what salvation is, and how to lead pupils to Christ and the church:

(1) By the teacher himself belonging completely to Christ.

(2) By setting an example to lead others to Christ.

(3) By prayer that pupils will accept Christ.

(4) By keeping a "responsibility list."

(5) By teaching for a decision.

(6) By visiting in homes of people.

(7) By personal conversation with pupils.

d. Organize children, youth, and adults into church membership classes.

e. Cooperate with the pastor.

f. Make full use of evangelistic literature of the Board of Education and the Board of Evangelism.

Materials You May Order

(Order from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee)

No. 184-B "Evangelistic Teaching—Children"

No. 2367-B "Evangelistic Teaching Youth"

No. 4450-B "Evangelistic Teaching—Adults"

No. 8287-B "Evangelistic Teaching—Church School Superintendents"

No. 4451-B "Winning Adults for Christ"

No. 2368-B "Winning Youth to Christ"

No. 818-B "Teaching for a Verdict"

No. 8241-B "Hints on Hospitality"

No. 8219-B "Increase Attendance"

No. 8173-BC "How to Get More Numbers In Your Church School" (10c)

No. 8182-BC "How To Get and Keep Good Teachers" (10c)

No. 8248-B "Keeping Church Members—A Job for the Church School"

No. 50-B "Assimilating New Members Into The Church"



NEW MEMBERS OF HAY STREET CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE

On Palm Sunday, March 29, Hay Street church, Fayetteville, received 36 persons into the church—32 on profession and four by letter. Pictured above are 32 of the group, along with Rev. R. G. Dawson, pastor, (right of pulpit) and Rev. J. R. Regan, Jr., (in front of pulpit) associate pastor. The preparatory class of boys and girls received instruction in six periods of 45 minutes each before being received into the church. Hay Street church has 60 workers and 300 prospects for the evangelistic mission.

FINANCING THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION

By W. C. Ball
Conference Chairman

The budget set up and adopted for necessary funds to take care of the expenses for the United Evangelistic Mission for the North Carolina Conference is \$24,000. This amount has been allocated to the seven districts as follows:

Durham, \$4666; Elizabeth City, \$2332; Fayetteville, \$2905; New Bern, \$2927; Rocky Mount, \$3130; Raleigh, \$3905; Wilmington, \$3125; total, \$24,000.

In each District there is a chairman and a local treasurer whose business it is to promote the offerings during the week of the Mission until the goal for each District is achieved. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern is the Conference treasurer for this fund.

At our first meeting of the Mission on Friday afternoon, April 17, I am urging every district superintendent, district chairman and district treasurer to put it on the heart of every pastor to raise this amount through free will offerings just as early as possible.

Two offerings on Sunday, April 19, should be taken and reported at the periods of Power in each District on Monday morning. On Monday night an offering is to be taken for the General Board of Evangelism. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights are left for us to take offering to complete our budget if that is necessary. Friday night we take an offering for the general expenses of the local church. Should we not achieve our goal before Sunday, April 26, we should do so then through another offering, however. We hope that our goal can be achieved early in the week and no FURTHER OFFERINGS WILL BE NECESSARY. As soon as our goal is reached we take no more offerings.

I feel sure that early in the week our budget of \$24,000 can be met if all of us cooperate fully in this matter. We should lay upon the minds and hearts of our people on Sunday, April 19, the necessity of raising most of this budget on this day. Do not be afraid to ask your people to give liberally to take care of this expense.

YOUTH'S PART IN THE EVANGELISTIC MISSION

By Curt Gatlin
Conference Director of Youth Work

Methodist youth, too, will be affected by the United Evangelistic Mission of our church. In addition to their direct participation in the UEM, the youth are placing an accent upon evangelism in other aspects of their total program.

On Saturday, April 18, thousands of youth will attend the evangelistic youth rallies, one of which will be held in each district. Several, if not all, of these will be conducted that evening; attendance at each of them is expected to pass the 1,000 mark. With the main purpose of the rallies: to lead youth to first-time or renewal commitments to Christ, each of the meetings should serve to heighten youth interest and participation in the preaching and visitation mission the following week, April 19-24. Many churches will use youth members in their visitation work.

In preparing for UEM, numerous local and subdistrict MYF's have conducted programs on the topic of "Youth Evangelism" during February and March.

In keeping with the total church current emphasis, the Youth Assemblies at

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U.E.M. HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

YOUTH RALLIES Saturday, April 18, 1953

District

Durham

Durham, Duke Memorial—Rev. R. N. DuBose, Whitmire, S. C.

Elizabeth City

Eliz. City, First church—Rev. C. LeGrange Moody, Jr., Ware Shoals, S. C.

Fayetteville

Aberdeen, High School—Rev. C. J. Lupo, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

New Bern

New Bern, Centenary church—Rev. H. L. Spell, Central church, Newberry, S. C.

Raleigh

Raleigh, Edenton St. church—Rev. J. C. Evans, S. C. Christian Advocate, Columbia

Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, First church—Rev. E. W. Hardin, Trinity church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Wilmington

Roseboro, High School—Rev. Bryan Crenshaw, Barnwell, S. C.

PERIODS OF POWER

April 20-24

Durham

Mebane—J. W. Johnson, Triune church, Greenville, S. C.

Elizabeth City

Plymouth, Elizabeth City Road—J. Ross Johnson, St. Johns church, Anderson, S. C.

Fayetteville

Aberdeen—D. A. Clyburn, Bethel church, Charleston, S. C.

New Bern

Kinston, Queen St. church; Morehead City, First—F. T. Cunningham, Trinity church, Sumter, S. C.

Raleigh

Raleigh, Hayes Barton church—W. D. Gleaton, Washington St., church, Columbia, S. C.

Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, First church—J. O. Smith, Central church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Wilmington

Wallace—T. F. Reid, Orangeburg, S. C., Superintendent of Orangeburg District

INSTRUCTORS IN PULPIT EVANGELISM

April 20-24

Durham

Rev. G. S. Duffie, 116 Anderson St., Greenville, S. C.

Elizabeth City

Rev. C. LeGrand Moody, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Elizabeth City

Rev. M. E. Boozer, Pickens, S. C.

Fayetteville

Rev. T. E. Jones, Trinity church, Charleston, S. C.

New Bern

Rev. J. F. Lupo, Main St. church, Greenwood, S. C.

New Bern

Rev. W. B. Garret, Laurens, S. C.

Raleigh

Rev. A. B. Ferguson, Main St. church, Columbia, S. C.

Rocky Mount

Rev. W. W. Fridy, Bethel church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Wilmington

Rev. E. S. Jones, St. Paul church, Orangeburg, S. C.

INSTRUCTORS IN VISITATION EVANGELISM

April 20-24

Durham

Rev. J. H. Martin, First church, Lancaster, S. C.

Elizabeth City

Rev. Elgar C. Soper, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. H. O. Chambers, 802 South McDuffie St., Anderson, S. C.

Fayetteville

Rev. A. C. Holler, St. George, S. C.

New Bern

Rev. C. F. DuBose, Jr., Edgefield, S. C.

New Bern

Rev. E. Cecil Gunn, 705 E. Westmoreland Road, Falls church, Va.

Raleigh

Rev. H. L. Kingman, Shandon church, Columbia, S. C.

Rocky Mount

Rev. J. O. Gilliam, Duncan Memorial church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Wilmington

Rev. R. B. Shumaker, Bishopville, S. C.

MASS MEETINGS

Sunday, May 24, 3:30 p.m.

Districts

Raleigh, Durham,
Wilmington,
Fayetteville

Raleigh, Memorial Auditorium—Bishop Glen R. Phillips, Denver, Colorado

New Bern,
Elizabeth City,
Rocky Mount

Greenville, East Carolina College Stadium—Bishop E. E. Voigt, Dakota Area, Aberdeen, S. D.

Campus in Full Color; 29 Join Church; Many Seek Admission; College Students Make Good

BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS

Little six-year-old Eugene, in greeting the passer-by this morning, said, "Pop, this is the most beautiful place I ever saw." To be sure the observation of the little fellow is borne out by the facts. The early flowering bulb plants have had their day. Now the dozens of redbud trees are in full bloom. There is a sort of halo of redness greeting the eyes of those who desire to see the beautiful. The blooming of the hundreds of dogwoods will soon be with us, for already there is a sort of daring whiteness coming into observation. Our campus is really beautiful.

EMPTY INFIRMARY

We have had a month of good health here on the part of our boys and girls. During the major part of the winter the infirmary was carrying a pretty heavy load of sick youngsters. Measles and mumps, with attendant hazards, were having to be constantly combatted. Now that the weather is more favorable, thus permitting the youngsters to be outdoors a good deal, there are only very few members of our family who must go to the infirmary for even temporary stays. Health means a great deal to a family as large as ours.

CHURCH JOINERS

Twenty-nine of our boys and girls joined Centenary Methodist Church on Palm Sunday. These youngsters had been carefully instructed by our associate minister, Rev. J. C. Auman, and in the fullness of time baptized and admitted into church membership by our minister, Dr. Mark Depp. For the first time in a number of years every member of the church joining class was sufficiently well to be a church joiner on the appointed Sunday.

INTAKE CONSIDERATIONS

The telephone just announced that somebody on the other end of the line is trying to get in touch with somebody on this end of the line. Inquiry was made as to what would be necessary to do for the admittance of a child here into The Children's Home. Hardly a day passes but that some such inquiry is made. The follow-up of these inquiries usually indicates that the father and mother have separated and there is an apparent need for something to be done relative to the care and direction of the children of the broken home. There must of course be some guiding principles which would direct us in trying to make a proper decision. Deserving children between two and twelve years of age are admitted. Occasionally, in order to accommodate an entire family of children, there may be a child younger than two or older than twelve years who should be admitted. Children of Methodist persuasion have the first call on our services. Children who have no church connection are accepted as we are in position to go along with. Children who have claims on other child caring institutions are referred to these agencies for such service as they are in position to give. Through careful investigation and observation The Children's Home has been in position to serve the deserving Methodist children whose cases have been presented to us.

JOHN IS THE NAME

The picture appearing on this page is that of John Morse, seven years of age and doing well in the first grade. John

THE CHILDREN'S HOME WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

A home for the homeless. Owned and maintained by
the Western North Carolina Conference

O. V. WOOSLEY, Editor



John Is O.K.—Period

accompanied Mr. William R. Edwards and Misses Amelia Walters and Mary Johnson on a recent visit with our good friends in the Pelham congregation, John being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Hickory Grove, one of the congregations on the Pelham charge. Reports are to the effect that Mr. Edwards and the youngsters had a delightful time with friends of Pelham and Hickory Grove congregations.

THE JOY BELL

The following congregations, listed with their pastor in charge, have forwarded to us all their Children's Home askings for the present conference year. The funds these friends have forwarded have come to us as showers of blessing. Kindly join us in grateful thanks:

Friendship, Fallston circuit, M. C. El-lerbe

Creston circuit (seven congregations), Frank Berry

South Point, Lowell circuit, B. W. Lefler

WELL NAMED

Soon after the death of James A. Gray the Men's Bible Class of Centenary Methodist Church did honor to itself in changing its name to the James A. Gray Bible Class. Mr. Gray had been a very liberal contributor to all the interests of this class, particularly to The Children's Home. This men's class heartily agreed among themselves that they would provide for the complete sponsorship of one of The Children's Home's youngsters, thus carrying along one of Mr. Gray's choice projects. Recently we received a check for \$770 covering the entire cost of the

young man who Mr. Gray had agreed to sponsor. Thus Walter Cagle, whom we call "Buddy," continues to be sponsored by those who would like to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Gray's charitable sharing.

CHANGED APPROACH

This scribe has recently attended one of the several annual meetings of workers in homes for children. It was noted that in this meeting the emphasis of the speakers and discussants centered around the personalization of youngsters who live in homes for children. There was once a time when the workers from these institutions discussed problem children to the fullness of the time allotted. Now the emphasis is being placed on the problems of children. An earnest effort is now being evaluated for helping the youngster to know how to solve his own problems. Probably one of the greatest challenges staff members have is in an endeavor to encourage youngsters to do some thinking as they live in the midst of a big family where so much is going on.

COLLEGE TIDINGS

Miss E. Vera Idol, professor of English at High Point College, was so much impressed with Robert McCarn's freshman English composition as to forward it to us. Robert wrote his essay on the topic, "Home Life, Supper Style." His effort was to present his appreciation of what The Children's Home offered him while he was here. Miss Idol reports that Robert has already made a fine reputation on the High Point College campus. She writes: "We are always glad to have students from the Home, for in almost every case they are exceptionally fine boys and girls. Bob Stepp is one of those at the top of his class. Olin Hall is one of the best. The Bell twins are also in one of my classes and have shown much improvement during the year. Keep sending us such students as these. We will do the best we can for them." Evidently Miss Sue Gary is not in Miss Idol's class, but the recently published dean's list included her. Of course we are mighty glad when our youngsters do well and grateful appreciation has been expressed to Miss Idol for her evaluations.

MT. LEBANON HELPERS

The following has been received from Mrs. Hazel McCollum, a member of the Mt. Lebanon, Randleman, Woman's Society of Christian Service. She writes: "A motion was passed in our recent monthly meeting of Mt. Lebanon Woman's Society of Christian Service to increase Weldon Brigman's clothing sponsorship to \$50 instead of the \$25 which formerly was forwarded to you year by year." Mrs. McCollum recounts that she feels sure that this increased amount can be readily used for Weldon's clothing expense. Young Brigman is the pitcher on our midget baseball team and in the run of time we shall want to present his picture on this page calling attention to some of the good efforts he puts forth.

OUTDOOR PLAY

The tempered spring days have encouraged our youngsters to go out for a great deal of outdoor play. Following the closing of the school each day the boys and girls have found a good deal of joy in the playing of baseball, the hard ball for the boys and the soft ball for the girls. At this writing our varsity boys' team has won its only one game, winning over Hanes High here in Winston-Salem by a score of 6 to 4. The midget boys have won their two games. The varsity girls' team has won its only game, winning over Hanes High by a score of 19 to 0.

How Does One Become a Christian?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Acts 22: 3-16

The merciful God uses infinite ingenuity in devising methods to win us from our evil ways, and to bring us back to fellowship with himself. When he let the prodigal get so hungry that he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate, that was God's means of making him long to return to his father's house.

Paul had not been one who, like the prodigal, had wasted his substance in riotous living, but he had been tragically wrong in his conviction that he ought to persecute the Christians who believed that one whom the leaders of his nation had crucified was the glorious Messiah foretold by Moses and the prophets. His patriotic feelings violently resented this thought. But when Paul held the garments of those who stoned Stephen, and heard the martyr as he sank in death cry out, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge, this dying cry of Stephen for mercy on those who were stoning him, kept coming to Paul's mind, and filling him with misgivings. Could he be wrong in standing for the stoning of Stephen? And the shining faces and brave confessions of other martyrs whom he had brought to punishment also continually recurred to him.

Doubtless Paul was more and more unhappy as he inflicted punishment on the Christians, but Paul was such a thorough-going person that he did not hesitate but became even more aggressively vigorous in his persecuting program. And he finally determined to go to Damascus and hunt for all the Christians that had fled to that city. In a word, he became a foreign missionary of persecution. And then suddenly a flashing light came to him so brilliant that it blinded him, and he heard a voice saying, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads. These last sympathetic words suggest the painful tumult that had arisen in Paul's mind as in obedience to his conscience he had inflicted punishment on Christian martyrs.

The flash of light from heaven and the words, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? have been essentially repeated in very different form in the experience of many others who have vigorously obeyed a mistaken conscience; and their experience has been the more startling as their obedience to their misguided conscience has been thoroughgoing. "The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it." And certainly the best way to get rid of a bad conscience is to be loyal to it, and then when we see the evil results, to acknowledge our mistake.

A good man was led of the Spirit to come to Paul and say, Brother Paul, the Lord, even Jesus who appeared unto thee by the way, has sent me unto thee that thou mightest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And in that hour Paul received his sight, and was baptized, and the career of the great apostle to the Gentiles was begun.

Some may ask, Why did I not have an experience like the flashing light that came to Paul? Sam Jones, the famous evangelist, said, "They do not shoot canary birds with cannon balls." But the experiences that God does give in answer to faith are always sufficient to make us sure that we have felt the healing touch, and that a plain path before us has been revealed.

We should all be prepared to believe

that the most vigorous enemies of Christ are liable, if our prayers are persistent, to be arrested in their evil course, and to need our help. A specialty of the great physician whom we adore as Saviour is hopeless cases. Let us be expectant of calls to minister to them. Why is the church not more expectant of saving miracles among the communist leaders of Russia?

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Heavenly Father until he have a vision of the spiritual need of men and women. Some of us can preach in the sanctuary. All of us can preach from the sidewalk as we walk among men. Some can give more than others but all of us can give ourselves to Christ for this great evangelistic movement. All of us can pray daily until the power of the Holy Spirit comes on pulpit and pew alike. All of us can believe that the miracle of the new birth is going to take place in many lives. All of us can have a mighty faith which will remove mountains of sin and doubt. All of us can love as Christ loved all men and women.

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THE U.E.M.—A WALKING-TALKING REVIVAL

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carry the theme of the Mission. Large billboards along the highways and attractive signs in front of the church buildings challenge the passerby with the theme, "You Need Christ Now!" Newspapers have been generous with stories about the Mission. Full-page advertisements in most of the newspapers on April 18 and 19 will carry the invitation to services. Radio stations are giving of their time freely, presenting speakers, panels, devotional programs, news and spot announcements. Several programs will appear on the Television screen. Surely no one in North Carolina can fail to know that the Methodist people are concerned about the souls of men, and are out to do something about it.

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The Board of Lay Activities stands ready to assist in this matter in any way that we can. It has been suggested that each superintendent and district lay leader work through the pastor and charge lay leader in making necessary arrangements. Such help as may be needed can be found with cooperation among all of us.

W. J. Smith
Conference Lay Leader

YOUTH'S PART IN THE "EVANGELISTIC MISSION"

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Louisburg will have the theme, "To Know Christ is To Share Him." Delegates will be led to a careful consideration of how one can "know" Christ—and must know Him before he can or will tell another about Him.

An opportunity to share Christ personally with others will come to about 40 youths in late July in the **Christian Witness Mission**. This Mission—often called a Youth Evangelism Workcamp—will bring 40-50 carefully recruited youth to Crabtree Creek State Park, July 26-August 1. Here they'll receive training and inspiration to help them in working with several Raleigh churches in survey and visitation work. A special preaching mission in Raleigh, participated in by all the Raleigh Methodist churches during this same week, will offer other opportunities for youth leadership.

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(For further information, inquiries should be addressed to Curt Gatlin, 6667 College Station, Durham, N. C.)

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News in Brief

FIRST CHURCH, Henderson, on Sunday, March 29, received 58 new members, 37 on profession of faith and 21 by letter.

REV. AND MRS. HERMAN S. WINBERRY of Wilmington announce the birth on March 13 and death on March 15 of a daughter.

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held at Kerr Street Church, Concord, Sunday, April 12, beginning at 1:30 P. M. instead of at 2:30 P. M. as announced in the Advocate last week.

THE MINISTERS' WIVES of the Salisbury District will meet at the Salisbury District Conference to be held at Kerr Street church, Concord, Sunday afternoon, April 12.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE JOURNAL for 1952 was completed and mailed by March 25. Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Vereen of Farmville did the editorial work on the Journal following the death on December 31, 1952, of Dr. T. M. Grant, Conference secretary. Printed by the Piedmont Press, the Journal contains 272 pages. R. R. Mitchell, production manager of the Piedmont Press, was in charge of printing.

THE NEW BERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held at Mount Olive on Monday, April 13, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Russell S. Harrison is the pastor host. Dr. C. Exelle Rozzelle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District will preach the sermon. Representatives of connectional interests will be welcomed. Dinner will be served the delegates and official visitors by the Mount Olive church at one p.m. Adjournment by 4:00 p.m.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE cordially invites all Methodists to its conference on the theme "What Is a Christian College?", April 14-16. Bishop Paul N. Garber and Dean Ernest C. Colwell will give leadership in several of the meetings. Bishop Garber will speak in Odell auditorium Tuesday, April 14, at eleven a.m. and again that evening at eight o'clock. Dean Colwell will speak Wednesday, April 15, at eight p.m. and at the closing religious service of installation Thursday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m.

THE DISTRICTS ARE PREPARING

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Rev. L. L. Parrish, Wilmington, chairman of the spiritual preparation committee, has given wonderful leadership in the promotion of spiritual life. The committee has distributed the spiritual preparation materials and widespread effort and energy have been expended anticipating a real revival.

Rev. T. B. Hough, Jacksonville, chairman of the publicity committee, has given fine leadership in promoting the Mission. Rev. M. C. Dunn, Wilmington, Conference secretary of evangelism, has ably assisted in this work. Newspapers, radio, and outdoor advertising are being used in promoting the Mission.

Rev. K. R. Wheeler, Wallace, is chairman of the youth rally committee. The committee is planning a mammoth youth rally to be held in the Roseboro High School auditorium, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Bryan Crenshaw as guest speaker.

Rev. A. L. Thompson, Wilmington,

chairman of the mass meeting committee, is promoting the victory rally for the District. This will be held in Raleigh's Memorial auditorium, May 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, Tabor City, chairman of the finance committee, will serve as district treasurer of the Mission.

The District has been divided into six subdistricts with a unit leader appointed for each. Revs. C. F. Hirschi, Warsaw; C. H. Mercer, Fairmont; N. L. Jones, Southport; J. D. A. Autry, Richlands; E. G. Purcell, Jr., Fair Bluff; C. G. McCarver, and H. S. Winberry, Wilmington, are serving as unit preparation leaders for these subdistricts. Each has organized his pastorate as a "model charge" and is lending guidance to his fellow ministers.

The Mission will open in the Wilmington District on Friday afternoon, April 17 at 3:30 o'clock in Chestnut Street church, Lumberton. Here, the host pastors will come to meet their guest pastors. The first session of the Period of Power will be held. Dinner will be served at six p.m. and an inspirational address will be delivered by Rev. T. F. Reid, of the Orangeburg, S. C., District. Both host and guest pastors will attend the youth rally on Saturday evening.

The preaching phase of the Mission will begin with the morning worship of Sunday, April 19, and will continue through the week. The visitation of prospects will begin on Sunday afternoon and continue through the week.

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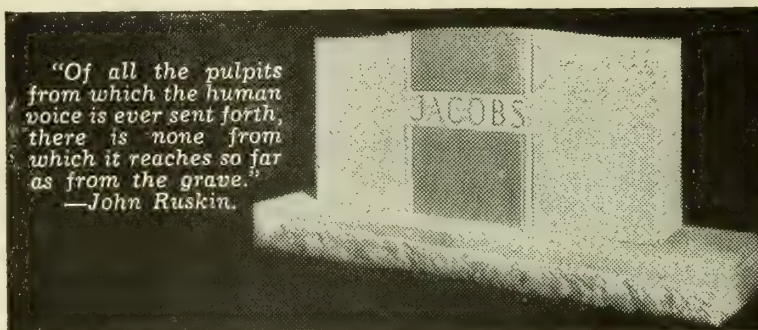
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OUR GUIDE

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A Thought for the Week

THEY LONG TO SEE JESUS— THROUGH US

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast. The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus". John 12: 21-22.

Jesus and his disciples had just arrived in Jerusalem. A few days earlier our Lord had brought back Lazarus from the dead. A small party of Greeks, passing through Bethany on their way to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, heard about the miracle. As soon as they reached Jerusalem they sought out Philip, saying: "Sir, we would see Jesus." Philip relayed the message to Andrew and the two carried the request to Jesus.

Now, this simple incident, interjected as it is between the miracle in Bethany and the thrill-packed drama of Holy Week, can be easily overlooked. But it has particular significance as we prepare for the United Evangelistic Mission. For one thing, it reveals a universal human longing—the longing to see Jesus. Every person who hears about Jesus, like the Greeks, comes to the place that he wants to know Christ. He may wait as long as he can to make the request known. He may try everything else. But some day—in his sanest moments or in the hour of desperation when he realizes that he needs a power beyond his own—he wants to get acquainted with Jesus. Multitudes among us today long to know Jesus. They may not be aware of it. They may even pretend it isn't so. But, deep down, they seek Jesus. Like the Greeks, they want to meet this Person who has the power to conquer sin and death.

Again, this incident reveals the best way for those who want to know Jesus to find him—through those who already know him. The Greeks went to Philip because perhaps some of them were acquainted with Philip. Philip was a Greek name. He lived in Bethsaida, a city just outside of Galilee east of the Jordan River. Many Greeks lived in Bethsaida. It was, therefore, natural that they would seek to know Jesus through Philip. Those who need Jesus turn naturally to us who are Christ's disciples. They have every right to believe that we can introduce them to Jesus. Our Lord counts on each of us to bring others to him.

Thirdly, this incident reveals what happens when we are faithful to do our part—those who long for Christ are led to him. We regret that John does not complete this story. But knowing Jesus as we do, he did not turn down the request of the Greeks. We are sure that he saw them, and that some, at least, believed. To Philip and Andrew and the crowd gathered around him he said: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." We are sure that when we lift up Christ for others to see he will draw them to him.

O Christ, may we sense the deep longings of our fellowman to know thee. May we be wise enough and devoted enough to lead every needy person to thee. Help us to lift thee up until thou shalt be able to draw all mankind to thee. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE GROWTH OF SUSPICION

At some time in our lives all of us have undoubtedly been "taken in" by trusting too much. Perhaps we have put faith in the promises of a supposed friend only to find them false. It may be that in childhood we idolized some hero and later found that our idol had feet of clay. Maybe some of us have given ourselves in marriage to mates who have betrayed their trust.

When we lift our eyes to the international scene, we see former allies now bitterly disillusioned about the good faith of one another. Yes, we all know the chagrin and sorrow of being taken in by believing too much.

But how about shutting ourselves out by believing too little? I wonder if we ever know how many opportunities we have passed up because we lacked faith. I have friends who tell me of fortunes they might have made if they had believed in certain new products. Think of the acquaintances of Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie who held off in distrust when those men were starting their new developments.

I would venture the assertion that in the long run more loss and misery have been caused by believing too little than by believing too much.

What about this thing we call suspicion? In the first place, suspicion distorts the vision. In these dangerous times we must keep our eyes open to the very real evils which beset us. But to keep our eyes glued on the gloomy prospects of life is as sure a way of impairing our vision as to be always looking at the sunny pleasantries.

Suspicion is something worse than pessimism. The suspicious person not only looks on the dark side of things, but looks for the evil in the darkness. He infers on vague or unproved grounds that a situation is bad. The word "suspect" literally means "to look under." When a person stoops to look under everything to find evil beneath, he distorts his vision and misses the full truth.

The suspicious person prides himself on being realistic. He considers himself clever enough to "see through" the pretensions and falsehoods of others. But when we are always trying to "see through" others we do not really see them.

Suspicion tends to give an exaggerated idea of the evils in a situation. That is just what the evil forces desire. If one opponent in a struggle can get the other downright afraid of him, he has begun to win.

This is the aim of much governmental propaganda today. The Kremlin, for example, seeks to suggest the vastness of its atomic strength. To start fears in the minds of other peoples is regarded as an effective form of fighting.

This is one of the most common ways evil has of overcoming us. It disheartens us by playing up the world's evil. It induces the feeling that goodness never can or will prevail over evil.

Worse yet, when we become obsessed with the fear of evil we imagine it where it doesn't exist. During the depression of the 1930's a business man gave me a bit of doggerel which expressed the excessive worries into which we can fall. It ran like this:

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We praise Thee, O God, for the contacts we have with the living Lord in these days following Easter. We continue the Easter thought because we are Christians. Christ honors us with His presence whenever we make reverent mention of His resurrection, just as He did on the Emmaus road many centuries ago. For this we thank God.

Most of us are found in the traffic of the Emmaus road today. We are plodding along, in toil and struggle, wondering whether there is a Hand to touch us in a caring manner, and a Voice to comfort us as we approach the evening and the darkness; but just then, if we seek Christ, He touches our bodies and speaks to our yearning hearts. Then we are satisfied, for we have found Him for ourselves.

Help us to honor His name every day; and every day may we know His holy presence. O God, help us to live like immortals, and then we shall believe in Thy Son who ever liveth—even in us. We pray in His name. Amen.

TO BE A MAN

To live as gently as I can,
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill;
To cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best and let it stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.
To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame and sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be, without pretense or sham,
Exactly what men think I am.

—Author Unknown

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North Carolina Methodism's Hour Is at Hand

To say that the next few weeks are tremendously important for North Carolina Methodism is really an understatement of fact. Indeed, the period from April 17 to May 24 may be the most crucial days The Methodist Church in North Carolina has faced in our time.

During this five-week span the United Evangelistic Mission will come to North Carolina. From April 17-26 the Mission will be held in the North Carolina Conference, with pastors of the South Carolina Conference assisting. During the same period pastors of the Western North Carolina Conference will be in Virginia assisting in a Mission in the Virginia Conference. It is easy to see that what happens in Virginia will have a significant bearing on the Mission in the Western North Carolina Conference which is set for May 1-10. Similarly, what happens in eastern North Carolina during the next ten days will drastically affect the outcome of the Mission in South Carolina when pastors of the North Carolina Conference assist their fellow-Methodists in the South Carolina Conference from May 1-10.

The entire evangelistic crusade will come to a dramatic climax Sunday, May 24, which is both Aldersgate and Pentecost Sunday, in gigantic mass meetings to be held in both Conferences.

The purpose of the Mission is twofold: To deepen the spiritual life of each church member and to win thousands of prospects to Christ and His Church. It takes no stretch of the imagination to realize that the field is white unto harvest in both of these areas. Vast numbers of our church members have never had a definite spiritual experience, or having had it, have grown cold and indifferent. Something must be done to save the lost in the church. We can never hope to convert the world with so many unconverted and inactive members in our churches. If the Mission can awaken our slumbering churches it will be a glorious accomplishment.

But we cannot stop with reviving the church, as important as it is. There are multitudes outside the church whose lives are being organized completely without God. Methodism has an inescapable responsibility toward those outside the fold of Christ. To fail now may force God to turn to other denominations to win the lost.

Three techniques are being used, in the main, during the Mission. There will be preaching in the churches. These services will be attended largely by church members. Preachers will seek to stir and convict and inspire their audi-



ences to take Christ more seriously and to give themselves completely to the Christian life and service.

Secondly, there will be lay evangelistic visitation. This is an integral part of the Mission. Some of the people we hope to reach will not attend our church services. They can only be reached by a visit in the home. Our hope for converts and new members lies largely in the visitation program. Our laymen hold the key to the success of this phase of the Mission.

Thirdly, there will be praying. We can make the most careful plans, get the best people to do visitation evangelism and have the finest preaching in the evening services, but if we neglect to pray, we might as well call the whole thing off. Congregations that pray and back up their prayers with concerted action will have a great Mission.

Each church member has a stake in the United Evangelistic Mission. Every individual Christian has a contribution to make. Each one can pray and attend the services and speak to someone else about attending. Many can do evangelistic visiting. Full success depends upon each individual doing his part. "United" means all sharing, all working together.

God is ready to pour out a spiritual blessing upon North Carolina Methodism that can turn us into the mightiest spiritual force in the land. We already have tremendous assets: lovely church buildings, vast material resources, capable and well-trained pastors, thousands of able and devoted laymen. No church in history has ever had so many wonderful assets. But we lack one thing: spiritual power. The United Evangelistic Mission is our opportunity to be endued with power from on high—power to enable us to capture the mind and heart of a whole state for God; power to unleash spiritual fires that could spread out over the nation and the world to save our lost generation.

Are we ready? Do we want it to happen? Do we care enough? Well, what we do during the next few weeks will be our answer.

Whatever we think or do, let us remember this: North Carolina Methodism's hour is at hand. What are we going to do about it?

Lift Up the Bible on Church School Day

The Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference is to be commended for focusing attention upon the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in the observance of Church School Day, Sunday, April 19. With the theme "The Bible—Our Guide," an excellent program has been prepared by Mrs. W. R. Reed, director of Childrens' Work of the Conference. Dr. Carl King, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, recently devoted his page in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* (February 26, page 11) to this theme, carrying an excellent article by Bishop Costen J. Harrell entitled "A New Translation of an Old Book."

This emphasis is timely indeed. There has been a great deal said about the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Unfortunately, the critics of this particular translation have been most vociferous and naturally have attracted the most attention. Consequently, there has been considerably more heat than light on the subject. So many honest and sincere people are confused and troubled. They do not know whether to accept the new translation or to reject it completely.

Now, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible does not need to be defended. Rather, it should be studied. This is what the Board of Education has in mind when it lifts it up for a closer examination on Church School Day. Every devout student of the Bible should give the Revised Standard Version a hearing, approaching it reverently, with an open mind and heart. Church School Day affords a wonderful opportunity for the entire church to come together in a collective effort to understand the Bible better, to learn something of its background and thrilling history, to capture afresh its message for our day in the language of our times. Lifting up the Bible on Church School Day, of course, should just be the beginning of emphasis upon the Scriptures. Thousands of Church School members, inspired by what they receive on Sunday, April 19, should begin a search of the Scriptures that should result in immeasurable personal spiritual benefits.

We are glad to see this new emphasis upon God's Word. Our generation, though wise in many things, is inexcusably ignorant of the Scriptures. The Methodist Church has not always exalted the Bible. Therefore, we rejoice that all over the church there is a turning back to the Word of God, a greater concern for the Scriptures. If Church School Day can help to make us all more Bible-conscious, the Board of Education will have performed an inestimable service.

Five Districts Complete UCA Campaigns; Duke Publicized; Lugg Reports on Finances

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT EXCEEDS UCA QUOTA BY \$7,499

With all 47 charges reporting, the Fayetteville District topped its quota in the recent United College Appeal campaign by \$7,499, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation. On a quota of \$65,000, the District reported \$72,499 in cash and pledges at the victory dinner held March 30 at Steele Street church, Sanford.

The report meeting, attended by around 150 laymen and ministers from the various charges, was presided over by Mr. Holt. Dr. W. C. Ball, superintendent, commended the pastors and laymen for the excellent reports. Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro was the speaker for the occasion.

The Fayetteville District is the fifth of the seven Districts in the North Carolina Conference to launch the college campaign. Other districts having launched their campaigns are: Durham District, with a quota of \$80,000 pledged \$65,439 with 18 charges not reporting; New Bern District, with a quota of \$55,000 pledged \$54,028 with two charges not reporting; Wilmington District, with a quota of \$40,000 pledged \$41,698; and Rocky Mount District, with a quota of \$55,000 pledged \$59,968. Total for the five districts is \$293,633.

The Elizabeth City and Raleigh Districts will put on their campaigns this fall.

The North Carolina Conference has accepted \$1,000,000 in a statewide campaign for \$2,500,000 to give financial aid to Brevard, High Point, Greensboro and Louisburg Colleges. Of this amount, \$400,000 is being raised in a special campaign to extend over a three-year period and \$600,000 is to be raised over a ten-year period by increasing the college sustaining fund from 3% of total money raised to 6% of total money raised.

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DUKE UNIVERSITY FEATURED IN NATIONAL RELIGIOUS MAGAZINE

Duke University is described as an institution "where Christian service rates 'A'" in a current issue of "The Christian Advocate," official magazine of The Methodist Church.

Pointing out that Duke "has consistently recognized the importance of religion in scholastic activities," the article features pictures of campus activities such as Christmas parties for underprivileged children and volunteer student work for a Durham community center.

"Student interest in community affairs is well illustrated by a unique 'Greek Week' instituted two years ago by Duke's 19 social fraternities," the article states. "Abandoning age-old pranks and hazing during the Spring pledge period, fraternity members supervised some 200 pledges in building a public recreation park near the Edgemont Community Center. Other 'Greek Week' activities included projects such as free paint jobs for the houses of needy families."

Each Summer, the Duke Divinity School "serves North Carolina's country churches through an 'intern' program under which divinity students assist rural pastors."

Although Duke students and faculty members represent many religious denominations, the article points out, "the University has long been closely associated with Methodism. This alliance dates

back to 1856 when Union Institute, forerunner of Duke University, became affiliated with the North Carolina Methodist Conference."

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WORLD SERVICE NEEDS \$3,469,997 TO COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR

Methodists have \$3,469,997.70 yet to contribute in the next two months to realize their \$9,660,000 goal for World Service giving in the fiscal year 1952-53, ending May 31.

World Service gifts of \$759,162.63 received in March represent a 16 per cent increase over March, 1952, making the total collected during this fiscal year \$6,190,002.30. According to the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, more than

one-third of the \$9,660,000 goal has yet to come in during April and May.

March receipts for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service were \$17,792.90, a 46 per cent increase over March of last year. The total given so far is \$453,933.83, an 8 per cent increase over the preceding year.

The Episcopal Fund also showed an increase last month. Contributions of \$85,093.61 in March brought the total fund to \$730,720.23.

The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund received \$24,894.74 during March, bringing its total in its first year to \$160,993.08. 1953 Week of Dedication returns in the first month after its observance are \$17,063.32.

A decline in giving is noted in World Service Specials, the General Advance Fund, and the General Administration Fund. Receipts for March and totals to date are:

	March, 1953	Fiscal Year to Date (June 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953)
World Service Specials	\$ 5,963.65	\$ 74,019.67
General Advance Fund	246,389.84	2,434,503.25
General Admin. Fund	28,917.26	271,062.73



Rev. W. A. Crow, pastor, lifts the first shovelful of dirt at ground-breaking ceremonies held recently for the new Trinity church, Elizabethtown. With around 200 persons present, the group above is as follows: Left to right, Rev. V. E. Queen, superintendent of the Wilmington District; James G. Thomas, church school superintendent; Mr. Crow; R. L. Beasley, representing the church building committee; S. L. Thornton, representing the official board of the church; James A. Gooden, who led the prayer; and Mrs. Norman B. McCulloch, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. To be constructed of crab orchard stone, the new building will be modern in every respect. The building committee is composed of J. G. Thomas, chairman; R. M. Turnell and R. L. Beasley.



Trinity Church, Elizabethtown, Now Under Construction

Leaders Discuss "What Is Christian College?" in Conference at Greensboro College

DR. HAROLD HUTSON INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Dr. Harold Hutson was formally installed as president of Greensboro College on Thursday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. in Odell Auditorium. Representatives of the board of trustees, the alumnae association, the faculty, and the student body participated in a religious induction service.

Dr. Hutson's induction culminated a three-day conference, April 14-16, on "What Is a Christian College?" Speakers for the occasion were Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area, The Methodist Church, and Dean Ernest Cadman Colwell of Emory University. The conference consisted of addresses by the two speakers, seminars, and chapel services.

The schedule of the conference included: Tuesday, April 14, 11:00 o'clock

chapel address by Bishop Garber on "The Methodist Church and Higher Education—A Survey and a Forecast," 2:00 o'clock seminar "The Objectives of the Christian College" led by Bishop Garber, and an 8:00 o'clock address by the speaker on the topic of the morning service; Wednesday, April 15, a 2:00 o'clock seminar led by Dean Colwell on "What Is A Christian College?" followed by an 8:00 o'clock address by Dean Colwell on "The Christian College and Higher Education"; Thursday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. a service of induction was held, concluding the conference.

Dr. Hutson began his term of service as president of Greensboro College in September, 1952. Formerly he was on the faculty at Birmingham-Southern College and from 1946 to 1952 was chairman of the Department of Religion at Ohio Wesleyan University. A native of South Caro-

lina, Dr. Hutson received his B.A. degree from Wofford College, his B. D. degree from Duke University and his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago.

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CHURCH NEEDS MANY WORKERS

It is estimated that during the next four years The Methodist Church will need to recruit and train some 6,000 new ministers; 12,000 doctors, nurses, social workers, and technicians; 1,500 missionaries in a score of vocational fields; and at least 2,000 Christian educators. There are more than a hundred varied fields of service inside and outside the local church and its institutions.

Perhaps there is a boy or girl in your parish who should follow one of these Christian vocations. And perhaps it needs only your suggestion to set him or her on the path toward that goal. (Incidentally, did any young man ever enter the ministry at your suggestion? Did your church ever send a young man or young woman into full-time Christian service?)

In **Methodist Service Projects, 1953**, the Rev. Richard G. Belcher, of the Interboard Commission on Christian Vocations, has compiled jobs available to young people in a rather complete listing of the and through The Methodist Church—some thousands of calls for Christian service. Here are specifications for all the jobs—from teaching music in a school in Chile, to teaching farming in the Southern Mountains, and "keeping accounts" in a Methodist hospital in Indiana. Besides a "job index," the volume includes a Christian philosophy of vocation, a description of summer and short term opportunities, a directory of personnel officers of the Methodist agencies, a bibliography of vocations, and a statement concerning the selective service law's relation to church vocations.

Every pastor should present this book and topic to his MYF and to interested young people. Get your free copy from Mr. Belcher at P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

LINCOLNTON CHURCH GIVES ORGAN TO BREVARD COLLEGE

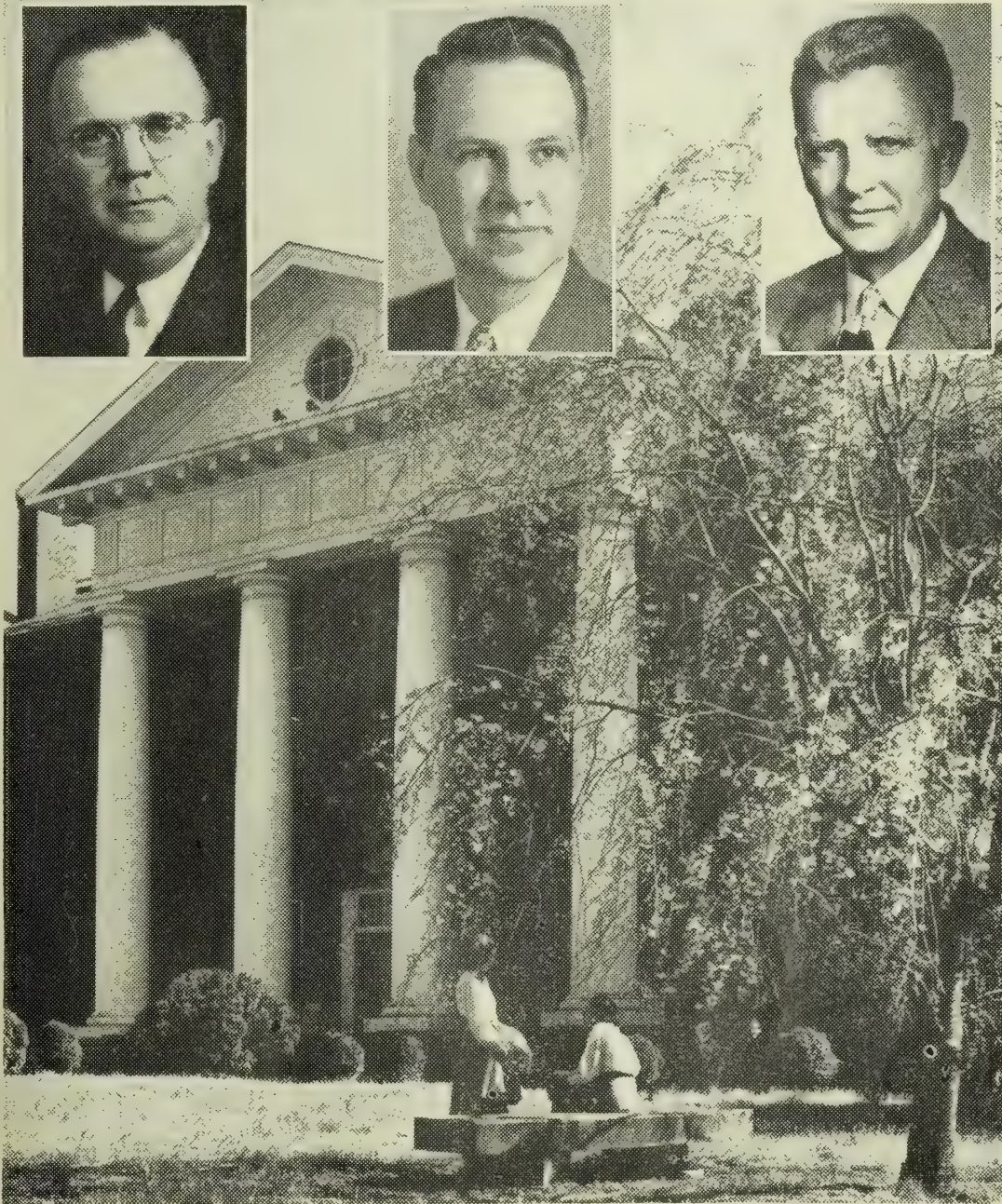
Brevard college will receive a fine organ as a gift from the congregation of the First Methodist Church of Lincolnton.

Rev. Cecil G. Hefner is pastor of the Lincolnton church, and the gift of the organ was made following a concert by the Brevard college glee club in the First Methodist Church in Lincolnton. The Lincolnton congregation is installing a larger organ.

When the organ is installed at Brevard College, it will be completely rebuilt and will be worth several thousand dollars.

"The organ being given to us is a wonderful instrument and the experts tell us that it should be good for at least 25 years," President Stamey said.

Mr. Hefner is a trustee of Brevard College, and according to President Stamey he is one of the best friends that Brevard College has.



Pictured above left to right, are Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area, Dr. Harold H. Hutson, President of Greensboro College, and Dr. E. C. Colwell, Dean of Faculties, Emory University. The background picture is the Main Building, Greensboro College.

Newell Discusses Church Investigations; Byrum Assumes Educational Post

NEW YORK BISHOP APPRAISES PROPOSED INVESTIGATIONS

Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York who administers 1271 Methodist churches in parts of four states, has made the following comment on the situation growing out of Representative Velde's proposal to investigate the churches in connection with his committee's search for Communists.

"Certainly the church has nothing to fear from any Congressional investigation.

"Since it exists for the sole purpose of propagating a faith which Communists renounce, the church cannot seriously be regarded by any sane mind as a haven for godless Marxists.

"Certainly Congressional investigations can be approved if their purpose is to obtain information upon which to base legislation and if they are carried out in conformity to our democratic principles of protection of the accused until proved guilty. Investigations certainly must be condemned however, as being both un-American and futile in accomplishing their purposes if the methods descend to the dictator's pattern of justice.

"We believe there is an element of cruelty, if not sadism, in the makeup of anyone, whether in high position or low, who deliberately and groundlessly raises doubts in the minds of church people about the integrity, the loyalty and the patriotism of their spiritual leaders."

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DURHAM DISTRICT W.S.C.S. MEETINGS

The dates, places, and hours scheduled for the meeting of the Durham sub-districts WSCS include: North Alamance, April 12, Mountain Place, Burlington, 2:30 p.m.; South Alamance, April 19, Rock Creek, 2:30 p.m.; Caswell, April 24, Leasburg, 10:30 a.m.; Orange, April 26, Cedar Grove, 2:30 p.m.; Chatham, April 26, Pittsboro, 2:30 p.m.; Person, May 3, Mt. Zion,

MOTHER'S DAY

By order of the Annual Conference, our Mother's Day offering in the Western North Carolina Conference is for the benefit and support of The Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte. During the week preceding we shall be engaged in the United Evangelistic Mission. The work of that week should result in a larger offering for our Home than for any heretofore. All offerings for the expenses of the United Evangelistic Mission should in every church be completed not later than Friday, May 8, in order that the offering for the Home may have complete right-of-way as ordered. Let nothing interfere with our Mother's Day appeal for The Methodist Home.

Costen J. Harrell



Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, above, of Murphy has been elected to the staff of the Methodist General Board of Education, effective April 15. The announcement was made at the board's annual meeting April 6 by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church. Mr. Byrum will serve in the Department of Leadership Education, which is directed by Rev. M. Earl Cunningham. The North Carolinian will have administrative responsibility for Methodist leadership training schools at the conference, district, community and local church level, and he will also be responsible for the certification of deans of the schools. Mr. Byrum is a native of Waxhaw, and has been pastor of First Methodist Church in Murphy since 1949. Previously, he was associate pastor and director of religious education at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, and served as a navy chaplain during World War II. He is a graduate of Brevard College, High Point College, and the Duke University Divinity School.

2:30 p.m.; Durham, May 3, St. Paul, Durham, 2:00 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Durham District WSCS will convene at Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, May 12, 10 a.m.

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MISS TROY HAS VALUABLE MATERIAL FOR STUDY OF AFRICA

Any society wishing additional material in the study of Africa may obtain such from Miss Nina Troy, 114 South Mendenhall Street, Greensboro. Miss Troy has poster-pictures of our African work and people, cards with pictures in colors of the flags of all the nations represented in Africa, full-size maps from Livingstone to the present time, also leaflets and booklets describing the work there. Those who live in or near Greensboro may secure this material on short notice, or Miss Troy will mail any of it to those requesting it.



MAIN STREET CHURCH, SALISBURY, HAS FIRST METHODIST MEN'S CLUB IN ROWAN COUNTY

These are charter members of the Methodist Men's Club of Main Street church, Salisbury, the first group of Methodist men to be organized in Rowan County. Reading left to right, Rev. T. C. Plexico, guest and pastor of Union Lutheran Church; A. A. Wagner, charge lay leader; Rev. J. C. Kendrick, pastor; Sam Murphy, chairman entertainment committee; W. J. Bullock, lay leader of the Salisbury District; H. F. Beaver, chairman publicity committee; R. L. Crook, president; P. J. Thompson, chairman program committee; William Mills, chairman attendance committee; Howard Loflin, secretary, J. C. Redwine, vice president, was absent when the picture was taken. The Rowan County bicentennial celebration April 12-19 accounts for the beards.

Pfeiffer College Gets New Head; 400 Attend Stedman Rites; Pastor Dies

J. LEM STOKES TO HEAD PFEIFFER COLLEGE

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, of Nashville, Tennessee, has been chosen by the trustees of Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, to become president of the college, succeeding Chi M. Waggoner, who is retiring at the end of the present school year.

Dr. Stokes, son of a Methodist missionary to Korea, is now secretary of Religion in Higher Education, Division of Educational Institutions, at Nashville.

The new college president was born at Kaisong, a short distance south of parallel 38 in Korea, where his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Stokes, were missionaries for nearly 40 years. He received his A.B. degree from Asbury college, Wilmore, Kentucky, his B. D. degree from Duke Divinity School, and his Ph. D. from Yale University.

He served three charges in the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist church, being pastor at Randleman, Franklin, and Elkin. He then went to St. John's Methodist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina, for five years before accepting his present work in Nashville.

Dr. Stokes is married to the former Miss Alda Beaman of Troy and they have one son, J. Lem Stokes, III, 14, and one daughter, Mary Anne, 12.

Dr. Stokes has been a member of Rotary, Kiwanis, and of Lions Clubs, and was president of the Rotary club at Franklin and of Kiwanis at Randleman.

As an undergraduate at Asbury, he was a letter man in baseball, basketball, track, and tennis. He was a member of a student quartet at Asbury, Duke, and Yale.

A licensed pilot, he flies his own private plane.

Dr. Stokes will begin his duties as president at Pfeiffer college about July 1.

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STEDMAN METHODISTS OPEN LOVELY NEW CHURCH

Cokesbury church, Stedman, was formally opened Sunday, March 29, with approximately 400 persons packing the lovely sanctuary for the morning service. In charge of the service was Rev. J. W. Dimmette, pastor. Dr. W. C. Ball, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, led the ritual which formally opened the building and Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro delivered the sermon. The choir under the direction of Mrs. E. F. Hubbard brought special music. Members of the church were hosts at a picnic dinner on the church grounds.

Valued at approximately \$80,000, the lovely new church is the culmination of planning of ten years. Although construction on the new edifice began in April 1952, the building fund was begun during the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Elliott. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 350. The two educational wings consist of social, class and department rooms as well as dining and kitchen facilities. Georgian in architecture, the building was designed by H. Colvin Linthicum, architect of Raleigh.

Members of the building committee include George N. McCall, B. T. Williams and C. L. McCall, with the advisory committee consisting of W. L. Culbreth, A. W. Blake, Raymond Maxwell and E. F. Hubbard. Bruce Culbreth was treasurer until 1945 and Roland Strickland has served in this capacity since that time. The lot, which is located on the Fayetteville-



Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II

Clinton Highway, was purchased from the late J. F. Vinson.

Methodism in Stedman dates back to around 1853 when the town was known as Blockersville. In 1877 members of the church voted to move to a location nearer the town on property donated by the Bullard brothers. A new wooden structure was erected in 1916 which served until the present structure was completed.

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DEATH CLAIMS REV. HARLEY A. CHESTER

Rev. Harley A. Chester, 53, pastor of the Burlington circuit, died on April 6 in a Burlington hospital. Ill for more than a year, Mr. Chester had been critically ill for about one month. Funeral services were conducted April 8 at Shiloh church by Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham and burial was in Alamance Memorial Park.

A native of Hickory, Mr. Chester was

the son of the late James T. Chester and Adelaide Sides Chester. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1925, was ordained deacon in 1927 and elder in 1929. Included among the pastorates he served are Benson, Carthage, Branson church, Durham; Mount Olive circuit and his present charge where he was in his third year.

He was a member of the A.F. and A. M. Lodge at Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Morrison Chester; one daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Muse, Raleigh; one son, H. Archey Chester of the home; four sisters, Mrs. R. C. Houser of Morganton, Mrs. J. E. Flowers of Hickory, Mrs. Stanley Ellis of Hopewell, Va., and Mrs. O. C. Deal of Hickory; three brothers, Julius L. Chester of Greensboro, Albert J. Chester of Hickory and James T. Chester, Jr., of Hickory; and four grandchildren.

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"YOUR STOCKING THREADS WILL STRENGTHEN THE THREAD OF LIFE"

An appeal is going out through the United Council of Church Women for discarded nylon hose to be sent to war widows in Japan, who unravel the threads and reweave many useful articles, thus giving employment to thousands of women. Mrs. C. C. Weaver made the appeal to the conference executive at Pfeiffer College and to other groups she has spoken to since. It is necessary to write to Woman's Welfare Service, 258 East First Street, Suite 342, Los Angeles 12, California, to get shipping instructions and addresses in Japan where they may be sent. It is suggested that groups get together on this project and that packages be mailed 22 pounds at a time. Mrs. Paul E. Webb, who heads up this work in Los Angeles, is the wife of a high school principal, and they are making a good will tour of the east next summer.

The new Cokesbury church, Stedman, formally opened March 29.



Methodist Minister Serves Third Term As Chaplain of N. C. Senate

The average Methodist pastor has no more than one or two persons in his congregation who are members of the present General Assembly of North Carolina. Rev. Ernest C. Durham has every member of the Senate and quite a few in the House for whom he assumes some pastoral oversight. As chaplain of the Senate of the present Legislature, Mr. Durham does more than pray at the beginning of Senate sessions. He provides a spiritual ministry that touches every phase of the average individual's life. When a senator is sick, Chaplain Durham is there, comforting and praying for healing. When there is sadness, he is there as friend and companion. In fact, throughout the months the Legislature is in session, the small, alert, vigorous spiritual shepherd is there, ready to help wherever need arises.

Chaplain Durham's formal connection with the North Carolina Senate began in 1949 when he was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Pat H. Taylor to succeed Rev. E. M. Hall, another Methodist preacher, who was forced to give up his spiritual responsibilities on account of a stroke. A real friendship sprang up between Messrs. Hall and Durham. The present chaplain, through appreciation of Mr. Hall's work and friendship, divides his first check of each session with his predecessor.

Mr. Durham has great admiration for former Lieutenant Governor Taylor and the present lieutenant governor, Luther H. Hodges. Mr. Taylor, a leading Baptist of Wadesboro, and Mr. Hodges, an outstanding Leaksville Methodist, have been very cooperative. "Two more courteous men in North Carolina could not be found," Mr. Durham declares. He is greatly impressed with Mr. Hodges, who, he says, "is a man of Christian character and radiant personality." The lieutenant gov-

ernor recently commented favorably on one of Mr. Durham's prayers and urged the senators to contact the chaplain for any service he could render them. Others, impressed by Chaplain Durham's prayers, have commented favorably, too. For example, following one of his prayers which closed with the well known poem by Holland, "God, Give Us Men," several asked for copies. The prayer had not been written down, but a copy of the poem was furnished and Senator Warren R. Williams read it before his Sunday School class at Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford. Senator Williams often thanks Mr. Durham for his prayers, saying: "I always feel better after I have shaken hands with a preacher."

Senator McIntyre, a Baptist layman from Charlotte, commenting on one of the chaplain's prayers, said: "That prayer would pass before any assembly in America."

Mr. Durham invites many ministers to lead the prayers in the Senate.

But is it not only in praying that Chaplain Durham's services are appreciated. He writes many letters to senators and their relatives. One letter which was in response to a letter Mr. Durham had written to relatives of a deceased senator came all the way from California. It expressed such appreciation that Mr. Taylor asked that it be read before the entire body.

This winter many senators were out with flu. Their chaplain did not forget them with a message or a personal visit. When Senator J. H. Crawford was stricken with pneumonia and carried to Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, Mr. Durham went to see him. The ailing senator was so appreciative that he wept for joy.

Nor is Chaplain Durham's ministry limited to members of the Senate. He has a friendly work for clerks, pages, members of the Institute of Government,

members of the office force and many others who are in contact with this body. He particularly likes to greet the school children who frequent the General Assembly. On one day 1,000 students visited the Senate. Recently, he had the privilege of greeting five students from Germany who were accompanied by a University of North Carolina professor. Naturally friendly and courteous, Mr. Durham has a knack of drawing even strangers to him. Possessing a fine sense of humor, he has the gift of getting a laugh out of almost any situation. For example, this year for the first time a modern elevator was installed in the Capitol building. The chaplain and two others stepped in the new elevator to try it out. One of the men pressed a button, and off they started—so they thought. "This is certainly easy riding," one of the trio observed. "You can hardly tell we are moving." Suddenly, the door opened and the three stepped out—on the same floor they had started from. "What progress," chuckled the chaplain, "I hope this isn't indicative of the progress the Legislature will make this year."

To say that Mr. Durham enjoys his work is putting it mildly. Forced to give up his pastorate in 1944 because of ill health, he has continued to serve in a number of ways. He is author of a volume entitled "Poems of a Lifetime," is a frequent contributor to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, currently providing a series of brief prayers. In a hundred ways his gentle, tender ministry is felt, and wherever he serves he is loved and appreciated.

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PEACE COMMITTEE SEMINAR AT UNITED NATIONS

The Peace Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference, the North Carolina Conference, and the North Carolina Conference (Central Jurisdictional), are sponsoring their second annual United Nations Peace Seminar at U. N. Headquarters, New York City, May 12, 13, 14. Fifty North Carolinians will be delegates to this seminar. There are places for fourteen additional delegates to represent the Western North Carolina Conference. Any pastor or chairman of a local church peace committee may become a delegate until these places are filled. Please send your reservation and fee of \$5 to Miss Carolyn Beam, recording secretary, Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C., giving your name, address and name of local church.

As last year, delegates will travel in car pools from North Carolina to New York. Leaving time will be set later, possibly 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10, so as to arrive in time for opening session Tuesday morning. Men delegates are to stay in YMCA and women delegates in YWCA. Total expenses will range upward from \$50, depending upon individual delegates choice of food and sight seeing proclivities.

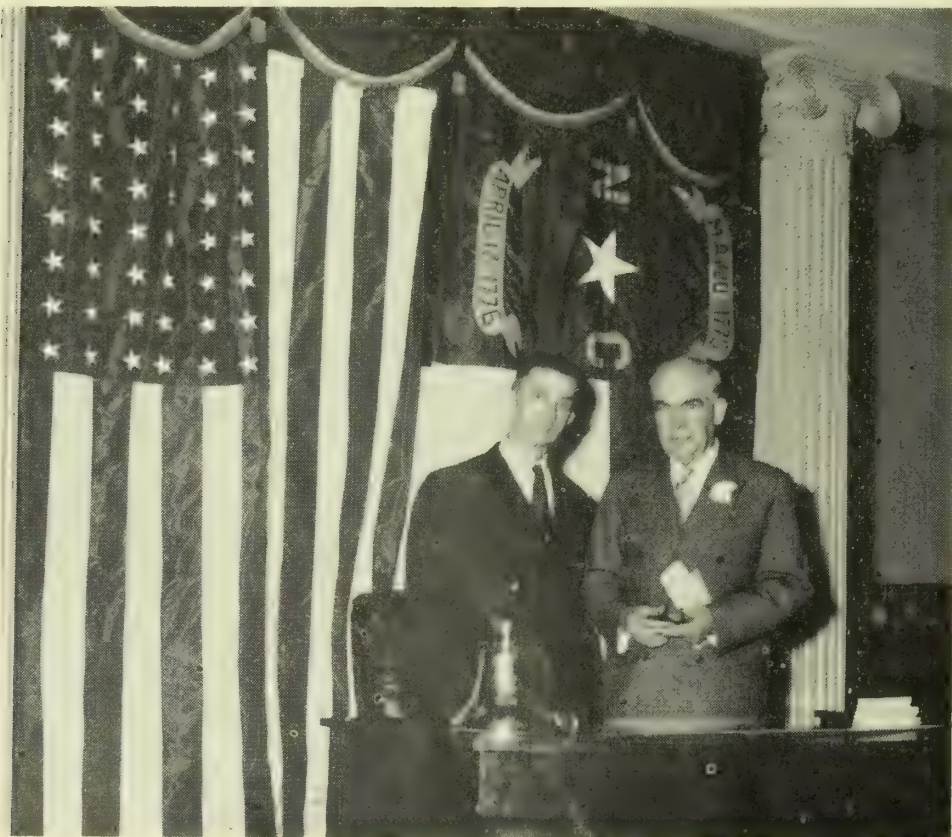
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REV. L. L. SMITH DIES AT HICKORY

Rev. Leonidas L. Smith, 82, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at a Hickory Hospital on April 1. Funeral services were conducted April 2 at Bethel church and burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Ramseur, Mr. Smith joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1894 and he retired in 1934, after 40 years of service. Some of the pastorates he served included Morganton, Connelly Springs, Table Rock, Bethel and Bostic.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters and four sons.



Chaplain Durham (left) and Lieut.-Governor Luther H. Hodges

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

WILKESBORO METHODIST CHURCH honored four of its members who have been affiliated with the church more than 53 consecutive years. Among those honored were Miss M. Culler and Mrs. J. W. White who received corsages and C. E. Lenderman and J. B. Henderson who received red carnations.

HARMONY CHURCH, Concord, held pre-Easter services with Rev. O. D. Smith of Statesville assisting his father, Rev. P. L. Smith, pastor of Harmony church. On Easter Sunday, before a record congregation, 20 members were received on profession of faith, making 26 during the Conference year.

DANIELS MEMORIAL CHURCH of Goldsboro has added 43 new members by transfer and vows from November to March of this conference year. Approximately one-half were former members of Thompson Chapel of the Goldsboro Circuit, which was closed last October. Plans for the new educational unit and sanctuary are now being drawn by Howard N. Haines architect of the Duke Engineering School.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Kings Mountain, WSCS recently held a mission study entitled "These Rights We Hold," led by Mrs. Gilmer A. Harris of Cherryville. The senior choir presented the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," on Palm Sunday. Members of the choir were guests of Mrs. B. S. Peeler following the presentation. The MYF will hold its annual banquet in May honoring seniors who are graduating from high school this spring.

BETHPAGE CHURCH on the Bethpage-Shiloh charge had a grand day Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Earl A. Cook, received 33 new members, 22 on profession and eleven by certificate, to make a total of 46 received during the Conference year. The Sunday School had 204 present and nearly \$1,700 was raised for the building fund and \$450 on the pavement fund. The new sanctuary is under construction and it is expected that it will be ready by next Easter.

LANDER'S CHAPEL CHURCH on the Crouse charge recently received its charter for a Methodist Men's Club. Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District, made the presentation. The following officers were elected: president, W. L. Bollinger; secretary, G. F. Abernathy; treasurer, Clyde Huffstetler. The Woman's Society of the church recently sent 111 pounds of clothing to Korean needy. Mrs. W. B. Payseur is president and Mrs. C. R. Carpenter is secretary of supply work.

ABERNETHY CHURCH, Rutherford College, on a quota of \$300 for the United College Appeal, subscribed \$725. The youth division of the church has recently installed a set of chimes which will be dedicated in the near future. Eleven infants were baptized on Palm Sunday and Easter and a class of six boys was received on Easter. The women of the church are purchasing carpets for the sanctuary, which has recently been improved. The church maintains a fine library called the George Whitley Memorial library. Prof. and Mrs. G. T. Whitley look after the library as a service of love. Rev. H. F. Kuehn, returned missionary from Malaya, is pastor.



MRS. ROMULUS DUNCAN, above, is the new church and financial secretary of the Spruce Pine Methodist Church. Recommended by the Commission on Finance and approved by the Official Board of the church, Mrs. Duncan is the first person to be employed by the church for this purpose. She is well qualified for this position through training and experience.

WAXHAW WSCS recently published a volume entitled "Waxhaw's Kitchen Secrets". Mrs. Roger B. Duval was chairman of the enterprise.

FARMVILLE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB received its charter March 26 in a special charter night program. James A. Glover, lay leader of the Rocky Mount District, brought the message and made the presentation. The Farmville group is the second Methodist Men's Club in the District to be chartered. With 45 members, the club's officers are: president, Dan Morgan; vice president, William Monk; secretary-treasurer, Ed Davenport; publicity chairman, Hubert Hart.

WESTOVER CHURCH, Raleigh, recently held revival services with Rev. C. W. Goldston of Goldsboro assisting the pastor, Rev. G. C. McGill. As a result of the meeting 17 united with the church and the entire church was revived. Pleasant Grove church, also on the Westover charge, cooperated and received a great blessing, thus preparing the congregation for the forthcoming United Evangelistic Mission.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Kannapolis, raised the remaining \$1,000 on its indebtedness on Sunday, March 29. Members had been asked to tithe during March and bring their offering that day. Several hundred dollars in addition were given, which will be applied to the building fund for a proposed educational building. A committee was appointed by the quarterly conference last fall to study plans and report to the church when they deem the new building project advisable. The present building, now debt-free, will be dedicated by Bishop Costen J. Harrell on Sunday, September 13, the fifth anniversary since organization.

HAW RIVER CHARGE in the Greensboro District had two visiting preachers on Sunday, March 29. Rev. Charles D. Stokes, missionary to Korea, spoke at Midway church with all churches on the charge participating. That evening Rev. Kyung Il Mah, Methodist minister of Pusan, Korea, spoke at the Brown Summit church. Rev. John Kincaid is pastor.

"THE LIVING BIBLE" is the title of a series of films being shown each week to more than 1,500 persons in the Boone area, according to Rev. J. T. Shackford, director of the program. The program is sponsored by the Boone Methodist Church, the Demonstration and High Schools and the Religious Council of Appalachian State Teachers College.

NEW HOPE CHURCH in the Winston-Salem District has had gratifying results in its emphasis upon Church School enrollment and attendance. Average attendance since January 1 has jumped from 55% to 79.9% on Palm Sunday. The Junior class with 17 enrolled had a perfect score on Palm Sunday, to set the pace for the entire school. Harlan F. Gilliam is assistant superintendent and is in charge of enrollment and attendance.

FIRST CHURCH, Hendersonville, raised more than \$1,000 in the Easter offering for Rev. and Mrs. Burr Baughman, missionaries in Kapit, Saravak. The choir under the direction of Miss Kate Dotson presented Dr. James R. Houghton of the Boston University School of Music recently in a dramatic interpretation of "The Song of Methodism" which was based on the 1952 Episcopal Address. On Palm Sunday 351 were at Sunday School and on Easter Sunday the number rose to 407.

"UNCLE KIT" SMITH, who on March 20 was 90 years old, is a faithful member of Oak Grove church on the Newport charge. His pastor, Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., says that "Uncle Kit" is really the grand old patriarch of his church. He and Mrs. Smith have been taking the Advocate for as far back as they can remember and they read it together each week. "Uncle Kit's" good humor and Christian spirit remain eternally young, his pastor writes.

NEW OFFICERS of the N.C. Conference Ministers Wives Association, elected at the Spring Luncheon in Rocky Mount, are: President, Mrs. L. M. Hall, Red Springs; vice-president, Mrs. George Blount, Carthage; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Nicks, Burlington. There were 73 present for the luncheon, which was held at the Ricks Hotel, in Rocky Mount, during the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Charlotte, expects to begin construction on the first unit of the new church during the coming summer. To cost \$100,000, the new unit, an educational building, will be located on a six-acre site on Albemarle Road just outside the city limits and purchased last year for \$14,500. The present building and parsonage have been sold to Gilfield Baptist Church for \$35,000. Rev. C. Moody Smith is pastor; James B. Vogler is chairman of the building committee and Eugene M. Hayes is chairman of the official board. Organized in 1888, the church was known as Brevard Street Methodist Church until the name was changed by Conference action in 1951.

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June 18-21

Cost \$17

Senior Assembly

Speaker: Charles P. Bowles

June 22-27

Cost \$21

Second Senior Assembly

Speaker: Douglas Corriher

June 29-July 4

Cost \$21

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JURISDICTIONAL ACTIVITIES AT JUNALUSKA

Young Adult Workshop—July 16-19; Youth Workshop—July 22-29; Conference Staff and District Directors—July 30-August 2; Leadership School—August 3-14; Local Church Directors, August 3-8; Conference for church school superintendents, assistant superintendents, chairman of Commission on Education—August 14-16

For information write Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, North Carolina

Observe Church School Day in Every Sunday School, April 19

Districts Set Annual Meetings; Mrs. Goode Reports; Urges Full Payment of Pledges

STATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

The Statesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its annual meeting at Central church, Mooresville, Tuesday, April 21, beginning at ten a.m. Mrs. J. W. Harbison, president of the conference, will be the featured speaker. The district president, Mrs. Fred Price, will preside.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT MEETING

The Winston-Salem District annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Mount Tabor church, near Winston-Salem, April 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Miss Eva Louise Hyde, president of Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will be the featured speaker. Miss Hyde is a friend of Mrs. J. W. Clay and will be visiting her at that time and the district is most fortunate in getting her to speak. Another feature will be a playlet, "Thy Word Is a Lamp," presented by Mrs. J. W. Frank as the grandmother, and Miss Patricia Rothrock, a student at Scarritt College. A devotional service will be led by Mrs. C. C. Weaver. Mrs. A. B. Macon, district president, will preside.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

The Marion District Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Boone church, Saturday, April 18, beginning at 10:30. Mrs. J. W. Harbison, president of the Conference, will be the featured speaker. The work of the Wesley Fellowship on the campus of the Appalachian State Teachers College will be presented.

GASTONIA WOMAN'S SOCIETY HAS JURISDICTION STUDY

Main Street, Gastonia, Woman's Society of Christian Service had a successful study, "Preface to Bible Study," March 9-12, with Mrs. W. M. Alexander of Nashville, Tenn., former secretary of spiritual life of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, leading the study. Other societies joining the Main Street women for jurisdiction credit were Ebenezer, Cherryville and Bethesda. Women visiting the class were from Trinity church and First church, Lincolnton.

Approximately sixty women took the course for credit and fifteen or more attended as visitors.

"OPERATING SEWING MACHINE" HELPS KOREA WIDOWS

Twenty-one Korean women, widowed by the war in that country, are working five and a half days a week on "Operation Sewing Machine" in The Methodist Church's mission in Seoul, remaking some of the relief material from America, and other goods into clothes suitable for use in Korea. Mrs. William E. Shaw, of Latty, Ohio, missionary in Seoul, reports to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York City. Mrs. Shaw is the wife of Missionary Dr. William Shaw, in charge of Methodist relief work in Korea.

"We bought machines and cloth in Japan and brought them over to Korea," says Mrs. Shaw. "We use some of the relief goods, remaking them so they are more useful to the Koreans, like the printed feed sacks which make beautiful chogoris (waists) for women since it takes only one and one-half yards for each. Some Americans have sent comforter tops which the women have finished up in beautiful comforters. The Koreans also have the ability

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to take a small piece of material and make something attractive out of it. We have a sale each week when the buyers come and bid on our goods and if the highest bid meets our price we sell for cash. Thus these widows with children to support are enabled to earn a living. It is much better than being on relief.

"All bits of yarn are made up into sweaters or socks or leggings. Severance Hospital sends us outing flannel, and we make pajamas for the patients. Our pay from them comes in contributions of thread, buttons, and snaps, plus pieces of cloth, which we need badly.

"We can use snaps, cards of buttons, threads, needles, zippers, lace and scissors. In the spring I hope to begin embroidery work making dresser scarves, towels, luncheon sets and tablecloths. Thus we need all colors of embroidery floss (boil proof). That will give more widows work to do and such things are very saleable out here. Our idea is to make it as self-supporting as possible."

Most of the relief goods, however, is such that it can be used "as is", Mrs. Shaw says. It is sorted and taken to the different churches, each of which has a relief committee to do the distributing. In this way both clothes and food get quickly to the needy people.

"In addition to this we send to the different orphanages and hospitals especially the food and milk where we know they are in need," says Mrs. Shaw. "We have been able to use everything sent so far and at times wish for men's clothing or for boys ten to fourteen years of age. But we cannot use women's high-heel shoes in Korea!"

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is asking all Methodist churches to continue sending clothing, food, and other relief materials to Korea through the shipping centers of Church World Service, ours being New Windsor, Maryland. Funds intended to purchase relief goods should go direct to MCOR at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

In her third quarter report to local secretaries, Mrs. T. V. Goode, conference secretary of promotion, tells of the inspiring addresses she heard at the southeastern jurisdiction meetings she attended in February, and says: "We had a speaker, Dr. M. I. Ting, who was the strongest witness for Christ I have ever heard speak. All this was most inspiring and made it very clear to me how necessary it is for us to pay our Pledges, even over-paying it if at all possible. How very necessary it is to reach all Methodist women and enlist them in our work. Also, how important it is for us to search out girls to become full-time Christian workers, and train our youth and children to know Jesus."

"Now who is to do all this? None other

than our loyal members of W.S.C.S. Each woman must accept the challenge of the work and shoulder her part, if she is to be a true disciple. Tithe not only money but time. I urge every society to make the effort to send a delegate to the Conference at Lake Junaluska. Then later in the summer to our School of Missions at Greensboro College. There they will become prepared to carry on the work as it should be done.

"Attend your district and sub-district meetings this spring.

"Now is a good time to get renewals to The Methodist Woman. Also to check on incoming officers, as one of our goals is "Every Officer a Subscriber."

"It is the duty of every society to hold Officers Training Day on the local level. Do this as soon as your officers are installed. There is a leaflet, "Officers Training Day in the Local Society," which is indispensable at this time. Order 25 copies sending five cents to pay for postage. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Each officer and secretary should have one. Send your new list of officers to your District Secretary of Promotion just as soon as they are elected.

"Please give your District President and District Secretary of Promotion your full cooperation at all times. They need this, otherwise they may become discouraged. The full backing of each loyal member is greatly appreciated by your district officers, and accounts for a fine district. Check carefully and see what is being done in other districts in the conference."

Mrs. Goode thinks the Goals are not being stressed in the districts as they should be. Her third quarter report shows:

Gastonia, Statesville and Waynesville districts 100% reporting; Waynesville and Salisbury 100% organized circuits; Oak Grove in the Salisbury District 100% in members subscribing to The Methodist Woman; and Waynesville district every officer taking The Methodist Woman; six new societies and four new Guilds organized.

MRS. HARBISON URGES PAYMENT OF PLEDGE

In a letter to local presidents, our Conference president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, also urges the complete and over-payment of the pledge if at all possible. Our Conference increased its pledge to the Division \$10,000 this year over last year and Mrs. Harbison says: "We feel very sure we are able to meet this increase but we know that in order to accomplish it every society will have to send an increased amount this quarter. With less than three-fourths of our pledge for the year paid, we face a challenge but we dare not face a deficit. Your local treasurer will send a check to our Conference treasurer, Miss Una Edwards, Cliffside, N. C., the last of April. Please ask her to make it larger than any to date if possible, for we must show a substantial increase over any previous quarter in order to meet our pledge. Honorary Life Memberships is a fine way to use surplus funds and will help raise the needed amount. Since this is the last quarter for the fiscal year EMPTY your treasury and FILL your heart with the joy of giving."

MRS. BALLARD IMPROVING AT HOME

We are happy to report that your editor, Mrs. E. L. Ballard, has returned home from the Martin Memorial Hospital, Mt. Airy, where she underwent an operation several weeks ago. She is slowly recovering.

Around 300 Alumni Return; 5 Help Run City; May Day Plans Set

ORPHANAGE ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Methodist Orphanage Alumni Association met on the Orphanage campus Easter weekend. The meeting closed with a thrilling baseball game between the alumni and the orphanage team on Monday, which the alumni won 13-12 in fourteen innings.

Approximately 300 alumni attended weekend activities of the meeting, which included a dance Saturday night, an Easter egg hunt for the orphanage children Sunday, a wiener roast for children and alumni and a "talent show" with students at the orphanage participating.

At the business meeting Sunday the alumni voted to donate \$500 towards building a picnic ground on the campus. Karl Fleming of Durham is president of the Alumni Association.

MAY DAY

Plans are now being made for our annual May Day program on May 1. Barbara Pierce was chosen by the student body to be May Queen. Her escort is to be Marvin King. Alice Mason was selected to be Maid-of-Honor, and her escort will be Franklin Daniels. Members of the court and their escorts are: Betty Jane Carraway and James Pace; Peggy Patton and Robert Taylor; Joan Braswell and Charlie McIntyre; Eleanor Pierce and Edward Parker; Betsy Blake and Wade Salmon, and Joanne Albright and Bill Hobson. Marshalls will be Maxine Turner, Jerry Hunt and Wilbur Hardin.

The program will consist of music and dances experienced by each grade during the year in our music program.

FUTURE CITIZENS

The picture for the week is one of our present first and second grades, twenty-eight in number. They are indeed the citizens of tomorrow, who are just beginning the long road toward the goal of useful and productive citizenship. Upon them the present generation will one day depend.

There are two unusual facts about these younger members of our family. Only eight are members of the first grade, which is one of the smallest first grades in the history of our school. Another unusual fact is the almost completely male second grade of fourteen boys and only six girls.

HELPED RUN THE CITY

Five members of our group participated in the management of the city government of Raleigh during Raleigh Student Government day. Frank Daniels served as student council representative. Appointive officers were as follows: Chief of Police, Marvin King; Water Plant Chemist, Betty Jane Carraway; Tax Collector, Patricia Chinnis; City Engineer, John Clark.

PIANO RECITAL

Tuesday night, our piano pupils presented their spring piano recital. Performers and their numbers were as follows: Coleen Murray, Aragonaise Polonaise Op 40, No. 1; Michael Nowell, Arkansas Traveler, and Oh Susanna; Ivan Perry, Chasing Fireflies; Sonja Page, Little Buttercup, and Old Grey Mare; Billy Gibson, Old MacDonald Had a Farm; Carol Hawn, Turkey in the Straw; Gail Jennings, Water Sprite; Jean Willett, Polly Wolly Doodle; Maxine Turner,

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Waltz in D, Op 64, No. 1, and More Than You Know, and Polonaise; Patricia Chinnis, Romance in Vienna; Eleanor Pierce, Come Back to Sorento, and Polichinelle; Joyce Johnson, Pourquoi, and Dark Eyes; Peggy Patton, Norwegian Dance; and Donald Griffin, Minuet Op 14, No. 1, Hungary. Also participating in the program was the elementary chorus.

CONCERT

Last week we were privileged to have the Randolph-Macon College Glee Club present their concert, "Moods in Music," in our auditorium. The concert was sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 10 of Edenton Street Church. Our high school students were their special guests for the evening. Director of the group is William Troxell.

Book Reviews

THE RECREATOIN LEADER. By E. O. Harbin. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1952. 128 pages, \$1.50.

E. O. Harbin, known to people everywhere as a pioneer leader in the recreation field, gives us in his latest book a philosophy of recreation based on the theory that there is a sound and permanent place for play in the program of the church. "Christian fun," he says, "must

be fun plus—fun plus enrichment of life, fun plus character and personality growth, fun plus spiritual enrichment, fun plus growth in Christlikeness. This is the unique contribution the church has to make in the field of recreation."

For the church to make this unique contribution it must have, according to Harbin, three things: (1) a sound philosophy of recreation (2) a sound recreation program and (3) intelligent and skilled leadership. All this adds up to the **why**, the **what** and the **how** of church recreation. The rest of the book develops these three points—that is to say the discussion is not all on the philosophy of recreation, but deals also with program and method.

Written for a text-book, the work ought to serve this purpose admirably. It contains a section, "Additional Resource Books," and also several valuable appendices which cite the case studies taken from several churches. In addition to its service to church leaders, the book will be of service to recreation leaders generally in clubs and community work.

Raymond Smith

THE TITHER'S SURPRISE

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
3. At the ease with which he meets his own obligations with the remaining nine-tenths.
4. At the joy he finds in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the preparation that tithing gives for faithful and wise stewardship, over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself for not adopting the plan sooner.

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"Citizens of Tomorrow"

Does God Work Through Us?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Acts 14: 8-20

Our lesson begins with the story of how Paul cured a cripple who had been lame from birth. Many will say that this is contrary to the laws of nature, and hence cannot be believed. But it is assuming a great deal for us to say that we know all the laws of nature. If a man fifty years ago had predicted that people would ere long be able to sit in their houses and hear music and listen to dramatic performances in New York City, and see all the actions of the drama, men would have said that the prediction was absurd and in defiance of the laws of nature. But there are laws of nature that they did not then know, for now all over the continent men are hearing and seeing these dramas by television. And men absolutely devoted to God as Paul was, and willing again and again to risk their lives for Christ, are made channels of vitality that the world knows not of.

The poor cripple had probably been listening to Paul's preaching and the apostle saw the light of a great hope in his face. So Paul said in a loud voice, Stand upright on your feet. And he did more than strainedly and slowly rise; he sprang up and walked. To how many of us crippled by our lack of faith is the Lord saying today, Stand upright on your feet. And that is what with sympathy and faith we ought to be saying to one another. And note that Paul said it with a loud voice, so that if the man was not able to stand the apostle would have been put to shame before the people.

When the multitude saw the lame man walking they exclaimed, The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men. And the priests of the temple of Zeus brought garlands and oxen to sacrifice. When Paul and Barnabas realized that the people intended to worship them as gods they rent their garments in horror, and rushed in among them saying, We are men of like passion with you. But they could hardly keep the people from offering sacrifice to them. But note that the miracle did not make the people willing to heed Paul's exhortation to turn from their idolatry. We often wonder why God does not empower his servants to work more extraordinary miracles in order to convert the multitude. The reason is that it would do no good. If they hear not Moses and the prophets, if they do not turn with reverence toward the moral ideals of the Bible, no amount of miracle would make them good (Luke 16: 31.)

Soon Jews came from Iconium and persuaded the people so that they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But the brethren stood round about Paul and prayed, and ere long the apostle arose. What wonders are wrought by the combined sympathetic prayers of the followers of Jesus. Then Paul, instead of going somewhere for recuperation went with Barnabas to Derby to preach the gospel, and made many disciples. And then they were brave enough to return to Lystra and Iconium where they had been mobbed, in order to encourage the disciples and to organize the brethren into churches with elders who had been appointed after much prayer for guidance.

Paul told the brethren that through much tribulation they must enter into the kingdom of God. Tribulation tends to cleanse us from false hopes, and impels

us to much prayer and deep searching into the inner meaning of Christ's gospel. And the storms of life impel us to use spiritual resources that may be compared to waterproof garments and rubber boots. And we are moved by faith to reach out for that baptism of spiritual power which is in store for all who wait upon God (Isaiah 40: 31).



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TED CHANGED HIS MIND

By Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Sr.

When Bonjo was a puppy Ted just knew that he was the very finest that he had ever owned, even though they had raised dozens of dogs on the farm. Bonjo was unusually quick to learn to walk on his hind feet, and to sit up and ask for his dinner with a short bark. He would also go and bring the daily paper in, and help drive the cows from pasture. In fact he learned so many things, and was so very willing to do, until all who knew him said, "I just know Bonjo is fuller of tricks than any dog in the whole wide world!"

When Bonjo grew up he quit performing his tricks. Try as they might, they couldn't coax him into a single one. He was as well as he could be but all he wanted to do was to lie around in the sunshine and eat. One day Ted's Dad heard him telling Bonjo what a great disappointment he was. "You were so cute when you were little, but now you are not worth a flip," he said.

Saturday night after supper Dad said something to Ted and called him Bonjo. "Why do you call me that, Dad?" asked Ted.

"Because you remind me so much of Bonjo. When you were little you were so faithful to Church and Sunday School, and were always so very quick to learn, and so ready to help when you were needed. I remember your Junior Teacher called you her "Star pupil." We were all so very proud of you. Now since you have gotten into your teens you have quit going. Try as we do, we can't seem to get you to go any more. Now isn't that acting just like Bonjo?"

"It seems that you've got an argument there, Dad. I think I'll start back to Sunday School in the morning because I don't want to be left in the class with a lazy dog."

"Now you are talking sense again, son. When you pay a big price for a bicycle or an automobile you expect it to do the work the manufacturers built it to do. Jesus paid a terrible price for us on Calvary's cross and He expects each of us to do the work for which we were made. Remember that God meant for each of us to be useful about His work. Jesus said that "The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are so few."

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Announcements

CUMMINGS APPOINTED

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the appointment of Rev. S. F. Cummings of Pembroke, to the Hickory Grove Methodist Church in the Pembroke Parish. Brother Cummings will complete the Conference year at Hickory Grove due to the death of Rev. J. A. Wilkins.

V. E. Queen, D. S.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Winston-Salem District Conference will be held at Main Street church, Kernersville, on Tuesday, May 14, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The sermon will be given at 11:30 a.m. by Rev. Byron Shankle of the Level Cross charge. All reports are expected to be in to the superintendent by May 9. The various connectional representatives of the Conference will be given time for their causes. Let all pastors and delegates be present for the day. Dinner will be served on the ground.

C. E. Rozzelle, D. S.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

"Last night, standing on the stair,
I saw a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today,
Oh, how I wish he'd go away."

We are not realistic but misty-eyed when we suspect men's motives and imagine evil lurking behind every appearance of good. We can and do sometimes fall into the cynical state where we find it hard to understand unselfish service and think there must be some ulterior reason for almost every generous deed. Byron described this low mental state when he said of another, "His mind had grown suspicion's sanctuary."

Moreover, suspicion not only distorts the vision, it also deteriorates the situation. The evils of suspicion are cumulative. Distrust begets distrust and then poisons both possessors.

The seeds of suspicion grow in the mind like weeds in an untended garden. It is amazing how rapidly we can develop the habit of suspecting. We get so that we look for the bad before we look for the good. Let your mind begin to doubt a thing, and see how the doubt grows if left to itself.

Professor Farmer of Cambridge University tells us that he puts his doubts on trial before he cross-examines his beliefs. It is a good rule. Try it. Doubt your doubts first. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

In Memoriam

ROBERT B. WIGGINS

HENDERSON—Robert Baskett Wiggins, age 46, died at Maria Parham Hospital Tuesday evening, March 17. He lived only one hour after being stricken with a heart attack.

He was born May 24, 1906, in Vance county and had lived here all his life. He was the son of the late E. B. and Mary Lou Spain Wiggins. He was a member of Spring Valley Methodist church and served as steward for a number of years.

Mr. Wiggins is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Turner; two daughters, Betty Joyce and Eddie Jean; and a son Robert Jr., all of the home. Three sisters, Mrs. C. B. Baskett, Mrs. Sam Prickett and Mrs. R. T. Ball; two brothers, Bryan and Dave, all

of Vance County, also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock from Spring Valley church with Rev. I. J. Strawbridge, pastor in charge, assisted by Rev. M. W. Grissom of Henderson and Rev. H. L. Rogers of Middleburg. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

CLARENCE AMMONS

PINEVILLE—We the members of the Men's Bible Class of Pineville Methodist church wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved brother, Clarence Ammons, who was called from this earthly existence on October 12, 1952. Having driven all night from his place of employment in order to be in his place at Sunday School, he became ill at the close of the session and went home to rest. He suffered a heart attack around noon and passed away about three o'clock in the afternoon.

Whereas Brother Ammons had been a true Christian and faithful member of the Pineville church since surrendering his life to God on September 26, 1948, and

Whereas he was a member of the Board of Stewards, a member of the Building Committee and was ever loyal in giving of his time, service, and means to the ongoing and advancement of the Kingdom of God and

Whereas we have sorely missed his faithful attendance at all of the services of the church and the faithful performance of the duties of his offices,

Therefore, be it resolved: That in grateful appreciation of his life and service among us this tribute of our love and respect be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and a copy be sent to his wife and family.

Pineville Methodist Church
Men's Bible Class
Thomas A. Summey, Jr.

MRS. SUSIE E. MINSHEW

EUREKA—We the members of the W.S.C.S. of the Eureka Methodist church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and faithful member, Mrs. Susie E. Minshew, who entered into life eternal on March 13, 1953.

We are mindful that today the presence of those we love may fill our cup with joy, and tomorrow sore bereavement may cast us into the valley of sorrow. We wish the loved ones to know that our sympathy goes out to them in their loss yet rejoices with them that she is at home with her Redeemer.

The funeral was held in the Eureka Methodist church on Sunday, March 15, with her pastor, Rev. W. E. Howard, officiating. Burial was in the Eureka Cemetery.

Mrs. Minshew is survived by eight children—Joel, Nathan, and Mrs. T. E. Yelverton, of Eureka, Irvin of Wilson, Royal of Asheboro, Mrs. Carl Hicks, Walstonburg, Mrs. R. O. Edgerton, Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Carl Mueller, Willowick, Ohio.

Though we miss her, may we ever cherish her memory, and in appreciation of her devoted service this tribute of love and respect is written.

The W.S.C.S. of the Eureka
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MRS. E. FRANK BALDWIN

NEW HILL—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of Ebenezer church on the Bynum Charge, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Christian life of Mrs. Jennie Gattis Baldwin, wife of E. Frank Baldwin, who passed to her eternal reward on September 27, 1952.

She, a charter member of our Society, was always modest and unassuming in the performance of her Christian duties. She was loyal to her Society, to her family, to her church and to her God. Her influence has been felt by all those whose lives she touched, and loved by everyone who knew her.

The sunshine of her smile will always be a happy memory to her family: her husband, three children and three grandchildren, and her great host of friends.

Now, therefore, we offer these resolutions of respect:

First: We bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, acknowledging Him to be perfect in all things, realizing that the Lord giveth and taketh away, thanking Him for her life and the contribution she made to humanity.

Second: We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and the other members of her family, and pray that God will sustain them in their loss.

Third: We request that a copy of these resolutions be included in the records of our Society, a copy be sent to the family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. J. R. Matthews, Chairman
Mrs. Roscoe Wilson
Miss Exie Lee Truelove

CHARLES G. ARRINGTON

HALIFAX—The board of stewards and members of Ebenezer Methodist church join in paying tribute of love and respect to our friend and brother Charles G. Arrington, who had served on our board of stewards from 1928 through 1946. He was church school superintendent from 1923 through 1935 and an honorary steward as long as he lived.

"Charlie," as he was affectionately called, was born in Halifax county in 1883, the son of George G. and Sarah Hawks Arrington. He joined Ebenezer Methodist church in 1897, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. H. Frizzelle. He married Miss Emma Light in 1913, and

to this union were born three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Ervin Allison of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Mrs. Marvin Butts of Aurelian Springs, N. C., Mrs. Richard Cullom of Richmond, Virginia, W. Wilson Arrington of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and John Hugh Arrington of the home.

The church and community have lost a man of sterling character but as is always the case of a good man, his influence lives on. The church extends to this family its sincere sympathy in their great sorrow.

We request that a copy of this brief statement be spread on the minutes of the quarterly conference of Halifax circuit. A copy be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the family.

E. Dana Dickens, for Committee

MRS. ROSSIE COBB WRENN

GOLDSBORO—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul Methodist church, Goldsboro, wish to pay tribute to the passing January 15, 1953, of one of our oldest and most beloved members, Mrs. Rossie Cobb Wrenn. Mrs. Rossie, as she was known to most of us, lived a full life of Christian service, being dedicated in her infancy to the Lord. She continued to walk in His steps all the way.

Mrs. Rossie was always happy on the way, giving praise and thanks to her Lord and all co-workers. She loved her pastor, supporting him and her church with her prayers, her presence and her gifts.

She was able to attend her church almost until the end. Her going was somewhat unexpected. As loved ones sat beside her bedside at 4:45 a.m., she gently pulled the curtain and slipped away to join other loved ones, for the sunrise in glory.

Be it resolved:

First: That our love and sympathy be extended to her family.

Second: That the inspiration and blessings we received from her life will never die.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our minutes; A copy be sent to her family; And a copy be sent the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

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THE MOUNTAIN CALL

By E. Lester Ballard

The pastor of Chestnut Grove Methodist Church on the Virginia Circuit, Rev. P. R. Gilbert, imparted to Rev. Ralph L. Reed of Bessemer Church, Greensboro, and this reporter such thrilling experiences that our lives may not be the same again.

Even before our last Annual Conference met, the pastor obtained our consent to conduct revival meetings for about a week in this little mountain church, ten miles from Mount Airy. Except for the opening Sunday night service, he could not be with us, because of his regular employment in Winston-Salem. So we "took over" with Ralph Reed preaching nightly.

There were at least two factors that made his preaching impressive: First, he is an apt psychoanalyst, sensing the requirements of the people at once, and adapting his sermons accordingly. Second, he is a sincere, earnest, evangelistic preacher, especially proficient in the altar call.

Attendance numbered 55 Sunday night, with an average of 40 during the week. A girl and a young man rededicated their lives to Christ, and several other young people, favorably impressed by the invitation, we believe will yield to the wooing of the Spirit later.

The thrill that was ours to experience was to observe the great opportunity and unlimited possibilities for Christian service in this mountain fastness. Those inadequate modest homes, which dot the steep slopes here and there, house families of sturdy American stock with undeveloped potentialities. They are not ignor-amuses as the uninformed might suppose; most of them have plenty of good common sense, despite the lack on the part of the older ones of formal education.

The number and quality of the youth were especially impressive. Fine looking young men and women are to be seen on every hand. We came in direct contact with them in their homes, where we were well entertained at meals. They are reserved in manner, especially in expression of religion, but they can be appealed to in the right way. As Brother Reed said, they need an adult leader, a full-time pastor, to love them, win their confidence, and then win them to Christ.

We are confident that the Western N. C. Conference has some of the finest and most capable supply pastors serving various charges, and we believe that none is more consecrated, interested and zealous than "Pete" Gilbert, as we affectionately call him. If he only had more time to devote to these deserving people; if he lived nearer to them or they nearer to him; if, if—

What a boom it would be if our beloved church or conference, or wealthy, philanthropic Methodists, would provide adequate living facilities and salary for a missionary-minded preacher to go and minister to these worthy mountaineers.

Here's one of many opportunities, no doubt, for a capable, consecrated young minister to settle down to a rewarding task, where the glamour of city enterprises and the lure of larger stipend would not entice. The call is clear; the challenge is convincing; who has the Christian courage to dare?

"I hear my people cry in cot and mine and slum;

No field or mart is silent, no city street is dumb.

I see my people falling in darkness and despair;

Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

"Here am I, O Lord; send me."

STORY OF A MAN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BARS

By O. L. Simpson

Jim Anderson began serving a life sentence at the New Jersey State Prison ten years ago. Shortly after his admission there, his work assignment was clerk to the Protestant chaplain, Rev. John B. Oman. Jim took his job seriously and among other things he directed the choir. He soon won the respect of both the officers and his fellow-prisoners. It was quite obvious that Jim was not so much serving time as time was serving him. His commitment was not only to a penal institution but there was also a commitment of his life to Christ.

A "lifer" gets 25 cents a day for his labor, and Jim began tithing his prison pay.

When Dr. Oman was appointed by Bishop Fred P. Corson as pastor as First Methodist Church, Trenton, he resigned the prison chaplaincy.

Jim Anderson requested his former chaplain to put him on his church's mailing list, saying he would like to consider himself an affiliate member.

Since then, because of exemplary behavior, Anderson has been transferred to the Prison Farm at Rahway.

Still on First Methodist's mailing list, recently he received the weekly bulletin which told of the Quadrennial Plan for benevolence giving which included needs like those of our Homes for the Aged, hospitals, schools, church extension, helps to churches within the area striving to meet building fund requirements, and other causes. The bishop suggested that each member of our Methodist Church within the area be asked to give one-half cent per day for four years. This is about 15 cents a month. It seems that almost anyone could add this trifling amount to his giving for these great undertakings. "This church," the bulletin stated, "has an enviable record in our Conference—we raise every suggested goal. Will you help us to keep this splendid record for our beloved church?"

While reading this, Jim Anderson was struck by the fact that he was a constituent member of the Philadelphia Area of Methodism, and that he should have a financial part in the quadrennial program. So, the church treasurer received a check from Jim's quarter-a-day tithe account.

Jim Anderson, who has ten years in on a life sentence, is the first member in First church, Trenton, N. J., to contribute to that church's quadrennial program. More than that—he paid two years in advance!

In commenting on Jim's philosophy of stewardship to advance the church on all fronts, Dr. Oman said, "If a man on the wrong side of the bars is willing to do so much with so little, how can anyone of us do less?"

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PLANNING A WORTHWHILE SUMMER?

What are the young people of your district—or of your church—doing this summer? Will they frit away two or three months—June, July and August—or make them the most worthwhile months of their lives? Will they be members of caravan teams? participants in Methodist work camps? participants in church-related service projects of a score of denominations?

The March issue of *Motive*, magazine of the Methodist Student Movement, devotes seven crowded pages to a compilation of summer camps, caravans, institu-

tions, activities and projects—places where Methodist and other young people can serve and learn this summer. It tells where and what the projects are, the dates, the enrollment requirements, the names and addresses of persons who will be in charge of these camps this summer.

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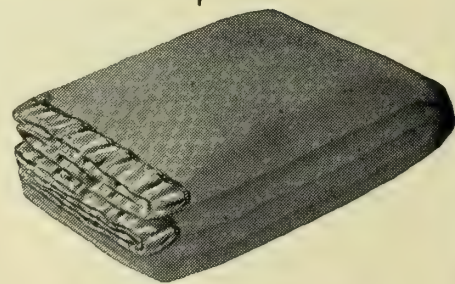
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CHARLOTTE AREA LEADERS MAKE FINAL PLANS FOR THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC MISSION

On Monday, April 13, leaders of the Charlotte Area met at First church, Charlotte, to make final plans for the United Evangelistic Mission set for the Area May 1-10. Included in the group are: Left to right, first row, T. F. Reid, Orangeburg, S. C.; Joseph T. Edwards, Area director of the Mission; Bishop Costen J. Harrell; Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the Statesville District; W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville District; C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District. Second row, M. K. Medlock, Columbia, S. C.; J. M. Shingler, Greenwood, S. C.; T. C. Cannon, Sumter, S. C.; H. O. Chambers, Anderson, S. C.; G. H. Varn, Marion, S. C.; S. D. Newell, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. W. Fitzgerald, superintendent of the Asheville District; John Hoyle, Jr., superintendent of the Marion District. Third row, Paul Whitaker, Florence-Kingstree, S. C.; C. L. Woodard, Charleston, S. C.; M. T. Hipps, superintendent of the Thomasville District; Frank Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte District; R. L. Holroyd, Greenville, S. C.; J. C. Cornette, superintendent of the Salisbury District; J. C. Smiley, Rock Hill, S. C. Absent H. F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District; and C. E. Rozzelle, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District.

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

By Joseph T. Edwards, Charlotte Area Director

Scarcely would anyone have thought or even dared to dream that the Evangelistic Mission in Philadelphia, 1949, would reach such tremendous proportions as we have seen in our beloved Church. What has happened since then has proved conclusively that God really inspired the plan and has wonderfully used it to bring many thousands of souls to Christ and His Church. In November, 1949, Methodist ministers came from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south to begin this movement which has almost covered America.

That was the first time that visitation and mass evangelism as a simultaneous endeavor was inaugurated. Since then over 55 similar missions have been conducted in districts, conferences and areas with the glorious results exceeding 274,000 persons won to Christ and His Church.

The type of movement which has produced such victories is now moving across the great Southeastern Jurisdiction of our Church. This gigantic undertaking could well usher in a new day for the Church, which in turn could be used of God to save civilization.

Thus the program of the U.E.M. is not a new thing, nor is it slanted toward any particular type of church. A rural church in McLeary, Washington, with a membership of less than 50, won 53 new members, and a woman who joined by baptism and on profession of faith said, "I have lived here 40 years, and no one ever asked me before to become a Christian." City churches can win persons by visitation. The First Methodist Church in New

Philadelphia, Ohio, sent out 70 visitors during the Ohio Mission in February, 1953, and won 109 persons on profession of faith and 71 by transfer, for a total of 180.

It isn't the size or the location of a church that brings results but rather the vision, consecration, and holy zeal on the part of the members. When Jesus sent out the 70 in teams of two, He said, "Into whatsoever house ye enter say peace be to this house." In the first great evangelistic mission conducted by our Lord, the workers or visitors were instructed to enter the homes of the people. He sent them because the harvest was great and this was one of His regular methods of reaping. The harvest is still great and His method still works wherever it is conscientiously tried. Christ told the seventy to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His harvest, and then He said, "Go—behold, I send you." When we become concerned enough for people lost in their sins that we will pray that they be sought then we, too, will hear the Master say, "Go—behold, I send you."

Our first objective is not to invite them to join the church, important as that is, but it is to enlist them for Christ. The message of peace which He gave to the early visitors is still the same. We are so constituted that our souls will never find peace until we experience the living Christ. Then as laymen and laywomen and young people of the Charlotte Area visit during the mission they will take peace to the homes and hearts of people. Thus will we keep alive that grand procession

of spiritual victories begun in Philadelphia in 1949.

Prayer, prospects, and preparations are the order of the day throughout the Charlotte Area. The churches are already seeing some results of the mission. Church attendance is on the increase. Church Schools are breaking previous records. One district reported that the churches have received more members this year than for the same period last year. It may well be that the revival for which we are so earnestly praying is on the way. So as we write tomorrow's history we follow the wise leading of the Holy Spirit with a full abandon to do the divine will, and a deep concern and love for the unconverted and the unchurched.

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Bishop Harrell

The Hour Approaches

By BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

THE HOUR approaches when every minister and every charge in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is called to participate in an unprecedented endeavor. We are accustomed to United Evangelistic Missions for Conferences, and Areas, and Districts, but never before has an entire Jurisdiction composed of approximately two and one-half million members undertaken a Jurisdiction-wide evangelistic mission. The effort is boldly conceived. It has been wisely and effectively organized. From this point the issue is in our hands.

The Methodist Church in all its parts is organized for united action. Our connectional structure, from the General Conference to the local church, has been across the years a most effective instrument in every phase of our work. But all our organizational advantages and achievements fall flat unless something is added. The personal preparation of every pastor and lay worker for the great undertaking should now be our deep concern. I venture to emphasize two essentials, applicable to us all alike.

Let none venture on this high mission until he carries in his own soul *the Christian's joyful assurance*. When one has entered into saving fellowship with Jesus Christ he knows it by an inward witness as clear as morning light. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Sometimes this assurance comes in an instant and lingers with one through all his days. With others it comes gradually as the dawning of the day. We cannot choose the way by which it comes, but none should cease his striving until he knows Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Friend. In Christian experience and service, the inward witness is the pearl of great price. It is, as our Lord said, a bubbling well of water, satisfying and inexhaustible.

We are called to be witnesses of Christ, but how can we bear witness to him whom we do not know? We are sent out to lead others to the Lord Jesus, and into the fellowship of the redeemed, but we cannot effectively lead others along a way we have not gone. The fires must be kindled in our own souls if we are to speak persuasively to others. The most important preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission is the preparation of our own hearts. Let every participant therefore wrestle with the Lord, as Jacob by the brook, until he is able to go to his assignment with conviction, assurance, and joyful expectation.

To the preparation of one's own heart must be added *faithfulness in every detail*. A faithful man will be present at the hour and place appointed. We are messengers of a King, bearers of good news to our fellows, and we will permit nothing to interfere with this high business except direst necessity. No faithful soldier presents himself on the field of battle a day late.

Carefulness in the Lord's work is as truly a Christian grace as faith and hope and love. Let nothing be done slovenly and nothing left unfinished. The results of the United Evangelistic Mission turn upon participant's sense of his own obligation and responsibility. In this work no detail is trivial, no prospect unimportant. When we have finished the task committed to us may each hear a Voice within speaking in accents clear and strong, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." This will be our richest personal reward.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

One day in a very small town in Indiana I was sitting in a garage building talking to a woman about becoming a Christian, when a drunken man staggered in. He sat down and listened to the conversation. In a few minutes he said, "What would Jesus do if He lived in this town?" This is a rather serious and thought provoking question. What would Jesus do? I thought about it and said to him, "I believe Jesus would do in this town exactly what He did in the days of His flesh when He lived in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Galilee. He would do exactly in our towns and cities what He did in Jerusalem and in Sychar and in Nazareth and in Capernaum and in Gadara and the other cities He visited. What did He do?"

Jesus came preaching. On April 17 there will be more than two thousand guest Methodist preachers in that many churches preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is also true on May 1. What a wonderful time we are going to have visiting the cities of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is easy to preach and most of us love to preach. We may not preach as severe sermons as Jesus preached. Very few of us will preach as He did in the 23rd chapter of Matthew, but we will be preaching and we will be lifting up Christ. He said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

But are we willing to do what Jesus did? Are we willing to go visiting? I do not presume that the woman of Sychar would have ever heard of the gospel unless Jesus had waited at the well where she was coming for water. I do not presume that she went to the synagogue because she asked the question where shall we worship? But Jesus was sitting at a well waiting for her because He wanted to reach her. He wanted her to drink the water from the well of everlasting life. He wanted her to face up to the way she was living. I am sure that this woman would have never known the Messiah if Jesus had waited for her to come to the synagogue.

I doubt if Levi, the tax collector, would have ever known the Christ and become a disciple and a gospel writer except for the fact that Jesus went to the courthouse to see him. Levi was a Publican, an outcast as far as the Pharisees were concerned. I doubt if he went to the synagogue and the temple. I doubt if there would have ever been a Matthew unless Jesus had gone to the courthouse to see a despised tax-collector, who was so concerned about money that he had forgotten to be a loyal member of his nation.

Visit in the Homes

I doubt if Zaccheus would have become a follower if Jesus had waited for him to come to the synagogue. He was anxious to see who Jesus was. He ran, climbed a tree and Jesus saw him and went home with him to the amazement of the leaders of organized religion. There never would have been a generous man in that community if Jesus had waited for him to come to the synagogue to hear the sermon. But Jesus could see a man in a tree and asked him to come down and go home with him. What a great thing happened because Jesus went to that home. Salvation came to that house. During these days of this great Evangelistic Mission salvation will come to many homes if we will

By Harry Denman

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go into the homes and visit with them. If we wait for the people to come to the church there will be many homes which will not know Jesus Christ and find salvation.

There never would have been an evangelist in Decapolis if Jesus had not been willing to go to Gadara, and visit a man who lived in the mountains which no man could tame. This demon-possessed man never went to the synagogue because if he had the people would have left because he was wild, crying out in the mountains. Jesus could go to him and when he was in his right mind, clothed, and sitting at His feet, Jesus told him to go to Decapolis and tell what the Lord had done for him.

I doubt if the woman who came to the

home of Simon, the Pharisee, where Jesus was having dinner and bathed his feet with her tears and dried them with the hair of her head, and kissed His feet and anointed His feet would have ever heard Jesus say to her, "Thy faith hath made thee whole," except for the fact that she went to the home where Jesus was. I do not think she went to the synagogue because the Pharisees said, "This woman is a sinner and Jesus is no prophet or He would not let this woman touch Him." But Jesus was willing and He paid attention to her when she came and anointed Him. He said, "Thy sins are forgiven." She never would have known this because I imagine the proud Pharisees would have looked down upon her if she had come to the synagogue.

I wonder if Jesus would have had any disciples if He had not gone to Galilee for Simon and Andrew, James and John. The Sanhedrin knew that no prophet ever came out of Galilee. But Jesus went to Galilee and secured most of his disciples. Suppose Jesus had not gone to Galilee. There would not have been a John, the beloved; there would not have been an Andrew; there would not have been a Simon Peter; there would not have been a James; or a Philip; or a Nathanael. But Jesus went and found his disciples. He did not wait for them to come to the synagogue.

Visit and Preach

One of the great purposes of this United Evangelistic Mission is to have people visiting while we are preaching. Of course, if we are going to be like Jesus we are

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM COOPERATES

By J. Clay Madison, Chairman

Although the major responsibilities for the United Evangelistic Mission have been vested in committees on the Area and District levels, The Conference Board of Evangelism is vitally concerned for the success of the forthcoming program. Through various channels of publicity and through our District secretaries we have sought to arouse our people to a new awareness of the importance of the job at hand. If the job is to be done successfully we must plan carefully; we must prepare prayerfully; and we must work diligently. Spiritual preparation on the local church level is of basic importance.

There are many evidences that the people of our Conference are concerned and that they will be prepared. Hundreds are joining in a covenant of daily prayer for the Mission. Hundreds are volunteering to do their part in the visitation program. Thousands of names are being added to the responsibility lists of our churches and will be contacted during the Mission. Wherever Methodist ministers come together the urgent task before us is a constant topic of conversation.

We do not look upon this Mission as just a campaign to add new names to our church rolls. It is a mission to win people to Christ and to lead those who are already won into a clearer understanding of our faith and a deeper fellowship with the risen Lord. If this purpose is to be realized the message, regardless of whether it is presented from the pulpit or the homes by those who visit, must have sound moral and theological content. Where decisions are to be made the issues must be clear. The program of assimilation for new members after the Mission becomes almost as important as the Mission itself. In one sense of the word no person is fully won to Christ until he has become an active and useful member of the Christian Fellowship which we know as the Church.

The United Evangelistic Mission is perhaps the most significant program that The Methodist Church has undertaken in our generation. Yet it is the very sort of thing the church should be doing all the time. Surely it is the very thing that God called His Church into existence to do. That is why we have every reason to be hopeful and confident. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Of ourselves we can do nothing, but in the spirit of Paul we reverently say, "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us."

going to visit. The preachers are going to visit, the young people are going to visit, the laymen are going to visit. In fact, unless the preachers visit, unless the pastor visits and his guest pastor visits, then we are not going to have many laymen visiting and we are not going to have conversions. Salvation does not come into homes unless we get into them and tell them about Christ.

We know from experience that the more visits we make, the more people we see, the more conversions we have.

Several years ago I was preaching in a southern city. The pastor and the leading layman of that church invited me to go to the opening baseball game. I told them that I was sorry, but I had rather go visiting. So the preacher and I went visiting. They told me that everybody would be at the opening of the baseball

season, but we found people who were hungry to hear the gospel. They wanted to know about Christ. We prayed with them in their homes. That night we had several conversions at the altar of the church because we went visiting in the afternoon. If I had gone to the ball game, perhaps there would not have been conversions that night because the only ones who came to the altar were the ones with whom we had talked and prayed in their homes during the afternoon.

We want the United Evangelistic Mission to be the kind of Mission that Jesus would have. We want great preaching and great singing, but we want great visitation. We should interview more people every night for Jesus Christ in their homes than the number who attend our worship services at the church. We should stress at the preaching services

that every person who is a follower of Jesus Christ is a witness. They should be visiting and doing personal work. They should be seeking people for Jesus Christ. We can have a great revival if we will lift up Christ in our preaching, and if we will lift Him up in our visitation. If our visiting is purely social then there is no need of our going. If we go to lift up Christ men will be drawn unto Him.

Jesus came preaching, but he came visiting, also. He did many other things, such as teaching and healing and doing good. Let us make this United Evangelistic Mission in the Southeast the kind of Mission that Jesus had. Let us pray daily for all the people who are going out visiting, for every host pastor, for every guest pastor, for every layman, and for every youth who are visiting for Jesus Christ

OUR LAYMEN HAVE AN EVANGELISTIC CONCERN

By Paul R. Ervin
Conference Lay Leader

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moving spirit of Christ in their lives.

In the United Evangelistic Mission which is now underway there is a place not only for the pastor, but there is an even larger place for the layman. The pastors cannot possibly carry the entire burden of this great movement upon their own shoulders. They must have and are entitled to have the full and complete support of the dedicated laymen of our churches. Without that support the Mission cannot possibly be successful.

During these days ahead our laymen will be called upon in every church to

render significant services in the evangelistic effort. We laymen cannot afford to fail. We must rise to the occasion and assume the responsibility which is rightfully ours and grasp the opportunity which this movement affords us, and place the weight of our personalities and of our prayers behind the movement. If in these days which are immediately ahead we Methodist laymen do our job and do it well there will be great rejoicing in Heaven.

I call upon every layman in this Conference to place himself, his time and his efforts at the disposal of his pastor. I hope that there will be none who will falter or fail, but that we all will march forward together in this great crusade.

The Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is now embarked upon what should be the most significant movement within our church in recent years. We are now in the midst of a great United Evangelistic Mission, the primary purpose of which is to gather in a great harvest of waiting and needy souls into the Kingdom of God. This objective is one in which the laymen of our church are deeply and sincerely interested. From my many conversations with laymen across the Western North Carolina Conference during the past weeks I have become convinced that the laymen of our church are genuinely anxious to fulfill their full responsibility in this movement and it is my belief that under the inspiring leadership of our ministers the laymen will rally to this cause as they probably have never rallied to any other movement within our church in the past quarter of a century.

I am aware that as The Methodist Church has grown older, larger and better established, it has also tended to become more conservative. This conservatism has found its expression in the attitude of the average Methodist layman in the vital field of evangelism. There are some who feel that the evangelistic method is not the best method by which souls are born into the Kingdom of God. There is much that might be said pro and con on this subject. However, there is not a one among us who has not from his own personal observation and possibly from his own experience witnessed the moving power of a church or a community which is deeply involved in the throes of a genuine evangelistic movement. Such movements have repeatedly stirred churches out of their lethargy, changed entire communities, and more important have been the means of bringing salvation and freedom to the hearts and to the souls of countless men and women. The Methodist movement was born out of a spirit of evangelistic fervor and this spirit of evangelism has been one of the hall-marks of our denomination since its birth. On one occasion John Wesley, the founding father of our church, prayed "Oh Lord, send us a revival without fanaticism—but send us a revival". In these troublesome times nothing could be finer for our church, for our people and for our world than for those who call themselves Methodists to help generate a great surging evangelistic movement which would reach into the far corners and into the cold hearts of so many of our people who are in such great need of the

OUR WOMEN ARE HELPING

By Mrs. J. W. Harbison, president
Woman's Society of Christian Service

The year 1953 is one that will long be remembered by Methodist people as the year when evangelism was the central thought, the desire in the hearts of all those making plans for our work. It is our high hope that it will also be remembered as the year when great throngs of unsaved people were brought, one by one, under the influence of Christ's holy life and responded to that influence by accepting Him as their Savior.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in every church have been called on to accept great responsibility in furthering these plans. We desire that every member cooperate with great zeal in spreading the gospel. And just as John Wesley's greatest work began with a "heart warming" experience, we, too, would begin by preparing our own hearts and minds by the practice of daily Bible study and prayer. This inward preparation is necessary before we can influence others to live the good life.

As the date draws near for the United Evangelistic Mission in our Conference we pledge anew to our pastors our cooperation in the active phases of the Mission. We will be glad to assist in the preparation of a prospect list, and to participate in the personal visitation which they plan. We also will do all we can to make the new members realize they are needed in the church. In the Woman's Society of Christian Service there is some line of work which will appeal to every woman, and we will do our very best to help her find a place of joyous service.

We urge all our members to participate in the Spiritual Life Mission for the reclaiming of disinterested church members and for the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church. Cottage prayer services will be one way we will work for this. We want our entire church—women, men, and youth—to share in these experiences to the end that we may have a vision of the highest, and commit ourselves to His will.

Every pastor feels keenly the outstanding need of his church in this area of evangelism. The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service throughout our Conference stand ready to respond to any call within our ability that our pastors make upon us. We feel keenly our integral relationship to the total church program, and place at its disposal our time, ability, and possessions as we strive to give our fullest cooperation to the successful on-going of this year of evangelism.

THE DISTRICTS PLAN FOR THE MISSION

Asheville District

In prayerful preparation and a spirit of expectancy, 45 charges of the Asheville District have entered the United Evangelistic Mission. The inspiration one receives from being a part of so great a mission is felt on every hand. "You Need Christ Now" has become a burning passion within the hearts of our people. Early reports which are being supplemented daily revealed 2,521 prospects, 2,700 prayer covenants, and 576 visitors already secured.

The charges of the district have been divided into six sub-district groups, each with a chairman endeavoring to foster the progress of the mission within his group. These chairmen are: Rev. J. Julian Holmes, Hendersonville area; Rev. R. W. Walters, Biltmore area; Rev. D. B. Alderman, Burnsville area; Rev. M. M. Workman, Asheville area; Rev. W. D. Corriher, Candler area; and Rev. M. A. McLean, Weaverville area. Meetings have been held in each of these areas organized under the supervision of the district superintendent, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, and the District director of evangelism, Rev. M. E. Harbin. A large crowd attended a rally for the entire district on February 18, under the direction of the area director, Dr. J. T. Edwards.

One phase of the spiritual preparation was an all-day retreat for the ministers of the District. The retreat, planned by the spiritual preparation chairman, Rev. J. Julian Holmes, was held on Monday, March 23, at Central church, Asheville. Holy Communion was administered by the district superintendent. Speakers and sharing period leaders included Dr. W. A. Smart, Rev. J. H. Brendall, Rev. D. B. Alderman, Rev. W. D. Corriher, and Rev. S. B. Moss. The ministers were luncheon guests of Dr. E. H. Blackard and the host church.

A good publicity program is moving forward, supervised by Rev. J. R. Bogle. The finance chairman is Rev. E. P. Hamilton, and Mr. J. W. McRary is the treasurer. Rev. J. H. Brendall will have charge of the daily periods of Power during the mission.

The District youth rally will be held on Saturday evening, May 2, at Central church, Asheville. Dr. A. E. Acey of Danville, Va., will be the speaker. A goal of 1,500 in attendance has been set. Rev. M. A. McLean is the chairman with co-chairmen Rev. M. M. Workman, ushers; Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., music; and Miss Clara Webb, program.

The general mass meeting of the Asheville, Marion, and Waynesville Districts is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 24, at the City auditorium, Asheville. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, of the General Board of Evangelism will be the guest speaker. Rev. M. E. Harbin is chairman of this meeting with the following co-chairmen: Rev. J. H. Brendall, music; Rev. W. D. Corriher, ushers; Rev. E. J. Bauer, program; and N. J. Miles, property.

We are united in believing that we have been called for this hour. Our people are looking forward with a great faith, with fervent prayers, and with a sense of a divine responsibility to the culmination of this endeavor.

J. J. Holmes, for
J. W. Fitzgerald, D. S.

Charlotte District

This year of evangelism which is the program of our church is one of the greatest things that The Methodist Church has undertaken and that it meets a need of the people is shown by the success which has attended it where it has been tried. During the month of November, I had the privilege of working in the Memphis Conference and found it a most satisfying experience. Every day of the Mission in that Conference hundreds of people were brought into the fellowship of the church through the visitation of interested laymen.

Here in the Charlotte District we are expecting the same great results. Already there are evidences of the worthwhileness of the Mission. A complete census has been made in the towns and counties, and workers have been secured to carry on the visitation.

One of the really fine things about the Mission is already in evidence. The spiritual life of many of our people is being quickened and deepened. Many of our churches are having innumerable cottage and area prayer meetings. In one of our larger churches a gifted layman is leading in the establishment of more than 100 cottage prayer meetings. In Anson County a truly remarkable program of prayer meetings is in progress. The churches in Anson have set out to have a prayer meeting in every Methodist home in the County and are meeting with a remarkable response from the people.

The preachers are striving in every way to prepare themselves for adequate leadership in this great campaign, and we expect great results for Christ in the Charlotte District.

Frank Jordan, D. S.

Gastonia District

Ministers and laymen of the Gastonia District believe that the fundamental aim of Methodism is evangelism. For this reason we are wholeheartedly supporting the United Evangelistic Mission. The theme, YOU NEED CHRIST NOW, has been heard from every pulpit in our District, and it will continue to be heard until we have completed our mission. Our altars are being used each Sunday as our ministers are calling our people to prayer and Christian service. We feel that something spiritually great is happening to our churches.

We have held seven ministers' meetings in connection with the Mission. All have been well attended. We have come together for the purpose of prayer, meditation, and study. The programs have been carefully planned, and we have prepared ourselves for the responsibility of leading our people in this great spiritual undertaking. We believe God is going to bless us with an abundant harvest.

The District functional committees have been busy now for several weeks getting similar committees established on each charge. The District committees have instructed the local church committees in their work.

The spiritual preparation committee is under the leadership of Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, who makes the following statement about the work of his committee: "We are seeking to get every Methodist in our District conscious of a need for a revival in the local church, and therefore, within the individual life is our principal aim. This is being done most directly, and, I think, most effectively through prayer. Many laymen and ministers now have prayer lists which include names of unsaved individuals." This committee is not only doing this but it is doing everything else suggested in the general plan to help bring about a spiritual awakening.

The publicity and promotion committee is under the efficient leadership of Rev. John H. Carper. This committee has worked hard in doing everything within its power to carry out in detail the plan of publicity and promotion that has proven to be successful in other missions.

The youth rally committee is led by Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr. The youth rally meeting will be held, Saturday evening, May 2, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Lincolnton High School Auditorium. Dr. N. C. McPherson, Jr., pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, Memphis, will deliver the sermon, and his subject will be "A Life



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF THE ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Left to right, front row: Rev. M. E. Harbin, mass meeting; Rev. J. Julian Holmes, spiritual preparation; Rev. M. A. McLean, youth rally; Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, district superintendent; second row, Rev. E. J. Bauer, program; Rev. M. M. Workman, ushers; Rev. E. P. Hamilton, finance; third row, J. W. McRary, treasurer; Rev. J. R. Bogle, publicity; and Rev. J. H. Brendall, periods of power.

and a Living." A District Choir composed of more than 100 young people, under the direction of Mrs. R. J. Wheeler of Maylo church, and a quartet of Park Street church, Belmont, will furnish the special music. This committee has worked through the local church committees, and it is its conviction that the youth are not only interested in the youth rally, but will work hard throughout the week in helping to win young people to Christ.

The mass meeting committee has as its chairman, Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr. Mr. Medlin and his co-workers have worked diligently getting everything ready for the mass meeting. Our mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 3:30 o'clock, in the Gastonia High School auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. G. Ray Jordan of Emory University, and he will speak on "When We Are At Our Best." Special music will be provided by a District choir composed of members from several churches in the District.

Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., is chairman of the finance committee, and Rev. C. C. Washam is the treasurer. The work of this committee is being planned at the present time. An offering will be taken at every service, on every charge throughout the week, to support this evangelistic mission. The committee feels sure that every charge will do its best.

The District personnel and assignment committee is composed of the following ministers: C. G. Hefner, R. M. Hardee, Walter R. Kelly, the district superintendent and one layman, J. E. Stowe, District lay leader. The work of this committee is being done in a very fine way, and a visiting minister has been secured for each of the 49 charges in the Gastonia District.

C. W. Kirby, D. S.

Greensboro District

Sixty-five of our churches have undertaken this concerted evangelism, demonstrated clearly in the New Testament and vindicated by the recent experiences of Methodists across the county.

We believe in the instant readiness of God in Christ Jesus to own and bless us as we witness the Good News to baker and barber, farmer and financier, sick and sinful—in short, to every man everywhere.

Yet, certain are we that this, our chief enterprise, must be undergirded by the Spirit of God; and so we are praying daily that our lives may be instrumental in His hands to bring in a revival of vital piety and vigorous righteousness.

Our committees are functioning, our advertising is going forward at accelerated

pace, and our laymen are carefully preparing to put on this crusade of visitation.

We have had three centers of training where the methods have been frankly reviewed and evaluated. Rev. Joseph Edwards was with us at West Market Street church and also at First church, High Point. Dr. A. E. Acey of Danville taught a course in evangelism at the Rockingham County Training School. The district superintendent has taken every occasion possible to explain the motives and the procedure to his people. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, our District director of evangelism, brought a most challenging message at District Conference just before we were to move into Virginia. Our lay leader McNeill Smith, fervently analyzed the importance of this lay visitation as key to permanent success, beseeching our laymen and lay women to plunge wholeheartedly into this venture.

The radio and television will be used as media of the Gospel as well as the newspapers throughout our area.

Already we are feeling the rising tide of spiritual interest because we have stimulated people in the talking of religion. We have received 1,300 persons into the churches since Conference, 612 on profession of faith. At some places Church School attendance records have been broken.

We feel that we could not have chosen a finer group of visitors than those who are to come to us from the Richmond District, under the leadership of Dr. Walter Gum. They will find us eager to labor with them, and ready with prospects by the hundreds. The largest and the smallest churches are alike in the thoroughness of their preliminary work.

Our united prayer is for a victory now, and a follow-up that will make for perennial evangelism and continuing growth of these expected converts to the faith.

Herman F. Duncan, D. S.

Marion District

The preachers and laymen of the Marion District are following faithfully the plans given for the United Evangelistic Mission by the General Board of Evangelism. All the functional committees have been appointed and have been at work. The flexibility of this type of evangelism is being demonstrated in the Marion District. Two mountain circuits, one a seven point charge and the other a five point charge, are uniting the churches of the charges at a central place for training the workers and for the preaching services, and then assigning the visitors to prospects in their respective communities. The same kind of program is being followed by a four point

circuit where the constituency is partially rural and partially industrial. Services and visitation are being planned in one of the industrial churches where the constituency is divided among the three eight hour shifts working six days a week. At other places the rural churches are co-operating with the station church in town.

The preachers of the District had a very profitable one day retreat, and in turn are conducting spiritual preparation periods among their people.

The preachers of the District have offered their further services in conducting evangelistic missions on a smaller scale among the churches of the District that are being served in this jurisdiction-wide Mission.

The young people of the District are making enthusiastic plans for the Saturday night youth rally. Miss Clarice Bowman of High Point College faculty will be the speaker for the youth rally.

John Hoyle, Jr., D. S.

Salisbury District

Since early last fall the Salisbury District has been organizing and trying to get ready for our United Evangelistic Mission.

We have set up our organization according to the Prospectus for the Evangelistic Mission as suggested by the General Board of Evangelism.

District committee chairmen have been appointed as follows: J. Clay Madison, Central church, Concord District director; A. M. Faulkner, Forest Hill, Concord, spiritual preparation; Earl H. Brendall, Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, mass meeting; Paul W. Townsend, Central, Albemarle, publicity and promotion; and W. J. Bullock, District lay leader, Kannapolis, finance; J. G. Winkler, Trinity, Kannapolis, youth rally.

These chairmen and a number of other members of the committees attended a meeting on instruction held in Trinity church, Kannapolis, called and directed by Dr. Joseph Edwards, a member of the General Board of Evangelism. The church was filled to capacity for this meeting.

The 48 charges of the District have been divided into three sub-district groups each with a chairman whose responsibility is to keep check and assist with detailed organizations of the charges. These chairmen are: A. M. Faulkner, for Cabarrus County; Earl H. Brendall, for Rowan County; and John S. Jordan, for Stanly County. It appears that each subdistrict is well organized and that each local church is ready for the Mission.

There is a constantly growing interest in the mission as the time draws nearer.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Left to right, Rev. George Culbreth, spiritual preparation; Rev. Jake Golden, youth rally; Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, district superintendent; Rev. Ernest Yountz, publicity and promotion; Rev. Ivon Roberts, treasurer; Rev. Harold Groce, finance. Absent: Rev. Clyde Murray, mass meeting; Asmond Maxwell, Jr., personnel and assignment.

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Our local committees on prospects have made every effort to locate all possible prospects and every effort will be made to reach them during our evangelistic efforts and try to bring them into a personal knowledge of Christ and try to enlist them in the work of the church.

The youth rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Trinity church, Kannapolis, with Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, as the inspirational speaker. We are looking forward to this meeting and expecting a large group of our young people.

Preparations are in the final stage as each of the charges are looking forward to the coming of our guest ministers May 1, from the Portsmouth-Newport News District.

Our first meeting will be held Friday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m. in Coburn Memorial church, Salisbury. This will be a get-acquainted dinner meeting between the guest and host pastors. Rev. A. M. Faulkner will be the speaker for this occasion.

Saturday night, May 2, the youth rally meeting under the direction of Rev. J. G. Winkler.

Sunday, May 3 will be the first service held in each charge in the district and each evening through the week the meeting will continue up to and through Friday evening.

Let us plan and pray for these meetings as we approach them, that there may come to us a great revival of religion to each of us individually and all of our churches throughout the district.

The mass meeting is scheduled for May 24, at three p.m. in First church, Salisbury, commemorating Pentecost and Aldersgate. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke University will be the speaker. Since this meeting is somewhat separated from our evangelistic mission by about two weeks, let us strive to keep before our people this great event and make this a great spiritual uplift.

J. C. Cornette, D. S.

Statesville District

In our preparation for the United Evangelistic Mission in the Statesville District, pastors and laymen alike have been reminded anew that the normal mood of Methodism is the evangelistic mood. Consequently, there is throughout the District a significant upswing of evangelistic interest. We are seeking to be worthy of the great opportunities which confront us, attain the spiritual nature which God intends for us and to accomplish the purpose for which he raised us up. We are agreed as to the task and responsibility of the Mission. We are praying for the flaming urgency which was in the hearts of our fathers when they went forth to seek and save the last and the least and the lost.

The District has been organized according to the plan outlined in the PROSPECTUS for the Mission. District committee chairmen appointed are as follows: H. L. Creech, Jr., Lenoir, spiritual preparation; C. L. Heckard, Granite Falls, finance; W. A. Rollins, Newton, publicity and promotion; J. Elwood Carroll, Hickory, and Wilson Nesbitt, West Jefferson, youth rallies; R. G. Tuttle, Statesville, mass meeting.

We are looking forward to the arrival of our 49 guest preachers from the Charlottesville and Rappahannock Districts of the Virginia Conference.

The first of the "Periods of Power"

meetings will be held at Broad Street church, Statesville, on May 1. This is to be the central meeting place during the Mission. The visitation evangelism instructor will be Rev. Jack B. Taylor, Scottsville, Va. The developing disciples' instructor will be Dr. Eugene E. Golay, a member of the staff of our General Board of Evangelism. The banquet speaker for May 1, will be Dr. William P. Watkins, pastor of First church, Charlottesville, Va.

Two youth rallies are scheduled for Saturday night, May 2 at First church, Newton, and West Jefferson. Dr. Edgar Potts of Norfolk, Va., will be the speaker at Newton and Rev. Sidney Sandridge of Schuyler, Va., will be the speaker at West Jefferson. More than 1,200 youth are expected to attend these meetings.

The inspirational speakers, May 4-8, will be: Monday, Rev. Lee S. Varner, West Point; Tuesday, Rev. Albert N. Honaker, Batesville; Wednesday, Rev. John W. Morrison, Urbanna; Thursday, Rev. Vernon E. Banks, Amherst; Friday, Rev. Ralph J. Yow, Reedville.

A victory mass meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, May 24, at Broad Street church, Statesville, with Dr. Roy L. Smith as the speaker.

Never has the obligation of the church to fulfill its redemptive mission been more urgent than today. Every age has needed Christ, but no age has needed Him more than ours. We cannot hope to save our age without saving the people of our age. We can save them only through Christ.

Are we ready? John Wesley frequently said in his JOURNAL, "I gave them to Christ." Well, what Wesley did for his age we can do for ours; provided we really have Christ, and Christ has us—all there is of us!

Ralph Taylor, D. S.

Thomasville District

The United Evangelistic Mission in the Thomasville District will have 44 partici-

pating charges. These will be served by guest ministers from Virginia—26 coming from the Roanoke District and 14 from the Staunton District; and there will be four men from outside the Jurisdiction. These men will meet their host pastors at Memorial church, Thomasville, on Friday afternoon, May 1. The first session will be held on that evening.

The youth rally will be held at the Lexington Country Club on Saturday evening, May 2. There will be a banquet at seven o'clock, followed by an inspirational program. Rev. Oscar Gwinn of Danville, Va., will be the speaker.

Services in the various churches will begin on Sunday, May 3, and continue through the week, closing on Friday evening. Each local minister assisted by a committee of laymen will visit in unchurched homes during the week's emphasis. The call to a better way of life—the Christian way—will be made in every section of the Thomasville District. It is the earnest prayer and hope of our people that many souls will be saved and God's Kingdom be built up through these united efforts.

Each morning the ministers will meet in two centers, Lexington and Asheboro, for instruction, fellowship, and inspiration. Several speakers from the Virginia conference will participate in these sessions. Dr. A. J. Walton of Duke University will speak each morning during the week. Bishop Costen J. Harrell will speak on the closing day at eleven o'clock.

Chairmen of functional committees are: spiritual preparation, Rev. J. B. Hurley, Liberty; mass meeting, Rev. Glen Lanier, Thomasville; youth rally, Miss Virginia Jarrett, Lexington; finance, George Finch, Thomasville; publicity and promotion, Fred O. Sink, Lexington; personnel and assignment, Rev. Byron Nifong, Thomasville.

M. Teague Hipps, D. S.

Waynesville District

In the Waynesville District reports are



GASTONIA DISTRICT LEADERS MAP FINAL STRATEGY

Left to right, sitting, Rev. R. M. Hardee, personnel and assignment; Rev. C. W. Kirby, district superintendent; Rev. W. T. Medlin, mass meeting; Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., finance. Standing, Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, spiritual preparation; Rev. John Carper, publicity and promotion; Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., youth rally. Photo by Ennis Atkins.

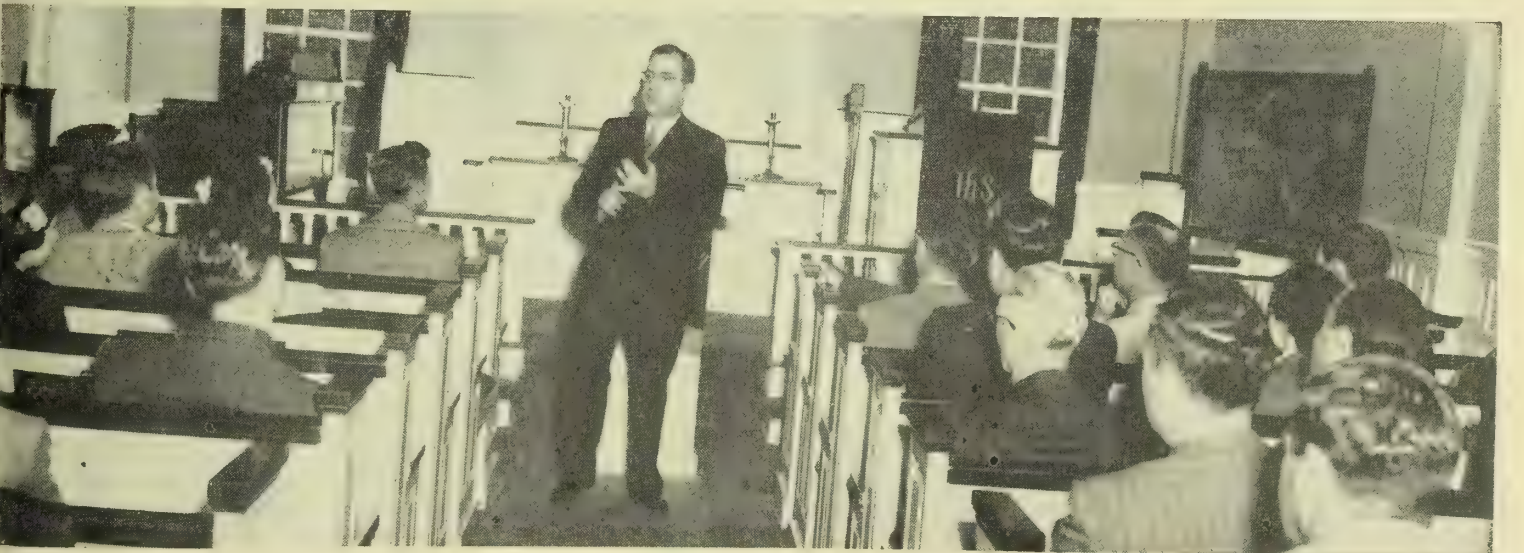
THE CHURCHES PLAN FOR THE MISSION



The Commission on Membership and Evangelism of First church, High Point, get together to see that all plans for the U.E.M. are complete. Here Dr. Kenneth Goodson (center), pastor, is talking. First church has made careful and detailed plans for the Mission. Wilbur Groome (right of Dr. Goodson) is Chairman of the Commission.



The U.E.M. Planning committee of First church, Waynesville, in a recent meeting. Left to right, Mrs. T. G. Massie, Dale Ratcliffe, Linda Sloan, president of the MYF; Mrs. Carl Ratcliffe, president of the WSCS; W. H. Massie, chairman of the committee; Claud Rogers, Mrs. Myrtle Ray, Mrs. Troy Wyche and Rev. J. E. Yountz, pastor. First church is taking the Mission quite seriously and expects good results.



Here Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, director of the U.E.M. for the Charlotte Area, gives some last-minute instructions to pastors and laymen of the High Point area. Also present at the meeting was Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District.

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already being heard of people who have committed their lives to Christ and have joined the church as a result of the preparations which have been made for the evangelistic mission. "The Mission has already begun in our church," said one of the ministers, "and it will not stop on May 10. I have never seen anything like it."

Consecrated leadership has been provided by the district committees. The chairmen of these committees are as follows: **Spiritual Preparation**, George Culbreth, Bryson City; **Finance**, Harold Groce, Canton; **Publicity and Promotion**, Ernest Yountz, Waynesville; **Youth Rally**, Jake Golden, Rockwood; **Mass Meeting**, Clyde Murray, Franklin; and **Personnel and Assignment**, Asmond Maxwell, Jr., Morning Star. These chairmen appeared on the program of the District planning conference at Bryson City on February 17.

In each of the five subdistricts two meetings have been held. The purpose of the first series of meetings was to explain the work of the local church committees. In the second series an effort was put forth to discover whether the committees of the local church were organized and functioning. Attendance at these meetings was heartening, and there is every indication that the churches are well organized for the task which is before them. The subdistrict chairmen are as follows: **Cherokee-Clay-Graham**, John Frazier, Jr.; **Robbinsville**, Macon, Clyde Murray, Franklin; **Swain-Jackson**, James Allen, Cullowhee; **Waynesville**, James Coleman, Shady Grove; and **Canton**, George Starr, Clyde.

Dr. M. B. Stokes of Emory University will preach at the youth rally at the Bryson City School auditorium on May 2, at 8 p.m. The young people themselves have been chiefly responsible for planning an unusually fine program. A large youth choir is to provide special music.

The Waynesville District is uniting with the Asheville and Marion Districts in sponsoring a great mass meeting at the Asheville City auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 4 o'clock. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas is to preach the sermon.

Guest ministers from the Petersburg District of the Virginia Conference are expected to meet the host ministers at the District Center at the Bryson City Methodist Church on Friday afternoon, May 1, at 4 o'clock. The first Period of Power will begin at 4:30, dinner will be served at 6, and the program is to be concluded by 7:15.

The congregations of this district believe that this enterprise is God-inspired. They believe that it is all a part of a plan with a divine purpose—the salvation of the world. It is the sincere prayer of our people that The Methodist Church may be used this year to bring multitudes into the kingdom of God.

W. Jackson Huneycutt, D. S.

Winston-Salem District

We of the Winston-Salem District will begin our week of evangelism at six o'clock on the evening of May 1 at Ardmore church, Winston-Salem. Following the dinner, Dr. W. Kenneth Haddock, superintendent of the Norfolk District of the Virginia Conference, will give the opening address relating to the Mission. He will be accompanied by 45 of the Norfolk ministers who are to do the preaching in our various churches during the following week. At the close of the dinner the visiting preachers will be introduced

and assigned to their host pastors. On Saturday night, May 2, we plan two youth rallies, one at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, for the Forsyth-Stokes area, addressed by Dr. G. W. Jones of Norfolk, Va. The other youth meeting will be held at the same hour in First church, Elkin, for the other counties of the District, the address to be given by Dr. M. Douglas Newman, also of Norfolk.

Our periods of power on Monday through Friday, May 4-8, will be held at the Level Cross Methodist Church in Surry County, the heart of the Winston-Salem District, and easy of access to all pastors and their guest ministers. These week-day meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. through lunch at 12:30 p.m. Devotions and addresses will be given by Drs. R. P. Riddick and J. J. Rives of Norfolk and Falls Church, respectively. In the evening at all the cooperating churches beginning at 6:15 there will be light lunches for pastors and visiting teams, followed by instructions, then by visitation and the preaching hours. The Mission will close on the following Sunday, May 10, although the visiting pastors will return to their homes on Friday night or Saturday morning as they choose.

The U.E.M. will continue as the local pastor directs until May 24, when the great mass meetings will be held in two centers of the district. The first one will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 24 at 3:30 o'clock in Centenary church, Winston-Salem, with Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School delivering the address, followed by the second one at Central church, Mount Airy, in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, also addressed by Dr. Walton. These two programs will be in keeping with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, his spiritual rebirth, and in the spirit and commemoration of Pentecost.

The officials and committees for the Mission in our District are as follows: spiritual preparation, Rev. H. E. Bolick;

youth rallies, Revs. J. W. Crawley and Marvin Boggs; finance, Matt Howell and Rev. Mark Tuttle; publicity, Rev. Karl Koestline; mass meetings, Revs. A. C. Waggoner and Clyde Auman; periods of power, Revs. P. T. Dixon, J. W. Braxton, and Walter B. West; assignment, Revs. Garland Stafford, Roy Bell, and C. E. Rozzelle. Let all our pastors and people be praying for our greatest spiritual awakening!

C. E. Rozzelle, D. S.

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IT HAPPENED IN MORON, CUBA

By Bishop John Branscomb

The transforming power of the Spirit of Christ is made manifest in what has taken place in Moron, Cuba. A few years ago Reyes Lopez went there as the pastor. Some money was in hand for a new church in this city of 40,000 people. An old corner lot was secured in the heart of the city that was anything but attractive. Soon afterwards a useful edifice was erected at a cost of approximately \$13,000, \$9,000 of which was provided by the local congregation, and \$4,000 was given by a man as a memorial to his parents.

When the church was completed the donor sent an attractive prefabricated house to Moron.

The pastor has developed a wonderful flower garden which surrounds both the parsonage and the church. He has made the whole property a veritable paradise in the very heart of downtown Moron.

People pause by the fence to admire the lovely flower garden. Beauty and loveliness have come to be accepted as synonymous for the church. It's a marvelous inspiration to see what happens to the tone of living when Christ gets into the midst of people.

There is no indebtedness on these properties. The Church is marching forward at Moron.



THE HARVEST IS ALREADY BEGINNING

Churches in the Western North Carolina are already receiving large numbers of persons into the church. For example, on Palm Sunday Spencer Memorial church, Charlotte, received 27 following a training period that extended over four weeks. On Saturday before they were received into the church, parents met with the young people and were given instruction on their responsibilities by the pastor, Rev. C. M. McKinney. Shown here with the group in the rear are: Left to right, W. J. McClellan, Church School superintendent; Madaline Moore, children's division superintendent; Rev. C. M. McKinney, pastor. Photo by J. L. Blackwelder.



EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Carl H. King, Executive Secretary,
Board of Education



Sustained Evangelism Knowledge and Vital Piety

An evangel is a person who brings good news. The Christian evangelist is a person who brings good news of salvation through Christ. The evangel may be a layman or an ordained minister. His primary method may be either the revival or the process of Christian education, or both, depending largely upon the time and talent he has to give and also on the Christian experience he has to share. These two approaches are sometimes referred to as the preaching ministry and the teaching ministry. Jesus used both—"Go-Preach"; "Go-Teach," and urged his disciples to do likewise. When He was confronted with the multitudes, He preached. When He planned for the preservation and promulgation of His ideals for the Kingdom of God, He selected a small group of intimate followers and taught the ideas and ideals of that Kingdom.

It should be said again and again that Jesus came both preaching and teaching. These two methods are still basic in any constructive program of evangelism. Through weekly pulpit messages, pastoral visits and seasons of special revival services, the preaching ministry makes its appeal. In the Christian home, the church school, the Christian college and in the activities of various character building agencies, the leaven of the teaching ministry is at work. The effectiveness of one approach is determined largely by the success of the other. They are interdependent. Education, without evangelical fervor, may result in knowledge about the Christian way of life without commitment to it. On the other hand, evangelical fervor, without well defined channels of thought and action, may commit an individual or a group to blind loyalties with inadequate conception of all that is involved in daily Christian living. False prophets of the Old Testament had fervor with little intellectual apprehension. They were without those enduring moral and spiritual qualities which were dominant in the great social prophets of the seventh and eighth centuries B. C. Religious genius, in high places or low, thrives on knowledge and spiritual insight. The forward looking church endeavors to give both.

John Wesley stated a worthy objective and also issued a tremendous challenge to the church when he said, "Let us unite the two so long divided—knowledge and vital piety." The church has accepted the challenge of Wesley in its program of evangelism at home and abroad. While in the Orient, Bishop Arthur Moore saw two banners in one of our churches upon which were these words. "When education is evangelistic it is successful," and, "When evangelism is educational it is permanent." Bishop Moore himself has said that "Christian education, properly conceived, is sustained evangelism."

Continuous Program Concerned With People

Our conference program of Christian education is involved with many dates, places, activities, meetings and reports; but first of all it is concerned with people—children, youth and adults. Our immediate or ultimate objective is evangelistic Christian education. Someone has aptly said, evangelism is confronting people with God—God as revealed in Jesus Christ, God as revealed in the Bible, and in the world about us. Christian teaching is an evangelistic process whereby we confront people with God, God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and through which we endeavor to discover the teachings of the Bible and of the world of nature with the little child, the adventurous youth, and with men and women of more mature years. Regardless of the varied activities such as Sunday school, vacation school, camp, assembly, convocation, laboratory school, training school, membership class, a sermon or a church school day program, our purpose is to provide a setting for Christian nurture, to lead people to a decision for Christian living and to guide people in Christian growth.

Evangelical Christian education is a major task of the church to which conference workers, church school workers, and ministers are committed year after year. It is a process of growth from the cradle to the grave.

Evangelism—Christian Education Growth and Healing

"Evangelism and Christian religious education, if each be properly conceived, belong together. Evangelism is the articulate witness to the gospel of Christ, with a view to awaken in others a sense of need, to secure commitment and to inspire faith. We unduly narrow our idea of evangelism if we limit it to the appeal of nonbelievers only, or if we think of it as confined to adults, or to preaching, or to revivals, or to conversion. All of these are included in the scope of evangelism; but it is more than any of these. Evangelism is as wide and varied as life itself and as the power of the gospel. Any method or practice, any organization or fellowship, whereby the gospel is brought to bear in effective, saving power upon the lives of people, young or old, is evangelistic.

Mistaken, too, is the notion that evangelism has reference to what God does in his grace, while education refers to what we do through human effort, as though the two were separable. All that we do is within the limits and by powers that are ordered and sustained by God. Jesus himself, and later Paul, used the analogy of the farmer who sows the seed, while the growth comes from God. Another analogy may be helpful—that of the physician. No physician ever heals a patient. All that the physician can do is to clear the way

for natural forces to function properly. He can remove obstructions and disturbing factors, clean up infections, bind wounds, set broken bones, cut out malignant tissue, plan a regimen of food, exercise, air, and rest which will bring re-enforcement at points where it is most needed—but nature does the healing. Like growth, healing comes from God. So, too, no teacher ever creates insight or will or character; no evangelist ever saves a soul. In these greatest of human endeavors, as well as in the sowing of the seed, we are laborers together with God. Our human efforts are made possible and effective by God's grace. Paul's word is profoundly true: "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."—**Jesus and the Educational Method**—Luther A. Weigle, pp. 118-120.

The Supreme Question

"This then is the supreme question back of the evangelistic impulse in our churches. Have we enough love to bring a revival to birth, to make the world feel again the compassion of God, as Wesley made the miners feel it in the great awakening in England? Do we love our children enough to teach them patiently, line by line the way of God? Do we love the alcoholic and all who, by the frailty of the flesh, have sinned themselves away? If all we have is censure or the disposition to call for another restraining law, we have not the spirit of Christ. Do we love the careless and indifferent enough to plead with them, one by one, to be reconciled to God? If all we plan to do is to increase our membership, add some new names to the church roll, we do not need love. A brief case, a card index and another secretary or two will do it. But if it is birth we are after, that means travail. No child is born, either physically or spiritually, without somebody's love and pain. Does anyone suppose that the price will be marked down for us?"—**Are We Afraid of the Gospel?**—Wallace Hamilton, **Christian Century Pulpit**, February 1953.

Participation in U.E.M.

The United Evangelistic Mission is uppermost in the planning sessions of our annual conference and in the minds of our people. Every responsibility of the Board of Education has been assumed and planned with this evangelistic mission in the picture. Our objectives are the objectives of the mission. Our method of approach is largely the same used from year to year. The membership class for children is a regular part of each Easter program. This class this year will have new significance in proportion to the added time given to it by ministers, directors, and church school teachers. An extra assembly and district rallies are new features of the Conference Youth Program. In addition to these attractions, it is hoped that the entire program of camps, assemblies, sub-district meetings, local church activities, vacation schools, laboratory schools, and training schools will have more tone, color and spiritual significance because of a sustained creative effort in the area of Christian education. Increased devotion and more effective service will bear the fruit this year and every year. Some years ago a teacher in a class in education made the point that "Any wholehearted, purposeful activity that leads to further wholehearted, purposeful activity, is good educational procedure." With the Christian emphasis, this is a basic principle of Christian education. The final test of the U.E.M. might well be the extent to which it is successful in creating these on-going processes of Christian growth in the lives of its converts.

New Editor Takes Over; New Societies; News From Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville Districts

REGRET AND JOYFUL ANTICIPATION

It is with a sense of both regret and joyful anticipation that your former editor has resumed the editorship of the Woman's Page.

Regret, because Mrs. Borland has felt it necessary to relinquish the page after having served loyally and efficiently for several years, and joy because of the opportunity to again serve in this field. The women of the Conference are indeed indebted to Mrs. Borland.

Church publicity can be a source of much spiritual enrichment, and it is hoped that the women of the N. C. Conference WSCS will be ever alert to have newsworthy events of the work publicized both in the secular press and on the Woman's Page of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, remembering that promptness in sending news stories is a vital factor in creating interest in reading. Copy for the Woman's Page is mailed on Saturday morning following each issue of the N. C. Conference Woman's Page.

THREE NEW SOCIETIES

On February 24 Mrs. A. H. Borland, former secretary of promotion of the Durham District, and then editor of the Woman's Page, met with a group of women of Epworth church, Durham, at the home of Mrs. C. S. Woods, and organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service, with nine charter members.

Officers elected included Mrs. B. J. Campbell, president; Mrs. Henry Pollock, vice president; Mrs. R. B. Moore, secretary; Mrs. Alma Reese, treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Sales, secretary missionary education and service; Mrs. C. S. Woods, Christian social relations and local church activities.

A new WSCS was organized in the Raleigh District on February 15 when women of Mt. Carmel church, Granville charge, met and elected the following officers: Mrs. R. P. Newton, president; Mrs. J. T. Finch, vice president and secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. Florence Finch, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. F. Finch, missionary education and service; and Mrs. Mable Ayscue, Christian social relations and local church activities.

The women of the newly organized Longview Gardens Methodist Church in Raleigh met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Jones on March 30 and former a WSCS. Officers elected were: Mrs. Charles Clark, president; Mrs. Sam Hall, vice president; Mrs. Virginia Ofcharick, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred Dixon, treasurer; Mrs. H. G. Montague, promotion secretary; Mrs. Albert Crawford, missionary education and service; Mrs. Randolph Carmen, CSR and LCA; Mrs. Wade Carter, student work; Mrs. Frances Yates, youth work; Mrs. Marvin Layton, children's work; Mrs. J. W. Valentine, spiritual life; Mrs. Albert Roebuck, literature and publications; Mrs. Alvin Montjoy, supplies; and Mrs. Martha Gould, status of women.

Mrs. H. A. Davis, Conference treasurer, and Mrs. M. W. Warren, Conference secretary of children's work, assisted in the organization plans.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR LODJA

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, at a dinner meeting of the General Circles on March 16, voted to donate a \$100 scholarship to Lodja School in the Belgian Congo.

The Lodja Girls' School is of particular interest to women throughout the North Carolina Conference because of the visit

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last fall of Miss Lorena Kelly in various areas of the conference. Miss Kelly, a native of Mooresville, N. C., is head of the Lodja School.

Forty members of the Guild met in fellowship hall of the church on Good Friday morning for a sacrificial breakfast, when offerings for the scholarship fund were brought, supplementing the approximately \$85 given on the evening of the general dinner meeting. Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor, led the group in a dedicatory service in the Joseph G. Brown Chapel immediately preceding the breakfast.

The scholarship will honor the outgoing president of the Edenton Street Guild, Miss Corinna Sanders.

A DAY APART

Woman's Societies of Christian Service of North Alamance sub-district in February held a joint Day Apart at Trinity church, Burlington.

Featured on the program were three meditations, a litany, a prayer time, hymns, and special music by the Webb Avenue church choir. The meditations were given by Mrs. Robert Evans, of Davis Street church; Mrs. Sam Lewis of Shiloh church; and Mrs. Robert Nicks of Trinity church.

Mrs. S. F. Nicks of Hillsboro is Durham District secretary of spiritual life.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

Plans for the annual district meeting to be held at Steele Street church, Sanford, on May 8, and for the five sub-district meetings scheduled for April 13, 17, 18, 20 and 24, were made at the meeting of the executive committee of the Fayetteville District WSCS. The meeting was held at the parsonage of the Mt. Gilead church.

Mrs. S. H. Rosser, Broadway, District secretary of spiritual life, led the devotional. Mrs. P. O. Lee, Raeford, district president, presided.

WOMEN STUDY AFRICA

An enthusiastic group of 63 members of the WSCS of Calvary church, Durham, met at the church cabin on January 15 to begin a mission study class on Africa.

The first study featured a Safari through Northern Africa to the Belgian Congo, with emphasis on the powers which are most influential to the African people, animism, materialism, imperialism, communism, Christianity, and the voice of prayer. Those participating were in full dress for their respective parts. The second session took the members on an imaginary visit to the home of Helen Springer, with her African attendant, and the young girls serving tea while the life of Helen Springer was related from her diary, "I Love the Trail." Other features of the study included a fellowship supper, following which a film on the city of Johannesburg was shown, an imaginary visit to a Palaver, and a study of the life of Albert Schweitzer, Dr. Harley and other missionaries to Africa.

The offering taken during the study has

been sent to the Girls' School in Nyadici to be used as a scholarship fund.

RALEIGH SUB-DISTRICTS MEET

The Northern, Central, and Southern sub-districts of the Raleigh District WSCS meeting at Louisburg church, April 8; Wake Forest Methodist Church, April 9; and Princeton Methodist Church, April 15, respectively, each featured an inspirational address, a devotional message, a skit portraying a model program planning meeting, reports of the sub-district leader, and presidents of the local WSCS, and a brief talk by the District president, Mrs. M. M. Person.

Mrs. E. G. Cothran, of Raleigh, was the inspirational speaker at Louisburg and Wake Forest. Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, brought the inspirational address at Princeton. The opening devotionals were led by the pastors of the respective host churches, Rev. E. R. Clegg, Rev. M. W. Warren, and Rev. R. H. Caudill.

Participating in the skit were Mrs. J. W. Lineberger and Mrs. Frank Spruill, both of Dunn; Mrs. L. E. Tilley, Mrs. N. V. Prince, Mrs. W. W. Blackburn, Mrs. T. S. Ashworth, Mrs. H. J. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Jones and Mrs. W. S. Cozart, all of Fuquay Springs. The entire skit was under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Prince of Fuquay Springs, District vice president.

Presiding at the three meetings were the subdistrict leaders: Mrs. Harry Ellington, Kittrell; Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Varina; and Mrs. P. G. Parker, Erwin.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

The more recent report on the sacrificial offering given at the annual meeting in Rocky Mount last month is a total of \$1,787.92, according to announcement by Mrs. H. A. Davis, Conference treasurer.

The offering will be sent to the Taejon Babyfold, in Korea.

The Taejon Babyfold, a Woman's Division pre-invasion project, was moved to Kojé Island as a part of the Severance unit there, after war came and its building was burned. A new site is being secured for the babyfold in Taejon.

BATAAN METHODIST HOSPITAL

The Bataan Methodist Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico, is one of the newer ventures of the Woman's Division. A shortage of nurses prevented the opening of the entire hospital. However, two floors were opened last April. In one week all but two of the 64 beds available were occupied. This high percentage of occupancy is continuing. Patients and doctors are loud in their appreciation of the building, its equipment, and the spirit of the workers. They work as a team, realizing that each one is needed to give adequate care to the patient, regardless of the department assigned to him. Furnishings are still to be secured, but we are anticipating help through cash for supply work. An interested Methodist cabinet maker is making the chapel furniture. We are looking forward to regular chapel services very soon.—Parents for Peace (Thirteenth Annual Report WSCS.)

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Does God Reassure Us?

By **ROLLIN H. WALKER**

Acts: 4-6

Paul surely needed reassuring. He had just come from Athens where he had been addressing the philosophers on Mars hill. One always needs reassuring after he has been talking with high-brows who deem themselves intellectually superior to the masses of their fellow men.

From Athens Paul came to the great city of Corinth. He was out of money and needed to find some way to earn his daily bread, and he found Aquila and Priscilla who, like himself, were leather workers. They could sympathize with him as a homeless man because, like the other Jews, they had just been compelled by the Emperor Claudius to leave Rome and set up business in a strange city. So they invited Paul to live with them and work at his trade.

That was very reassuring to the apostle, and what a blessing to Aquila and Priscilla. Think of it! They now had in their home one of the greatest men that ever lived.

On the Sabbath Paul always argued in the synagogue and persuaded Jews and Greeks. One day the smiling faces of his beloved sons in the gospel, Silas and Timothy, appeared to him. How wonderfully that reassured Paul! And more than that, he was encouraged to find that they had brought generous gifts to him from the Macedonian Christians that would enable him for a season to stop working at his trade and give his whole time to preaching and testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

But as usual the Jews opposed and reviled him. Ere long they made it impossible for him to work longer in the synagogues. But a Gentile believer in God, Titius Justus, whose house was next door to the synagogue, invited Paul to hold his meetings there.

That was a great reassurance, for now he had a place for his meetings where he had undisputed right to proclaim whatever God moved him to say.

Soon he was greatly encouraged by the fact that Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, and all his household, and they were baptized.

But Paul's success aroused the angry jealousy of the Jews. Then the apostle had a vision from the Lord, and heard the words, Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I have many people in this city. So Paul stayed there for a year and six months.

Finally the Jews concluded that there was no way to silence Paul unless they could persuade the Roman officials that he was breaking the Roman law. So they organized a movement to bring Paul as a lawbreaker before Gallio, the proconsul. But Gallio was too shrewd for them, and was disgusted with their attempt to get him to use the authority of Rome to settle a dispute about words and the Jewish customs. He drove them from the tribunal.

Thus we see that in Paul's life there was a constant succession of dangers and difficulties, and an equally constant succession of deliverances and manifestations of the divine presence and power. This made a brave man like Paul more and more confident in proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

We who have the Scriptures in our hands and can read the life and teachings of Jesus and his apostles, and know the multiplied evidences of God's power in the history of the Christian church, have

double reason for courage. Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit would bring to our remembrance all that he had said to us.

Those of us who make a habit of reading and rereading our Bibles so that we are familiar with the Scriptures are often suddenly reassured by the remembrance of some Scripture that perfectly meets our need and gives us the required guidance and courage.

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Editor Reminisces Over Week-end Trip to Franklin, Shooting Creek, Hayesville, Murphy

THE NIGHT-TIME TRAIN

Winston-Salem has fine bus service. The many buses that come through our city stop at one of the most convenient and beautiful bus stations that this scribe knows about. Winston-Salem does not have so convenient railway service as in the case of the bus service. However, there is one train running back and forth from Asheville to New York that gives us a sort of reminder of the value of railway service. This north bound train comes by The Children's Home grounds in the early part of the night. The long string of well-lighted cars rekindles one's desire to travel a bit. The southbound train comes by our premises about 3:30 in the morning. We often hear it but we don't get up to see it. Sometimes this train blows at about a half dozen street crossings and at other times it slips by with its majestic power in such a way as to render its service without making a big blow about it.

ARE BELLS NEEDED?

This scribe has several times heard an outstanding member of a country-wide social service organization make the statement that carries a bit of needlessness to it on this wise: "Children reared in a child caring institution can be directed by bells that ring in and ring out in such a way that they have very little initiative to do anything or go anywhere except when a bell rings." Of course this is somewhat irritating but it may have a lot of truth to it. We here at The Children's Home have reduced our bell ringing very decidedly, but some of the bells still linger with us as they call our family together from an area of magnificent distances.

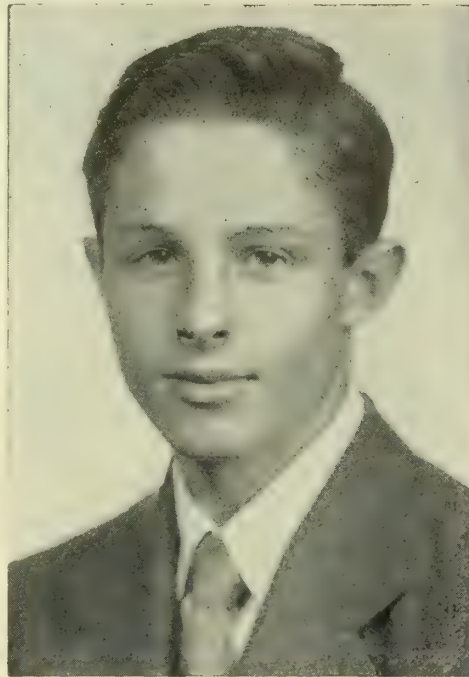
EXPLOITING CHILDREN

Within the past recent months this scribe attended a welfare conference in which one of the sessions was cut short in order to not interfere with a bunch of young Negroes as they sang their parts to a large number of auditors assembled in a beautiful hotel lobby. The young Negroes, boys and girls, sang their parts, then waited a bit while a right resourceful Negro leader enlightened his hearers about the Negro child caring institution in that area, and thereby caused many of his hearers to lighten their purses, a very welcome part of the procedure. After the program was over an outstanding child caring administrative officer came by and whispered into our ear, "Did you ever see children exploited more than those here tonight?" During the early thirties The Children's Home was receiving so many children that at times it almost caused us to stop ringing the bell. In order to survive we went into the chorus class singing business, and we went often, far and wide. Sometimes the little youngsters would become very tired. The older members of the group seemed never to grow weary in their well doing. We were exploiting our children too much and the big reason for it was to build up a desire on the part of our sustaining friends to share with our family as it grew and grew. In the run of time we stopped taking the little children, as cute and beautiful as any to be found anywhere, and centered our singing interest on a girls' chorus class. We continued to go to sing and to rejoice over the financial income that carried us through and over the financial waves of the depression.

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OUR LONGEST TRIP

Years ago we accepted an invitation extended by our good friend, Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., to come to his charge at First Church, Franklin. According to plan, our old bus, loaded with children, little and large, left early one Saturday morning for rolling along the roads, over the hills and through the valleys for some 250 miles, arriving on schedule time to meet the fine Franklin friends. Our children were entertained in wonderful fashion over Saturday night and by Sunday School time next morning were coming in to meet with groups as they assembled in their departments and classes. At the eleven o'clock hour Friend Herbert saw that we had a good audience and, after the service was concluded, that our youngsters would be entertained back in the choice homes of our friends. We had an understanding that we would leave at 1:30 for further services and farther places. Of course some of the children were entertained so well that they didn't arrive on time.

OVER THE NANTAHALAS

As soon as we could we started westward over the winding roads that traversed the Nantahala mountain range. It seemed that our tired old bus was panting too loudly and going too slowly. It was a long way, it seemed, to Chunky Gal mountain where we could sail down its winding slopes to the Shooting Creek section. When we came to the little chapel overlooking the little creek we found that the place was so full of people that our bus could hardly get near the church.

Our friends were in the church, out of the church and all about the church. Our group went in this church to sing. There was no musical instrument, but like the little Negro songsters, they sang. One of the lovely older girls, having eaten too much dinner, wilted in the midst of the program and had to press her way out for fresh air. But, brethren and sisters, the children did their part well and the people heard them gladly.

THE FIVE O'CLOCK SERVICE

Hurrying from the little Shooting Creek church that sat on an elevation overlooking the surroundings, we went on down by the side of the creek to Hayesville where at 5 o'clock we appeared before a house full of interested friends. The singers still had a little music to give out and the chauffeur-speaker combination still had a little dry wind to blow. When the program was over we went to the nearby court house lawn and under the shading trees had a wonderful afternoon supper.

TO MURPHY

Being full of food and the approbation of our friends, we got back in the old bus and headed for Murphy, where at 7:30 another program was to be rendered. It so happened that both the pastor and the Sunday school superintendent were out of town. But we were in a Methodist church full of Methodist people, and in the old Methodist way, this scribe announced the hymns, prayed the prayer and told the folks about The Children's Home. By the time this fourth program of the day was over I noticed that everybody was tired, including the beautiful girl who had been revived after looking over the Shooting Creek valley. Murphy was the home of our music teacher and she loved to be back with her people as much as we loved to be with her in the exploitation of our children. On the next morning, it seemed to be an unusually long distance to drive the tired bus full of tired children all the way from Murphy back to Winston-Salem.

NO SINGING CLASS

Reference has previously been made that our expected good looking young music teacher who had agreed to come to The Children's Home early last September had changed her mind and came down three days before school opened to tell us that her boy friend had just left England some days before to come to her and that they were to be married and she was going back with him to England. When we looked at that beautiful girl who wanted to take that handsome man, our criticism just went out of business. In the meantime we had no music teacher for quite a while. When we did get one, as good as she is, she was not in position to roll around over the country with a singing class. She had a five-month-old baby and an indulgent husband to go back to when the school day was over. Therefore, no exploitation of our children has been indulged in over this school year.

THE AUTOMOBILE CASUALTY

The picture this week is that of James Earnhardt, born fifteen years ago and about to master the work of the seventh grade. Jimmie, before coming to us, was in a severe automobile accident. He reports that for eighty-one days he was kept in bed. A bit out of joint, Jimmie walks with a limp but lives with a joy, since he is being sponsored by the Friendly Bible Class of Main Street, High Point. Mrs. W. G. McFarland being the correspondent. We have stated to Jimmie that the picture shows him up prettier than he is, but Jim doesn't believe it.

Announcements

CHANGES IN THE WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Bishop Costen J. Harrell authorizes the appointment of Rev. A. L. Maxwell, Jr., to First Methodist Church, Murphy, and the appointment of Rev. Kenneth Crouse to the Morning Star Charge. These appointments are effective on May 15. Rev. R. Delbert Byrum went to the General Board of Education in Nashville on April 15.

W. Jackson Huneycutt, D. S.

AUDIO VISUAL WORKSHOP

Registrations are still being received for the second Southeastern Audio-Visual Workshop scheduled for April 27 to May 1 on the Emory University Campus.

According to Rev. Sam L. Laird, general chairman, the advance registrations are ahead of those in the 1952 workshop. However, special arrangements are being made to take care of all those who find it possible to register even at the beginning of the workshop. Further information about this significant event of interest to all church leaders can be had by writing the registrar, Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Our Readers Say . . .

CARRY THE CHURCH TO THE PEOPLE

Dear Editor:

Your editorial entitled, "The Easter Message and the Worth of the Individual" contained a statement that I have wanted to make for a long time. I quote:

Nor has the church escaped this passion for bigness. Denominations take pride in big churches, in big statistics, in big numbers. Often times, instead of going out where the people are, we have concentrated downtown in our big cathedrals and waited for the people to come to us. The individual member in altogether too many churches is not a person for whom Christ died but a number on a roll, just another pledge to the budget. Pastors are given impossible jobs to do. Instead of being shepherds, too many have become administrators of a big business.

Please accept my congratulations for this clear insight into the situation that exists in too many places in Methodism, especially with reference to eastern North Carolina.

This editorial suggests that Methodists go out into the outlying areas of places larger than 4,000 white population and take the church to the people. One has only to study the North Carolina Conference Journal to see the handwriting on the wall. A comparison of population growth in many places, and the growth of The Methodist Church, or in some place, churches, will reveal that we are not keeping faith with the great work of our Methodist people in the nineteenth century. Let us not just see the situation, and recognize that it exists, but let us get a move on before it is too late. If God can't use the Methodists to do the job, He will call on others.

Stantonsburg John T. Maides

BISHOP W. W. PEELE of Laurinburg will preach at Camp Ground church on the Fayetteville circuit Sunday, April 26, at the eleven a.m. service. This service will climax the United Evangelistic Mission on the charge.

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INSIDE GLIMPSES AT THE OHIO METHODIST EVANGELISTIC MISSION

The real story of a United Evangelistic Mission lies under the surface of the actual statistical report of the mission. The stories of what happens in the lives of churches, ministers, lay visitors and the newly won people tell of the far reaching results. It is church "here" and the man "there" that reveals that God is still alive and working in His world.

A church with a dormant building program for years found itself with a Sunday school doubled in attendance—an urgency as never before to provide an adequate house of God.

A minister who had put off using Visitation Evangelism returned from being a guest pastor shouting with enthusiasm—"It works! It works!"

A woman, spared from what is usually a fatal illness, gave thanks for her unusual recovery by going alone to visit for Christ. She won fourteen decisions in the week's time.

Two teen age boys took a card of a prospect that none of the adults of the church would take because of the "hopelessness" of the situation. They returned with a commitment to Christ and the church.

A small "out-point" of 28 members, serving for years in a community without change, more than doubled its membership.

A rural circuit, averaging 10 to 15 new members a year, won 126.

A city church in a "failing" section of town, and with prospects of being closed in the near future, found there were prospects and with laymen willing to see the people in the community served by the church, 104 commitments were recorded.

A visitation team of youth received the prospect card with the name of their high school principal—they visited and were successful.

A church, satisfied for years with a partially filled sanctuary, not only had its sanctuary full, but had to start a second service within a month after the mission was over.

Eleven of nineteen districts recorded more commitments during the week of the Evangelistic Mission than during the entire previous conference year.

The Ohio area as a whole recorded 36,074 commitments during the three weeks of the mission compared to 36,419 received during the previous conference year.

The end is not yet!



WHAT ABOUT THESE INACTIVE METHODISTS?

By A. D. Closson

Nearly two of every nine members in The Methodist Church were reported as "inactive" for the year 1951—a staggering total of 1,735,000. We see in this cold statistic a tragic fulfillment of our Lord's own interpretation of His parable of "the soil and the seed" (Matt. 13: 18-23). Likewise a seldom-quoted statement from His lips will account for some of this sad defection. In His prediction of the course of the centuries to follow His departure from earth, and of the establishment and ongoing of His church, He said this: "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24: 12). (See, too, the rendering in the R.S.V.)

And so within The Methodist Church—as in every other there is a Laodicean church, the fruit of the pursuit of pleasure or of ease or of wealth, or of honest discouragement. We say "honest discouragement" because of Christ's words quoted above, and we attribute this in no small measure to an unbalanced content in pulpit utterances and denominational publications. There has been so much emphasis on "the coming of the Kingdom," and so much reiteration of the confusing assertion that "all men are the children of God," that observant laymen have become skeptical. If the second claim is true, why evangelize at all?

Prophetic teaching is left largely to the so-called "pessimistic" sects, but despite the charge of "literalism" flung at them, they do accept the Word of God at its face value. Scripture is "spiritualized" to such a degree in what we call "the large orthodox denominations," their weakened meanings become lost in the mists of doubt and the fogs of despair, unquestion-

ably contributing to the disillusionment which says: "What is the use? At the rate the church is saving the world, the hydrogen bomb will long before destroy every vestige of civilization." Those in our church who have become discouraged and indifferent as the result of such thinking may represent a sizable proportion of the 19% "inactive" membership.

The aim of the forthcoming jurisdiction-wide evangelistic mission is to go out to seek the lost. At long last, it is being discovered that the "social gospel" does not have the power to save, either in or out of the church. But what about the vast multitude in Methodism now listed as "inactive"? Once **claimed** for Christ—quite likely in youth or childhood—must not the indifference among them be **re-claimed** if they are again to have "the mind of Christ," to again have the assurance they are saved, and to again bear fruit to His glory?

Is American Methodism's boast of nine million members a sweet smelling savour before her God?

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REV. WILLIAM CECIL JONES CLAIMED BY DEATH

Rev. William Cecil Jones, 73, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died April 13 at Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro. Funeral services were conducted April 14 by Dr. Eugene C. Few and Dr. J. C. Stokes and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro.

A native of Kings Mountain, Mr. Jones was educated at Duke and Vanderbilt Universities and was a member of the Mid-Century Club of Duke University. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1906 and served pastorates in that Conference and the North Carolina Conference to which he transferred and served seven years. In all, he served 24 years and his pastorates included Albemarle, Concord, Charlotte, Tryon, Boone, Jamestown, Gibsonville, Ruffin, Bayboro and Milton. For eight years he was editor and publisher of the Caswell Messenger in Yanceyville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Rowe Jones, who was librarian for Greensboro a number of years; three sisters, Misses May, Lucy and Helen Jones, all of Greensboro; and one brother, B. W. Jones of Schenectady, N. Y.

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Construction began several months ago on the new Lakewood Methodist Church, Durham, with completion anticipated in August. The sanctuary will seat 300 and the new building will include an educational building and other facilities. The building is located on a site three-quarters of a mile from the present building. Impressive ground-breaking services were held some time ago with an attendance of 175. Shown in the group above are: Left to right, C. C. Horner, contractor; Mayor E. J. Evans; Emily Crabtree, president of the MYF; William Van Eaton Sprinkle, architect; C. W. Tillman, contractor; Orin Fagals, chairman of the building committee; A. L. Atwater, Dr. C. S. Kirkpatrick, Dr. J. M. Ormond, Rev. M. W. Maness, pastor; and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton, president of the the WSCS.

GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. II Cor. 12:9.

Paul writes these words out of the hard and tested crucible of experience. He had just told his Corinthian fellow-Christians about some of the hardships that had hounded him throughout the years of his discipleship. Whipped, stoned, shipwrecked, betrayed by false brethren, suffering from hunger and exposure, life for the great Apostle seemed to be an endless round of danger and tribulation. To add to his misery, there was a constant "thorn in the flesh," which was perhaps some bodily affliction that tested and tried him almost beyond human endurance. On three occasions he prayed long and fervently for deliverance from this malady, which he characterized as "the messenger of Satan". But the trouble stayed, wracking his body, tormenting his soul. But even as he prayed, a strange, consoling peace settled over him—somewhat easing the pain—and a voice spoke clearly, confidently: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." And on this promise Paul was able to rise to new strength and victory.

What a lesson for us! Like the great missionary to the Gentiles, we are buffeted about by many foes. Not many of us experience the difficulties that Paul faced at the hands of the enemies of Christ. But for each of us there come trials, tribulations, sorrows, heartaches. The thorn in the flesh for most of us is the buffeting of Satan who is constantly after us, tempting us, trying to gain dominion over mind, body and spirit. We try to face life in our own strength, only to realize that we are powerless by ourselves to keep our faith and courage in the face of so many foes. There are times when we become discouraged, tempted to throw up our hands in despair. That is where God comes in. His grace is sufficient. Although we cannot win the battle alone, we can count on his mercy and forgiveness and power. What human strength cannot do, God's grace can do.

Indeed, the point of our weakness becomes the place of God's power. God's grace can turn our handicaps into glorious assets. He can make our weaknesses transformed into wonderful attributes, serve the best interest of the Kingdom of God. The point of extreme need is God's opportunity to grow a saint. Whatever our need or weakness God's amazing grace is sufficient!

O God, enable us to turn our handicaps into spiritual assets, our tribulations into mighty anthems, our sorrow into joy, our lamentations into praise. Through thy grace may our temptations be turned into spiritual victories. May even our weaknesses be brought under the transforming influence of thy healing grace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

"If those who gain all they can, and save all they can, will likewise give all they can, then the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven."—John Wesley.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BUILDING TO LAST

Look at the back of a dollar bill. Note the pyramid with the eye in the top. Now look at another picture.

It is a picture of a tower rising until its top is lost in the clouds. I first saw it as a boy in an old family Bible. It was entitled, "The Building of Babel."

The Bible verse which accompanied it voiced motives as modern as the last meeting of some Chamber of Commerce. The builders said, "Go to, let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth."

Those early builders of Babylon expressed a threefold desire. First of all, they wanted a city. Man is not content merely to have a home. He wants a home among other homes. When the curtain of recorded history first rises, man is seen living in groups, in tribes or villages.

The Indians who inhabited America's great Southwest before the coming of Columbus had the vast open spaces. Nevertheless, they piled their dwellings almost on top of one another, like our city apartments.

It was not the dearth of land but the dearth of life which drove them together. Men want to live in community, in fellowship with one another. They wanted that in ancient Babylon. They want it now.

Secondly, they said, "Let us build a tower whose top will reach into heaven." They were not content with homes just to shelter their bodies. Caves and huts would do that. But early man began to decorate his caves. Something in man craves beauty. He wants towers and monuments, paintings and symphonies.

Out of that urge have come the towers of Babylon, the haunting loveliness of the Taj Mahal, the stone tapestries of the Alhambra. Man is a strange being! He feels a presence that disturbs him with the joy of elevated thoughts. His body may return to dust, but in his mind is "stuff that dreams are made of."

With his hands he may be laying bricks in the Bronx. But with his mind he is building castles in Spain. Men want towers, beauty, what we call "the higher things in life." They wanted them in Babylon. They want them now.

Thirdly, the builders of Babel said, "Let us make us a name . . ." We teach our children that they should make names for themselves. Do we not all like to be known by name?

Some years ago a lawyer was brought to New York from a small city in the Middle West to be an attorney for a great railroad. After a time in New York he walked into his office and announced that after the following January he would be found back in his home town. Back there, he said, the boys on the street called him by name when he went to work. He could not stand being lost in the crowds of the metropolis, nameless and unknown.

It is human nature to want the feeling of worth and dignity which comes from being known by name. Each of us wants to be somebody, to make a name for himself. They wanted it in ancient Babylon. We want it today.

But where are those towers of Babylon now? Excavators hunt for their ruins

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Father, it is not for our much speaking nor for any eloquence of language that we are heard of Thee as we pray; but, rather, it is for the simplicity of our prayers out of humble and sincere hearts. And even when there is no language at all—nothing but the groanings of our spirits and the silent yearnings of our souls—even then Thou hearest us, and Thou givest an answer that is satisfying and inspiring.

Words are so pitiful sometimes, when we want to express the deep feelings of our inner lives. Then we can simply look up, and there are the everlasting hills; we can look around us, and there are Thy trees and flowers; we can look out of our darkness, and, behold, there is the light. What wonderful light! What marvelous answer to silent prayer!

O God, how great are Thy ways of speaking to us, when we know not how to speak! For this we thank God, through Christ. Amen.

GREATLY BELOVED

My Saviour has called unto me and said: "Beloved, for thee I am Living Bread, The Water of Life I give full and free. Followest thou Me?"

He sought me out thru the paths I trod, Ceaselessly calling me back to God. Earnestly pleading, my soul to free. "Seekest thou Me?"

Down thru the innermost part of my soul, Tenderly healing, His touch making whole.

How could I help but yield to His plea, "Lovest thou Me?"

Never again will I go astray, He speaketh to me, "I am the Light and the Way."

Apart from Thee, I am less than the dust. Master, I trust.

—Frances L. Jones

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War's Heaviest Cost Is Not in Dollars

President Eisenhower, in a recent speech in which he urged world disarmament, cited some of the high dollar costs of war. He said, for example, the cost of one modern heavy bomber would provide a modern brick school in more than thirty cities; or two electric power plants, each serving a community of 60,000 people; or two fine, well equipped hospitals; or about fifty miles of concrete highway. It takes, he added, 500,000 bushels of wheat to buy one fighter plane. The price of a single destroyer would provide new homes for 8,000 persons.

Modern war, as Mr. Eisenhower knows from bitter experience, is expensive business—frightfully expensive business. It is the quickest and surest way to bring economic bankruptcy and ruin to a nation or a civilization.

But the economic costs of war are not the heaviest costs. The real costs of modern war can hardly be measured in dollars and cents, but in moral and spiritual losses—the killing or maiming for life millions of the choicest young men; incalculable suffering to the aged and the very young and to other innocent people; the deterioration and collapse of moral standards; the loss of faith and hope; the insidious spread of totalitarianism; the iniquitous spread of militarism; the cancerous growth of suspicion and mistrust and hatred; the creeping paralysis of fear. These and a hundred other evils are the real prices humanity pays for war.

Disarmament, of course, is a step toward eliminating the monster of war. But it is not a cure-all. The cause of war lies deep. It is in the human heart—greed, selfishness, godlessness. The real enemy of world peace is the idolatry in the human heart. Our generation has organized its life apart from God. Most of us live as if God does not exist. Nations have made gods of their leaders. We look to human skill and ingenuity to get us out of the mess we are in. But human bungling has brought us to our tragic plight. Our only hope is in God.

Thus the road to peace lies in repentance, regeneration—in short, in a return to the real Author of peace. Our bombing and fighter planes, our destroyers and our atomic bombs cannot extricate us from our terrible dilemma. They only make our doom more inevitable. The way of escape lies in the Prince of peace. The longer we ignore Him the worse will be our peril and the more certain our downfall. Godless men, mad and frightened, seem to be bent on bring all human-



ity down to a horrible death. Do we have the faith and courage to turn to God? We may not have as long as some think to make our choice.

We cannot rid the world of war until we give God a chance to rid our hearts of the sin that brings on war.



A New Strategy Toward the Liquor Problem

News that the North Carolina General Assembly has once more refused to give the people a chance to vote in a statewide liquor referendum hardly comes as a surprise to anyone who is acquainted with the realities of the situation. The referendum bill was stopped this time where it has always been stopped—in the committees. The liquor interests, which began their economic and political grip on the state in 1937 when they succeeded in getting legislation that has resulted in the present crazy-quilt pattern, have won their biggest victory. In fact, their victories will be more impressive as they sell more liquor in North Carolina. Through increased profits from ever-enlarging sales they are in a position to buy influence where it is most needed. And so far as North Carolina is concerned, they have succeeded in touching the right spot. Once the liquor interests get in power, it is almost impossible to break their grip.

This does not mean, of course, that all legislators in Raleigh—or even a majority—are being influenced either directly or indirectly by strong drink lobbyists. It does mean, however, that some are. Others believe honestly that the flow of liquor can be better controlled by legalization than by prohibition. In the face of this situation, the dries have been stymied at every turn.

Liquor revenue has reached the point in North Carolina that it plays a tre-

mendous part in the thinking of tax-conscious legislators and tax-weary citizens. In fact, we suspect that revenue looms larger than moral considerations. Our generation is fast becoming accustomed to believe that whatever makes the cash registers jingle is morally defensible.

This means that dry leaders must discover a new and more effective strategy. What that strategy should be we do not know. But there are two places where we need to lay more emphasis.

First, we need to try to create a conscience about the use of alcohol. Unfortunately, the liquor people have been the temperance teachers of our day. They have succeeded in impressing millions of people that it is proper to drink, that social drinking is as acceptable in America as tea is in England. From our pulpits, from our church school classrooms, from every church meeting this fallacious, malicious, corrupting doctrine must be repudiated. We must tell our people that to use intoxicating beverages is to sin. Somehow, we must seize the initiative from the advocates of strong drink.

But we must do more than condemn. The church must enable people to lay hold of a way of life, a quality of living, that will make alcohol seem ridiculous. Most people drink because they have nothing better to do. They use spirits because they lack the Spirit. When the Spirit of Christ gets hold of them they no longer need the crutch of alcohol. Do we believe this? If we do and declare it, we can save multitudes from the ravages of strong drink.

Again, we need to enter more actively in liquor elections when they are held, whether on the city or county level. If we do the proper groundwork, wet communities, in time, can be dried up and dry communities can be made drier.

The final solution of the liquor problem does not lie either in legalization or prohibition. It lies, rather, in individual hearts. Complete solution comes only when men discover inner spiritual resources that satisfy their deepest cravings. While all true lovers of temperance must work in every way possible to make strong drink hard to get and unattractive, should not our most concerted efforts be directed toward building up our fellowship spiritually? When we succeed at this task, perhaps we shall be able to put the liquor people out of business without even having to consult the North Carolina General Assembly. It may be that we are not getting very far with the Legislature because we haven't done a very good job in temperance education on an individual level.

Many Visit New Evangelism Headquarters; Oxnam Refutes Charges; Growth in Korea

BOARD OF EVANGELISM HEADQUARTERS FORMALLY OPENED

NASHVILLE, TENN.—More than 5,000 persons visited the Upper Room Chapel and the new national headquarters here of the Methodist Board of Evangelism during two days set aside for consecration and formal opening of the buildings.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, president of the evangelism board, presided at the consecration service April 9. The ceremony highlighted the board's annual meeting, and was attended also by members of the Methodist Board of Education and other agencies of the church attending annual meetings.

A special service was held in the chapel honoring three retired bishops—Bishops Charles C. Selecman and Ralph S. Cushman, former presidents of the evangelism board, and Bishop Paul B. Kern, former vice president.

A steady stream of visitors toured the buildings during "open house" on Sunday, April 12. Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, concluded the program with a chapel service.

The handsome red brick, Georgian buildings house the staffs of both the evangelism board and The Upper Room, daily devotional guide published around the world in 21 editions and 17 languages. The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor, is dean of the chapel.

Expected to attract visitors from across the country, the chapel's interior is believed to be unique in church architecture. A large wood carving (18½ by 8½ feet) of Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper," adorns the back wall. The chancel ceiling of heavy walnut timbers, the side walls and tapestried insets, the floor, and the elaborately-carved altar table are exact copies of the painting's architectural features.

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OXNAM ANSWERS CRITICS

Nearly two pages of *The Washington Post* of April 6, are given to a point-by-point dissection by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the 24 items in the file of the House Committee on Un-American Activities relating to himself.

It was on the basis of these allegations that Rep. Donald L. Jackson, a member of the committee, on March 17 assailed Bishop Oxnam on the floor of the House.

In an editorial in the same issue that contains Bishop Oxnam's refutation *The Post* asks: "What is a committee of Congress doing with a compilation of this sort of groundless gossip about a distinguished minister of religion?"

The editorial writer calls Bishop Oxnam's reply to the charges "an exposure of the committee's slovenliness and downright fraudulence," revealing "a dangerous sort of evil which the House of Representatives ought not to countenance."

"The committee dossier on him records entirely innocent activities as though they had some sinister implication," the editorial reads.

For an example, the two-page spread contains a facsimile reproduction of a letter from the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship. To have belonged to this organization, the language of the committee's file implies, is to be suspect.

The committee, however, neglected to mention that Bishop Oxnam's relation to this organization was during the period when Russia was a military ally, or that

the meeting addressed by the Bishop was sponsored by such persons as Mayor Tobin of Boston, Governor Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary Jesse Jones, Director Edwin R. Stettinius, Senator Arthur Capper, Senator Kenneth McKellar, Administrator Paul V. McNutt, to mention only a few.

A reprint of Bishop Oxnam's refutation to the Velde committee's "file" may be obtained without charge by addressing a postcard to the nearest Methodist Information office: 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11; 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11; Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

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BOARD CAUTIONS AGAINST DROPPING INACTIVE MEMBERS

Fear that Methodist churches may drop too many "inactive members" from their rolls has prompted a "go slow" resolution by the General Board of Evangelism.

At its annual meeting April 8-10 in Nashville, Tenn., the board requested resident bishops and district superintendents to advise pastors to study Paragraph 125 of the 1952 *Methodist Discipline* before revising membership records.

The resolution stems from legislative action of Methodism's 1952 General Conference which abolished the classification of "inactive members" on church records.

"This action constitutes a temptation to Quarterly Conference pastors, secretaries and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism to drop inactive members . . . a widespread following of this inclination would remove more than 1,600,000 members from the church records," the resolution stated.

The board voted to communicate immediately with Methodist bishops, "expressing concern about this matter and asking urgent emphasis in Annual Conference sessions upon the duty of the local church to follow the procedure prescribed in the *Discipline* . . ."

The *Discipline* provides that a member of a local church who is "persistently negligent of his vows" for a period of two years may be removed from the membership roll, but only after "the pastor or the commission shall visit or otherwise communicate with such person . . . and entreat him to become a faithful member."

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MARKED GROWTH IN KOREA METHODISM

In the sixteen-month period ending in March 1953, some 77 churches were built in Korea despite war conditions, under the rehabilitation program of The Methodist Church, according to report just made to the Board of Missions of the denomination. In addition, extensive repairs were made to 100 other churches, most of which had suffered war damage; and 79 temporary or permanent buildings were purchased for church use. To aid in this work, the Board of Missions contributed \$262,723; while Korean congregations themselves added funds valued (in U. S. exchange) at \$133,200.

The Korean Methodist Church now reports that it is organized into 533 parishes, with an additional 401 circuits of two or more churches under one pastor, 135 places of prayer in some of which churches will later be established; that there are enrolled 620 ministers and Bible women; 63,236 church members, and 83,201 church school students. This total represents gains during the past year of 80 churches, 56 circuits, 48 places of prayer; 84 preachers and Bible women; 17,520 church members and; 32,429 church school students.



The new annex of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkins, was dedicated Sunday, April 5, following an address by Congressman Thurmond Chatham. Participating in the dedicatory rites were Rev. B. Reid Wall of Charlotte, Rev. J. W. Braxton of Elkin, Rev. S. B. Needham of Jonesville and Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro, with Raymond Harris of Elkin, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, presenting the building for dedication. The annex, modern in every respect, will take care of 24 patients, twelve white children and twelve Negro patients. Dr. J. S. Hiatt is superintendent of the Methodist hospital, and was in charge of the service.

Bishop Appeals for World Service Fund; Statesville, Thomasville Districts Report

STATESVILLE DISTRICT REPORTS 751 NEW MEMBERS

The Statesville District Conference convened in the beautiful new sanctuary of First church, Hickory, on April 9. The reports given to the conference by the pastors revealed that this has been a period of progress in the district. Forty-eight of the 53 charges have increased in membership, 430 persons having been received on profession of faith, as compared to 369 at this same time last year. In all, 751 new members have been received this year. The World Service giving is almost \$5,000 above that of last year, the total being \$19,397. The churches have contributed the sum of \$145,572 to the causes reported to the District Conference, representing a substantial gain for all causes. Every charge made a contribution during the Week of Dedication.

Two young men, M. A. Tolbert and N. P. Brawley, were granted local preacher's license. Three were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial: John Kermit Miller, Earl Ross Haire, and Harvey Worth Pearse.

The Conference voted to buy a lot in the Oakland Heights section of Statesville and to build a new District parsonage. The Conference also asked the district superintendent to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of building a youth camp for the District.

Special music for the conference was rendered by the Claremont (Hickory) High School Glee Club under the direction of L. D. Walker. The sermon for the day was delivered by Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., pastor of First church, Lenoir, and a spiritual son of the host church. He used as his theme the opening line of one of the Wesley hymns: "O Let Me Commend My Saviour To You." His message was a stirring challenge to us to gird ourselves with a dynamic experience with God and enter into the United Evangelistic Mission, determined to lead men and women to a saving faith in Christ. This evangelistic note was sounded time and again. After the report of the Committee on Evangelism, the district

superintendent called for a period of prayer for the success of the Mission.

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AN APPEAL TO PASTORS AND CHURCH TREASURERS

The fiscal year for the Council of World Service and Finance ends with the month of May. It is of primal importance that all church treasurers shall remit to the Conference Treasurer immediately such World Service funds as they have on hand. The report of the World Service Commission shows that as of March 31, the Western North Carolina Conference owes a balance of \$97,000 for this fiscal year.

I am confident that a large portion of this amount is on hand or has been sent in since the last report was compiled. It is very necessary, however, that we complete the process and that we make an especial effort during May to the end that any remaining balance be paid in full. This Conference has had a clean record for many years and we mean to keep it so.

Church treasurers will also remit immediately to the Conference Treasurer any funds on hand for World Service, the Week of Dedication, General Advance Specials, or any other items of general benevolences.

COSTEN J. HARRELL
Resident Bishop

With Our District Lay Leaders

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

The Thomasville District Conference, held at Hopewell church on April 9, was well attended and the reports indicated that the zeal and enthusiasm which was in evidence in the District stewards' meeting at the beginning of the year, when all assessments were cheerfully accepted, has continued throughout the year.

Notwithstanding the increase in World Service apportionments, reports indicate the district ahead of last year in the rate of payment of the various items of church support. Of the 56 charges, only seven do not report mission special payments to date.

The improvement of properties continues at a high rate in the district. The new church at Liberty was formally opened for services on Easter Sunday, marking a happy occasion for the minister and congregation. Plans for a new church at Lexington are well under way and Central church, Asheboro, will shortly open a fund-raising campaign for a new church plant on a beautiful lot already acquired. Many other congregations are planning for improvement or additions to property, making this a year of outstanding activity in this field.

The Evangelistic Mission, under the direction of District Superintendent M. Teague Hipps and Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, director of Evangelism, has been well organized and should result in a tremendous good for the work of the church. Visitation teams have been organized in the various churches, which should reach many who should be brought into the church. Plans have been completed for the mass meetings, the youth rally, the financing and publicity.

There are three phases of the "church at work," which it is hoped may be improved upon this year: First, more organizations of "Methodist Men," of which there are now more than 5,000 throughout the nation. The goal is for 10,000 such organizations. The Liberty organization received its charter on April 3. Second, a wider circulation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which should reach every Methodist home. Third, an increased number of laymen participating in the Conference Brotherhood.

D. W. Holt, District Lay Leader



Bishop Costen J. Harrell on Sunday, April 5, dedicated Ivey Memorial church of the Lincoln circuit, Gastonia district. Bishop Harrell was assisted in the service by the District Superintendent, Rev. C. W. Kirby, and by Rev. John R. Crew, Jr., pastor.

A memorial altar set, given by the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Norwood in loving memory of their parents who gave the land for Ivey Memorial church, was dedicated by the bishop at the same time. A large congregation was present.

Board of Evangelism Sets High Goal; New Church in Gastonia District Now in Use

METHODISM SEEKS 350,000 NEW MEMBERS IN 1953

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Church has set a goal of 350,000 new members in 1953 during a cross-country series of special evangelistic campaigns.

The figures were announced here April 8-10 at the annual meeting of the denomination's General Board of Evangelism.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, board president, said the opening phase will be April 17-May 10 when 5,000 churches of eight southeastern states join in a simultaneous mission in quest of 100,000 converts.

More than 5,000 delegates are expected at a "world convocation on evangelism" June 26-28 in Philadelphia, opening the American phase of Methodism's world-wide evangelistic emphasis during 1953. Eminent British Methodists will participate, and plans are being made to receive 1,000 new members at a mass rally in Franklin Field, attended by the delegates and 60,000 others of the Philadelphia area.

The convocation will signal summer and fall evangelistic campaigns of local churches throughout the country, Bishop Smith said. Eight state-wide or regional missions also are scheduled. Combined goals total 250,000 new members following the Philadelphia meeting.

"We believe that the communities of this nation are ready for mass evangelism and that our laymen are ready for a great evangelistic movement," said Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary, in his annual report to the board.

The 1952 series of united evangelistic missions sponsored by the board gained 105,423 new members, it was reported. A grand total of 239,924 Christian commitments were credited to the special missions since their start in late 1949.

Looking ahead to 1954 and 1955, the board discussed plans for new evangelistic techniques with emphasis on lay witnessing, family missions, and a 10-month continuous campaign by 5,000 volunteer churches.

In other reports and recommendations, the board voted to:

—Urge Annual Conferences to give special attention to Methodist churches which reported "no new members" last

year, and to organize visitation teams to assist pastors of "barren charges."

—Petition the Council of Bishops to lead a churchwide attendance crusade in 1954, January 1 through Easter.

—Organize "pilot" community evangelistic crusades in every jurisdiction as pattern for churchwide effort later.

—Urge support of the Youth Emphasis program, Christian Witness Missions and the 1954 Lenten prayer movement.

—Request every Methodist church to hold special service on Pentecost-Aldersgate Sunday, May 24, and to observe Sunday, June 28, as the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birth.

Urge every district to send delegates to the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

The board's 1954 annual meeting will be held during the week of July 11, the place to be chosen later. The change from spring to summer was voted in order to harmonize with the board's fiscal year.

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REV. RUFUS B. TEMPLETON DIES IN FLORIDA

Rev. Rufus B. Templeton, D.D., 80, retired minister who served both Methodist and Episcopal churches for 47 years died in Florida April 5 following an extended illness. Services were held in Tampa, Florida, with Rev. Harold B. Hoog of St. Andrews Episcopal church and Rev. Laurie G. Roy of Hyde Park Methodist in charge. Burial was in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Tampa.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Josephine Davies Templeton; two daughters, Mrs. A. O. Eldridge of Manhasset, N. Y., and Mrs. N. Marion Hendry of Tampa, Fla.; two grandchildren, Mrs. J. P. Witte, Jr., of Manhasset, N. Y., and W. M. Hendry, III, U.S.C.G. Puerto Rico; and one great-granddaughter.

Dr. Templeton was a native of North Iredell County and transferred from the Florida Conference to the Western N. C. Conference in 1935 where he served at Lincolnton, North Wilkesboro, Rutherfordton and Asbury Memorial, Asheville.

WORLD SERVICE AT STAKE

By E. Harold Mohn

World Service in The Methodist Church faces its greatest test in April and May of 1953. Unless receipts for these two months total \$3,469,998, the annual apportionment voted by General Conference will not be met. The basic requirements of all benevolences are at stake.

Total receipts for ten months of this first year in the new quadrennium total \$6,190,002.31. This is an increase of 10.71% over receipts of the corresponding period of last year. Also it is the largest amount ever received for World Service in a similar period. Yet if Methodists fail to reach the full apportionment of \$9,660,000, the world-wide Christian ministry rendered through the boards and agencies of the church must be seriously curtailed.

During the last two years April and May have returned more than two million dollars in World Service receipts. In 1951 receipts for these two months were \$2,663,856. In 1952 the total was \$2,569,261. This year receipts for April and May must be \$3,469,998, if the apportionment is reached. **This achievement is possible.**

Methodists can do it on one condition: **a united and unanimous effort by every church to pay its World Service apportionment in full on or before Sunday, May 31, 1953. This apportionment is a minimum requirement.**

It means that pastors, lay leaders, church treasurers, official boards and local church leaders must appeal to all the people to cooperate for total victory.

It means that Methodist members must pay their World Service pledges in full to May 31 or make a special contribution on or before that date.

It means that local church treasurers must send all World Service remittances to the Conference Treasurer by midnight of May 31.

The price of victory is team work. Every Methodist is a member of that team. One church, one district, one conference failing to contribute its full share leaves World Service just that much in arrears.

In the World Service program of Methodism no church makes up for another's lack. If any one church fails to do its full duty it is that much loss for all.

The urgency right now is for the remittance of all World Service funds in the local church treasury on or before May 31, 1953.

ASBURY CONGREGATION OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING

The congregation of Asbury church on Sunday, March 8, moved into the new building, with the pastor, Rev. N. L. Oliver, in charge of the service. Costing approximately \$64,000, the lovely new structure has a sanctuary which seats 454 and educational facilities which include 14 new classrooms and an assembly room.

The financial campaign for the new building got under way in January 1952 with enough funds pledged that month to begin construction. In February 1952 a groundbreaking service was held, with Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District, in charge.

Members of the building committee are: Fred Shuford, chairman; Pervie Hovis, secretary; Paul Shuford, Russell Lockman, E. B. Loftin and S. M. Shrum.

The church has a membership of 268 and last year raised more than \$25,000 for all purposes.

Mr. Oliver is completing his fourth year as pastor of the Asbury charge.



F. O. STOCKWELL PENS A SPIRITUAL TESTIMONY*

Methodist Missionary Stockwell's volume is far more and richer than an account of his physical experiences during fourteen months in solitary confinement in a cell in communist China, and of his nine and a half months of "brain washing" before his release in December. Above all this, it is living testimony to how a man, believing in the power of God and sure that at the end of the hard road there will be victory, can be spiritually and intellectually sustained by his faith. It is something of a Job story. It is also testimony that despite hate and prejudice and untruth and misunderstanding, he who keeps his Master at the center of his focus can be patient and tolerant—even loving—and finally victorious. It is a spiritual document far more than a page of physical biography.

Mr. Stockwell had with him in communist prisons two books: a New Testament, and a poetry anthology, "The Music Makers." (The fact that his captors permitted him to keep these volumes and to take them back to freedom with him is in itself something of a miracle!) On the margins of the anthology he wrote most of the notes and thoughts which have gone into "With God in China," and Harper and Brothers are to be commended for giving it to the public.

Besides his experiences, physical, intellectual, and spiritual, Mr. Stockwell (toward the end of his imprisonment) had opportunity to observe communist morale and plans—and on these, too, he makes interesting and penetrating comment. In our fight against atheistic communism, we have much to learn from these observations. Perhaps his chapter "What Makes Communism Click" is as keen a simple analysis of the philosophy's power as has even been penned. This reviewer has not heard this analysis elsewhere:

"The faith of communism is a faith in the determining nature of environment. They believe that a man's character reflects his environment as surely as a chameleon matches the leaf or twig he is on. Change the environment and you change the man. If men are dishonest, it is because there is too much money and too many money-changers in the temple. Sweep them out and honesty will appear. As one of my judges said to me, 'We do not blame you for being capitalist. You couldn't help it, considering your background.'"

Despite "brain-washings," we note that Mr. Stockwell still thinks there is something in **genes** that is not quite related to environment. He thinks, too, that communism has given some good local government to China; that China has always had a dictator in fact if not in name—including Chiang; that Chiang's government (perhaps not the Generalissimo himself) was corrupt; he admires communist zeal and sense of mission, though he thinks it often misdirected.

Other chapter headings give something of the scope of this volume: The Fall of the House of Chiang; Chungking Is Liberated; Arrest and Imprisonment; Chinese Justice 1951; I Discover the New Testament; Introducing Paul and John; Memories and Miracles; Exit Missions; Time Shuffles Along; John the Baptist, Streamlined.

With God in Red China should be read by every Christian as a great spiritual document, as a commentary on a communism that cannot be easily overthrown and as a chapter in modern Christian missions.

*WITH GOD IN RED CHINA, by F. Olin Stockwell, Hooper and Bros. 256 pages; \$3.00

MISSIONS EXPANSION DEPENDS

ON ADVANCE SPECIALS

The accompanying chart shows the income and expenditures of the Division of Foreign Missions during the last two years of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Slightly more than one-half of the income came from sources other than World Service gifts (see the large diagram in the upper part of the chart). While this might not apply to some other—longer or shorter—periods, income for slightly more than one-half of the expenditures for current work during the period indicated came from Advance Specials, and 94.2 per cent of expenditures for property expansion came from Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings.

These percentages were not paralleled in the Division of Home Missions, although the tremendous impact of Advance Specials on Church Extension in the Annual Conferences probably, in actual fact, equalized the percentages.

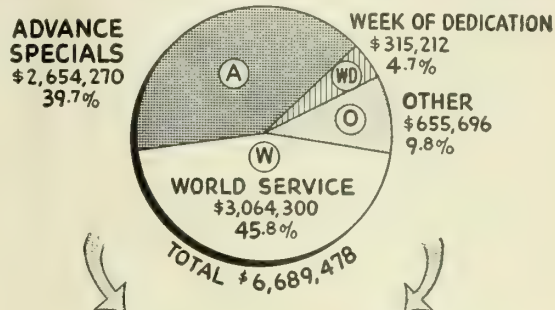
It is significant that during the period covered by the chart, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief received 75 per cent of its support from Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings. Without these special gifts the program of relief carried out so efficiently by M.C.O.R. would have been little more than a gesture of sympathy.

The margin between holding the line and extending the Kingdom in mission fields, during the last quadrennium, was supplied by Advance Specials and Week of Dedication offerings.

A "Continuing Advance" now is even more dependent upon these special gifts.

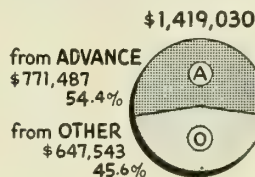
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INCOME, DIVISION OF FOREIGN (WORLD) MISSIONS

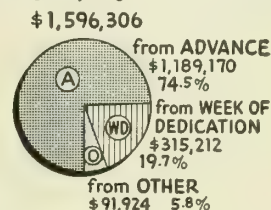


EXPENDITURES, DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Current Overseas Work



Property Expansion Overseas



* Figures based on receipts for the period 1951-52

- METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF got 75% of its support from ADVANCE SPECIALS and WEEK OF DEDICATION
- DIVISION OF NATIONAL MISSIONS (exclusive of Conference Specials) got 31%



Bethesda church on the Danbury charge recently completed a recreation building which is valued at \$3,000, plus \$700 in furnishings. Materials were purchased at a cost of \$1,775 with one member paying for all the cement blocks used in the structure. Only \$130 was paid out in labor with an additional amount of \$1,000 in free labor going into the building. All members of the church helped in the enterprise and the formal opening was held several months ago. The recreation hall is equipped with folding chairs, folding tables and a piano, all presented by the tithe club. The kitchen, a project of the Wesleyan Service Guild, is fully equipped. The class room was furnished by the senior class. Two classes are now meeting in the building. Rev. P.



The parsonage of Triplett church, Route 2, Mooresville, was dedicated several months ago by Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the Statesville District. Begun in July 1951, the home was completed and ready for occupancy by the pastor, Rev. J. James Miller, and family. Valued at well over \$13,000, the building is modern in every respect and has all conveniences. The building committee consisted of A. F. Craven, chairman; W. D. Blackwelder, C. L. Edwards, H. A. Ervin, R. C. McConnell and Marvin Sloop.

H. Hager is pastor. On the opening day friends from the Pine Hall and Sandy Ridge Woman's Societies were present with gifts.

Chaplains Fear Cut in Korean Service; Duke Scholar Completes Unique Mission

POTTS REPORTS ON TOUR OF EASTERN MILITARY BASES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—G. I. Joe in Korea feels that he is "the forgotten man," and military chaplains fear that an economy-minded Congress may cut appropriations for their service programs.

These opinions were expressed by a Methodist Church official, Dr. J. Manning Potts, upon his return here from an 18-day tour of Far Eastern military bases.

He and 11 other Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen accompanied five military chaplains on the tour. They were requested by Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott to "study moral and spiritual problems of air force personnel, and observe methods and programs used in facing these problems."

The group was headed by Major General Charles I. Carpenter, chief of air force chaplains, and Major General Ivan L. Bennett, chief of army chaplains.

Dr. Potts is editor of **The Upper Room**, daily devotional guide circulated worldwide in 17 languages.

He said he talked to as many servicemen as possible in Korea, Japan and at several island bases, and nearly all of them voiced a common grievance that "the folks at home have forgotten us."

He added that many men told him they never receive letters from their ministers, churches and friends. "I realize more than ever just how much mail from home means to our servicemen in faraway places," Dr. Potts said.

He praised the work of chaplains and said they are putting in long hours to supplement their religious and counseling programs with recreational and social activities to help boost the morale of troops.

"Even temporary chapels are not always available and in many cases chaplains are using old theaters and other makeshift facilities as worship places," he reported.

Chaplains believe their services might be curtailed, Dr. Potts said, because they fear Congress will consider religious facilities as "extras" in attempting to pare the federal budget.

"The fact is," he stated, "that even if peace is achieved the work of chaplains will be doubly necessary in an army of occupation."

Dr. Potts said the chief moral problems at military bases he visited are those commonly associated with armies—prostitution, liquor, gambling and, in some instances, narcotics.

He was quick to point out, however, that at many places such vices are minor problems due to the "good work" of officers. "The attitude of the commanding officer is often reflected in the activities of his troops," he observed, adding that at bases where the "C.O." and his staff attended religious services the attendance of servicemen was conspicuously greater.

A sincere interest in religion was noted, Dr. Potts said in commenting on the large crowds of troops and civilians who attended special services conducted by the visiting clergymen.

"It was said that 4,000 troops turned out to hear me preach at an Easter sunrise service in Japan, where the men had fashioned an altar and a huge cross of cherry blossoms, and snowcapped Mt. Fujiyama was our backdrop," he stated. "This was the greatest thrill of my ministry," he added.

American missionaries are exceedingly busy in Korea and Japan, Dr. Potts said. "I heard nothing but praise and not a single criticism of their work . . . and I will not forget the stories of American soldiers emptying their pockets to help finance mission schools and orphanages."

Military leaders and servicemen are hopeful that the exchange of war prisoners is a step toward peace, but "they are keeping their fingers crossed," Dr. Potts reported.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLISHES RESULTS OF UNIQUE EXPEDITION DIRECTED BY DUKE SCHOLAR

The results of a unique photographic project conducted in Jerusalem under the direction of a Duke University scholar have just been released by the Library of Congress.

The new "Checklist of Manuscripts in the Libraries of the Greek and Armenian Patriarchates in Jerusalem" makes available a listing of 1030 manuscripts photographed during 1949-50.

Dr. Kenneth Clark, professor of New Testament in the Duke Divinity School, directed the filming expedition and edited the Checklist.

Both religious and secular manuscripts were microfilmed. These include Old and New Testament writings and manuscripts on a wide variety of secular subjects ranging from mathematics to poetry. Manuscript decorations and pictures were also photographed.

A second phase of the expedition was the filming of manuscripts in St. Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai. A checklist of these manuscripts, edited by Dr. Clark, was published last November by the Library of Congress.

During the time spent at Jerusalem and Sinai, an over-all total of about 1,270,000 pages of manuscript text were filmed.

Dr. Clark writes that "we have not attempted to conduct intensive researches of our own but rather to make possible and practicable multiplied researches on the part of many."

Copies of the microfilm are now available at cost to any purchaser.



On Palm Sunday, March 29, chimes rang out from the tower of New Hope church in the Winston-Salem District. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Holder (pictured above), the set includes records, machine and an outdoor amplifying system. Mr. and Mrs. Holder joined New Hope church Easter Sunday 1952. They attend the Church School regularly where Mr. Holder is president of the Men's Bible Class. They are present for both morning and evening worship services. Both are tithers. Their recreation is travel and their hobby is photography. They use their hobby for the church, making color films of religious and educational events which they make available to their church. They own a 16mm projector which they use for MYF meeting on Sunday evenings. "Always ready to render unto the Lord in accordance with His many blessings," writes their pastor, Rev. J. E. Carter, "they are among today's living symbols of a renewed and wholesome interest in the church. In a growing community and church they are heartening reminders of power at hand for the doing of any task."

This group has attended faithfully both the preaching services and the Sunday School of the Rougement Methodist Church, having to cross the river by boat. During the winter a footlog washed away during the heavy rains and since then Miss Rosa Harris (with pole in hand) rows across the stream and brings back Miss Rosalie James, Billy (smaller boy), Jessie, Mrs. Myrtle Tilley and Miss Mary Ann Clayton (not pictured). On land, another member of the church gives them a ride, and thus they are able to attend without interruption.



... News in Brief - Personalities ...

DUKE MEMORIAL CHURCH, Durham, is being air-conditioned as a memorial to Mrs. Nello L. Teer, Sr., a gift of her family.

BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER of Columbus, Ohio, conducted a family life institute at Myers Park church, Charlotte, April 19 and 20. Bishop Werner preached at the morning worship service Sunday, April 19.

DR. EMORY S. BUCKE, editor of the Methodist Church's oldest weekly newspaper, *Zion's Herald* of Boston, Mass., has been named New England field representative of the Methodist Publishing House, effective April 15.

LOWE'S CHURCH on the Reidsville charge will have its first services in the new building on Sunday, May 3, with all day services and dinner on the grounds. Special invitation is extended to all former pastors and their families and all other friends to attend.

THE YADKIN COLLEGE Homecoming for 1953, will be Thursday, June 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. "If you can do so, please get in touch with your special friends of Yadkin College days and ask them to be at the Homecoming this year," requests Mrs. Lucy Bell Totten Owen, President.

NORTH CAROLINA PASTORS included in the ten best sermons in a contest sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council are Rev. T. A. Collins of Raleigh and Rev. W. N. McDonald of New Bern. Using as the theme "You Need Christ Now," the winning sermon was submitted by Rev. A. W. Beasley of Louisville, Ky.

RICHARD G. COX, a native of North Carolina, but currently a teacher of music in the state of Illinois, will come to High Point College at the opening of the fall term as Assistant Professor of Music, according to information just released by Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, College president. He will serve specifically as Director of the Choir and other vocal groups. Cox will succeed Professor Wm. W. Collins, who is going to Gastonia to take a full-time position with the Main Street Methodist Church.

FIRST CHURCH, Salisbury, celebrated Easter Sunday as a day of triumph in more ways than one. On that day, members of the congregation contributed in cash over \$15,000 to complete the payment of the general contract price of about \$300,000 for a new educational unit, fellowship hall, and chapel. During the weeks of Lent, members of the congregation were asked to tithe and present their offerings toward the completion of this project. Two hundred ninety-one families participated in this undertaking, making a total in contributions to the building fund of \$21,831 during the Lenten season. This amount will enable the church to secure a \$75,000 trust fund set up by several individuals in the church to be used as the last payment on the contract. It is expected that construction of the buildings will be completed within the next month; and plans are now being made to make the opening day, set for May 24, one of triumph and thanksgiving for the members of the congregation. Brunson C. Wallace is the pastor, and E. A. Goodman, Jr., has served as chairman of the commission on finance.

DR. CLYDE A. MILNER, President of Guilford College was the guest speaker at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, Sunday, April 19.

FIRST CHURCH, HAMLET, is now installing a new number 10 Baldwin Electric organ as well as rebuilding the choir loft.

REV. G. W. DALTON, pastor of the Long Street-Yadkin Charge, has been allowed to return to his pastoral duties by his doctors, on a limited scale, following an emergency kidney operation in February.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE CHOIR contributed a message in song to the worship service of Central Methodist Church, Concord, April 19 at the 11 o'clock hour. In the evening service Howard Coleman, a member of Central Church, now a ministerial student at High Point College preached.

LONGVIEW CHURCH, Raleigh, was officially constituted on Sunday, March 29, with Rev. W. A. Cade, superintendent of the Raleigh District, in charge. With 150 present, 55 persons became charter members of the young church. All persons received on or before Sunday, May 24, will be counted as charter members. Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., is pastor.

AT HALLSBORO Sunday morning, April 19, Chaplain Richard Braunstein dedicated six memorial art glass windows, making a total of nine installed up to the present. The church and educational building were recently painted and a new roof was put on the church. The parsonage will be thoroughly renovated inside and out, made possible by the gifts and labors of the members.

GOVERNOR LOYAL CHURCHMAN. Among the several states which have Methodists as governors is North Carolina. Trinity Church, Durham, recently passed resolutions expressive of the honor that came to them when William B. Umstead, a former chairman of its Board of Stewards, assumed that state's highest office. The governor is teacher of the Julian S. Carr Bible Class.

REV. WALTER J. LEPPERT, of Drexel Hill, Pa., executive secretary of the Philadelphia Missionary and Church Extension Society, and missionary secretary of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, has been elected treasurer of the Section of Education and Cultivation of the denomination's Board of Missions, and also secretary of its Department of Field Cultivation. His office will be 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, after May 1. He will succeed Rev. Jay S. Stowell who retired from that post.

PENTECOST-ALDERSGATE SUNDAY is on May 24. A World Service (Fourth Sunday) leaflet will be available for distribution in churches on that Sunday in behalf of the world-wide Mission of Evangelism of 1953. The title of the leaflet is, "Two Symbols." This tells of the work of the Methodist Board of Evangelism and how the World Service Program of our church makes it possible for that Agency to carry on its effective program. "Pentecost and Aldersgate helped change the world" is a quote from the leaflet. "They did so through changed men. We must be changed men and women. We must help change the world."

DR. M. B. STOKES, retired missionary of Korea, and father of the pastor of College Place Church, Greensboro, was the guest speaker for the morning and evening services at College Place Church.

HUBBUB IN HUB. More countries are represented among the 263 overseas students in Boston University than there are flags in the United Nations plaza. To hear their 61 languages would be to repeat Babel.

THREE FOR A CENT. A method of making a kodachrome film strip for one third of a cent a picture is being taught by Rev. Morris W. Singer, Methodist pastor in Victorville, Calif. The low cost both to manufacture and to ship makes them particularly useful to missionaries, he says.

ONE DAY after her graduation from High Point College on June 1, Miss Willie Jackson Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Davis of 1909 Southgate Street, Durham, will assume her duties as Director of Religious Education of the First Methodist Church in High Point. She has been a member of the First Methodist Church choir for four years.

REV. E. T. PERKINS of the Edgewood Methodist Church, of Indianapolis, Ind., reports that he has had Dr. John R. Church of Winston-Salem, N. C., with him in a revival in his church. As a result of this meeting more than 100 people were received into the Edgewood Methodist Church, and the church was greatly revived. Mr. Perkins says that he considers Dr. Church one of the best evangelists in The Methodist Church today. Mr. Perkins is the secretary of his conference, and also chairman of the Board of Evangelism in his conference.

TRINITY CHURCH, Lexington, on Palm Sunday received eleven persons into the church. For the occasion, the altar and each window of the church were decorated with palm branches, placed in the church by Mrs. Lila Watson, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Clark Richardson. On Easter Sunday four were received into the membership of the church, and three babies were christened by the pastor, Rev. Paul A. Bruton. Then on Easter Sunday night the Youth Fellowship of the church gave an Easter program, "Crosses and Fine Linen." During the conference year 44 persons have united with the church.

BURNIS SPARKS, member of Cub Pack 47 of Maple Springs church, Winston-Salem, recently was awarded a certificate of merit by the National Court of Honor of the Protestant Committee on Scouting. Burnis, his brother, Roscoe, and Jimmy Howell were pitching horseshoes last August 4 near a tobacco barn five miles from Elkin when a storm came up. The boys took cover in the barn. A bolt of lightning struck, killing Roscoe and rendering Burnis and Jimmy unconscious. When Burnis regained consciousness he saw the two other boys lying prostrate. He called to them, but received no answer. He saw that Jimmy's clothes were on fire and he crawled forward to extinguish the blaze. But the clothes began to burn again, and Burnis came back to help his unconscious friend. Burnis called a neighbor. By this time Jimmy had regained consciousness. For this brave and commendable act Burnis was cited for special recognition.

"THAT THEY MAY KNOW GOD"

CHILDREN'S DAY, MAY 3

Board of Education—North Carolina Conference

PURPOSE: To emphasize "the responsibility of the Church for our Children." (*Discipline*, 1952).

OFFERING: For the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska. (Note: On a quota of \$4,000, our conference has raised \$2,223.38. leaving a balance of \$1,776.62, which is the goal of this offering.) Let every church participate!

Objectives of SEJ Committee

"*First*, we want to provide a building where social, religious, and educational activities can be provided for children from June 1 to September 1 of each season at Lake Junaluska.

"*Second*, we want a part of this program to be a laboratory school where good teachers may demonstrate proper methods and procedures with children and where parents and workers with children may come to observe and to learn how to become more effective teachers of children."—Dr. Carl H. King, Treasurer of Jurisdictional Committee.

Send your offering immediately to Mr. Waynes G. Starnes, Treasurer, 1503 Carolina Avenue, Durham, N. C.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, MAY 3-10

THEME: "A Christian Foundation for Every Home"

Vacation Church School Institutes

Recommended Texts

Kindergarten—"Jesus, Our Friend"—Shields	\$.60
Primary—"Jesus the Friend"—Roorbach75
Junior—"We Would Follow Jesus"—Crosby75
Intermediate—"God In Our Lives"—Barber	1.50
Pupil's Book, \$.40	

Durham District

April 30, 7:30 p.m., Pittsboro
May 1, 7:30 p.m., Swepsonville
May 6, 7:30 p.m., Yanceyville
May 13, 7:30 p.m., Long Memorial, Roxboro
May 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, Durham

Leaders: Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Lanning, Rev. J. C. P. Brown, Rev. W. K. Babington, Miss Mable Nance, Miss Sarah Puett.

Elizabeth City District

May 11, 7:30 p.m., Washington
May 12, 7:30 p.m., Ahoskie
May 13, 2:30 p.m., Manteo
May 13, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Elizabeth City

Leaders: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Commander, Mrs. Annabelle Platt, Mrs. Hazel C. Bryant, Mrs. George Kittrell.

Fayetteville District

May 18, 3:30 p.m., Haymount, Fayetteville
May 18, 7:30 p.m., First Church, Rockingham
May 19, 3:30 p.m., Trinity, Troy
May 19, 7:30 p.m., Steele St., Sanford

Leaders: Mrs. M. R. Chambers, Mrs. Edens Ward, Mrs. W. Z. Pate, Mrs. G. L. Pate.

New Bern District

May 12, 2:00 p.m., Fremont
May 12, 7:30 p.m., Mt. Olive
May 14, 2:00 p.m., Trenton
May 14, 7:30 p.m., Morehead City
May 20, 7:30 p.m., Snow Hill
May 21, 7:30 p.m., Bayboro

Leaders: Miss Mary Hester Hunt, Mrs. J. H. Miller, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., Mrs. G. E. Baker, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Ann Hogan, Rev. W. N. McDonald.

Raleigh District

May 12, 2:30 p.m., Oxford
May 13, 2:00 p.m., Divine St., Dunn
May 14, 2:00 p.m., Trinity, Raleigh, N. C.

Leaders: Mrs. J. E. Dickens, Mrs. E. I. Terry, Miss Ann Woodall, Miss Cotty Critcher, Miss Peggy Jean Thomason.

Rocky Mount District

May 13, 7:30 p.m., Elm City
May 14, 7:30 p.m., Roanoke Rapids

Leaders: Miss Olive Cook, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Rev. Carl Barbee.

Wilmington District

May 12, 7:30 p.m., Trinity, Jacksonville
May 13, 7:30 p.m., Whiteville
May 13, 7:30 p.m., Grace, Wilmington
May 14, 7:30 p.m., Chestnut St., Lumberton
May 14, 7:30 p.m., Clinton

Leaders: Mrs. V. E. Queen, Miss Margaret Bradley, Mrs. P. M. Camak, Mrs. P. F. Newton, Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield, Miss Nancy Wike, Mrs. Ernest Smotherman.

Annual Conference Plans in Making; District Meeting Reports Show Progress

OUR 1953 CONFERENCE

Plans are being made for another good program for our 1953 Conference at Lake Junaluska, June 17-18-19, and societies are urged to send a delegate. They are also urged to take with them, or send if they cannot go, a generous Love Offering for the suffering children of Korea. This is extra supply giving and may be credited to the amount given for supply work. A complete program for the Conference and also for the Wesleyan Service Guild will appear in the Advocate in June.

OFFICERS' TRAINING URGED

Our conference secretary of promotion, Mrs. T. V. Goode, is urging that Officers' Training Day be held on local levels, as well as in the districts, and some districts are planning their programs to include this important instruction. Several local societies are also including this in their program building.

GASTONIA DISTRICT MEETING

The Gastonia District meeting was held April 27 in Central Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. Three Conference officers participated on the program: Mrs. J. W. Harbison, new president of the Conference, brought the noon meditation, speaking on "The Glory"; Mrs. T. V. Goode, secretary of promotion, spoke on her line of work and Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, conference secretary of supply work and representative from the North Carolina Christian Advocate, urged the women to renew their subscriptions promptly. The newly elected officers attended group meetings for officers training. Mrs. H. R. Harrelson, district president, presided.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT MEETING

The Greensboro District meeting was held in Carraway Memorial Church, Greensboro, Thursday, April 30. Mrs. Dan L. Betts, who, with her husband is in the states on furlough as missionaries to South America, brought the inspirational address. Mrs. Frank Little, Conference secretary of spiritual life spoke on Spiritual Growth; Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, conference secretary of supply work gave a report of the Jurisdictional meeting she attended in Jackson, Miss., in February; Mrs. Harry Hendrick spoke about Missionary Personnel work and presented Miss Edith Harper, a senior at Greensboro College; Mrs. Kenneth Goodson had the memorial service and Mrs. Frank Smathers conducted the pledge service. Mrs. Hal Fields, district president, presided.

Mrs. J. D. Hicks, of Mayodan, newly elected district secretary of children's work was welcomed at the executive board meeting held in the home of Mrs. P. B. Magruder March 23.

The district project for the year has been completed. Forty societies contributed \$322 for 28 robes for the Cherokee choir. The resignation of Mrs. G. S. Miles, chairman of the research committee, was regrettably received. Mrs. Raymond Smith gave a soul searching devotional based on John 13:34. Mrs. Hal Fields was co-hostess for the luncheon.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETING

Miss Patsy Law, member of the Florence Weaver Wesleyan Service Guild of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, was elected new district president at the district

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meeting held at Central Terrace Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Sunday afternoon, April 12. She succeeds Miss Georgia Barnes. Mrs. C. C. Weaver presented a gift to Miss Barnes from the Guilds in appreciation of her splendid work as district secretary for the past six years. Eighty-five Guilders attended the meeting.

The six emphases of the Quadrennial goal, "That the Kingdom of God May be Realized," were presented as follows: Spiritual Growth, Mrs. Frank Little, conference Secretary of Spiritual Life; Widening Fellowship, Miss Ruth Reynolds, president of the Lewisville Guild; A World Church, by Mrs. Ira W. Baity, district vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Peace, Mrs. L. V. Scott, district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities; Missions, Mrs. J. W. Clay, district secretary of Promotion; Discipleship, Misses Tunno, Flynt and Moir.

MISS LOREE HARRILL MARRIED

Miss Loree Harrill, deaconess for the past two years for the Green Valley-Creston Charge, Marion District, was married to Mr. Ben Steele of Greensboro at the Green Valley Methodist Church March 29, with Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., district superintendent of the Marion District, officiating. The bridegroom is a ministerial student at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Loree, a graduate of Scarritt College, has done a most acceptable work on this charge and we regret that it is temporarily discontinued. The sincere good wishes of the entire conference are extended this worthy couple.

FIVE METHODIST MISSIONARIES TO BE FREED

Among five Methodist missionaries who have been held captive in North Korea by communists since their surprise move south through Kaesong on June 25, 1950, are Miss Mary Ellen Rosser, R.N., of Knoxville, Tenn. Others are Miss Nellie Arkansas Dyer, of Conway, Arkansas; Miss Bertha A. Smith, Mashall, Mo.; Rev. Anders Kristian, New Cumberland, Pa.; and Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers of Weatherford, Texas. They had been attending the wedding of another missionary in Kaesong (Songdo) the day before the attack was made and had been unable to escape. Notice of their release has been received by Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, administrative secretary for Korea in the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. The State Department advice said that the American Embassy in Moscow would be kept informed of the actual date and arrangements for their release.

BETTY BURLEIGH IN INDIA

Miss Betty Burleigh, former reporter for *World Outlook*, is now living in Madras, India, where she is press relations officer with the U.S. Department of State. Miss Burleigh is a graduate of the University of Nevada and received her master's degree in journalism from Columbia. Before joining *World Outlook* she did publicity for the American Red Cross.

SPECIAL OBJECTS FOR PRAYER

Mrs. Frank Little, our conference secretary of Spiritual Life, says The Layman's Movement is asking the women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild to pray for Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., our representative to the United Nations. She also asks that we add Missionary Recruitment to our special objects of prayer for the coming year; and, of course, an urgent need now is for the evangelistic movement already under way in our denomination.

Mrs. Little says the Fellowship of Intercession is nearly 1,000 short of last year and prayer groups nearly 100 short of last year. In this quarter she is asking each district to find 100 or more for the Fellowship of Intercession and 10 more Prayer Groups. Our goal for the year has been Spiritual Growth and this is not the time to lessen our efforts along this line.

Our Bible study next year will be the book of Jeremiah, and Preface to Bible Study which we have had this year will help us to appreciate the coming study more fully. Mrs. Little also urges the emphasizing of Stewardship Responsibility, and suggests "The Art of Using" by Dr. Sockman and "To Whom Much Is Given" by Thomas as good books to be used along this line. Some good family life leaflets available are "Not My Child" and "Making the World Church a Part of Family Life."

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

The Waynesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Cherokee Methodist Church May 8. Mrs. J. W. Harbison will be the featured speaker and it is hoped Jane Stentz will also be able to attend and speak.

This district is rounding out a good year in the women's work.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

At the quarterly district meeting held at Central Church, Asheville, a tentative date of May 14 was set for the district meeting by the Asheville District Woman's Society of Christian Service. This will be held at Abernethy Church, West Asheville. Mrs. T. C. Roberson, vice-president, is arranging the program.

At the executive meeting Mrs. S. M. Garren, president, gave an account of the business transacted at the conference executive meeting at Pfeiffer College in January, and Mrs. Rupert Crowell, conference vice-president, gave the highlights of the jurisdiction meeting in Jackson, Miss., in February. The subdistrict leaders, Mrs. L. L. Clippard, Mrs. A. C. Williams, and Mrs. Luther Oates, with the new leader to be selected in subdistrict 3, will plan a Training Day for all new officers elected in the various societies. The district officers dedicated themselves to help in very way possible in the great Evangelistic Campaign being conducted in all Methodist churches.

IN GRATITUDE

Your editor wishes to express her deep appreciation to conference and district officers and friends all over the conference for the abundance of good wishes expressed through cards, letters and gifts while she was in the hospital and during her convalescence. It is heartwarming and cheering to know that so many women do read the Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Thank you sincerely.

Big Sisters Play Important Role at Methodist Orphanage; Football Schedule

BIG SISTER

Our home has many friends, youth and adult, who render a service to us in the growth and development of our family into useful citizens. Most often we write about our adult friends. It is our pleasure this issue to pay a deserving tribute to a group of our young friends. This group is the Rainbow Girls of Raleigh.

These young ladies have "adopted" the twenty-three boys and girls in our Baby Cottage as their service project for the year. These boys and girls range in age from three to six years of age. Each Rainbow Girl has a little brother, or little sister. The group is large enough to provide some of our boys and girls with two, three and four "big sisters."

The big sisters visit during weekends and afternoons after school. Their activities are both on campus and off campus and include play activities, Saturday movies, Sunday dinner and drives in the country. On special occasions they bring useful gifts. We regard such a "Big Sister" experience as a most wholesome and meaningful one, and are truly appreciative of what these young ladies are doing.

A SPONSOR WRITES

Joanne Albright, one of our sophomore girls, received the following letter from a men's class which has recently taken Joanne to clothe. This is one of the nicest letters we have read in a long time, and we wish to share it with you:

"My dearest Joanne: I must tell you that the Methodist Men's Class is really in love with you, and are so delighted over the fact that we can really claim you as our own, and have the privilege of having you under our wings. We have your picture on the wall in our Sunday-School room, right where we can look at you all the time. So you see we have really adopted you as our own, to have and to hold, I sincerely hope that we will prove ourselves to you to be worthy of such an honor.

"You'll more than likely hear from myself or some of the others from time to time and please feel at liberty at all times to call upon us for anything that you need, too. I wish to assure you that we all love you so much, please let us hear from you from time to time as your leisure permits.

"With kindest best wishes to you, and may all good things always come your way. We'll be pulling for you at all times.

"Much love from us all,

"J. M. Ward, Rowland Men's Class."

1953 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Eight opponents have been scheduled for the 1953 Red Raider football team, with two others expected to be added in the near future. The 1952 team, plagued by ineligibilities and injuries to key players, was withdrawn from competition near the end of its schedule in the interest of player welfare and safety. This was the first time in our history that a team representing our Home had to be withdrawn from competition because of inability to field a team. No such combination of unfortunate circumstances as occurred during the 1952 season is ever expected to happen again. Careful advance planning and training is expected to result in a squad for the 1953 season which will be able to give a good account of itself for the entire schedule.

The schedule is as follows:

September 18—Chapel Hill at Chapel Hill

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September 25—Garner at Raleigh
October 2—Oxford at Oxford
October 9—open date
October 16—Hillsboro at Hillsboro
October 24—Oxford Orphanage at Raleigh (Shrine Bowl Game)
October 30—Durham County at Durham
November 6—Fuquay at Raleigh
November 13—Henderson at Henderson

1953 GRADUATES

The picture for this week shows four members of our family who soon will be leaving us. These four, and thirteen others, constitute our 1953 graduating class. We regret to see them leave, but we recommend them for citizenship with much confidence in their ability to become useful and productive citizens.

Patricia plans to enter Greensboro College and to work for a degree in Religious Education. Frank, Marvin and Robert must first face military service before they plan for the future. Frank and Marvin expect to enter one of the services this summer. Robert hopes to attend as much college as possible before his service begins.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PICNIC

The senior class honored the juniors with a picnic on the campus Thursday night, April 23. Frank Daniels, president of the senior class, welcomed the juniors and other guests. After the picnic supper members of both classes gave a program of songs, jokes and skits.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday at our home is a day of rest, relaxation, and quiet for most of our boys and girls. During the morning it is a day of worship. Our bus transports those of fourth grade and up to three churches in the city to attend Sunday School and worship services. Those of sixth grade and up attend Edenton Street Methodist Church. Twenty-five fourth and fifth graders attend Fairmont Methodist Church, and twenty-five attend Trinity Methodist Church. In the past years the fourth and fifth grade age group attended Sunday School on our campus. We believe, however, that this group should be privileged to attend worship services as well as Sunday School. Since this objective is more conveniently possible at one location, arrangements were recently completed for their attendance at Trinity and Fairmont.

Sunday School for those of third grade age and below, is held on our campus in school rooms. Superintendent of this Sunday School is L. S. Butler. Teachers are Mrs. Butler, Miss Eula Williamson, Mrs. Adlee Cole, and Gage Smith. We are especially appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Butler and the teachers for the contribution to the religious life of our campus. Assisting in this effort are several of our senior girls.

Our hopes for the future include a campus chapel, which would serve our religious needs throughout the week, as well as Sunday.



THEY WILL SOON BE GRADUATING

Reading left to right—Marvin King, Patricia Chinnis, Robert Taylor, and Frank Daniels.

Is Our Cause Too Big?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Acts 19: 8-10; 20: 17-27

Paul had an ambition that challenged and brought out all the best that was in him. Even if he had lost his life out of loyalty to this ambition, he would not have been a loser, for it would have meant eternal life for him.

We should all stop and calmly ask ourselves, Is the goal for which I am striving worthy of sacrificing everything to attain? If it is not, then my ideal is below standard.

The one way to get a worth-while aim in life is to look at Jesus, study his teachings, and get an ever-deepening insight into what he meant when he said, Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

The next question we should put to ourselves is, Am I wholeheartedly giving my all to the Lord in order to attain this ideal? The highest efficiency comes only from a living, personal relation with Christ. To succeed a man must have a glowing enthusiasm and utter courage in fulfilling his mission. The chief temptation of some of us is to fail to be frank in telling men truth that might wound their pride and rouse their resentment.

Paul had courage to declare to the Ephesian church the whole counsel of God. He did not let a single brother go in the wrong direction without tenderly warning him. Hence he could say, I am free from the blood of all men. Paul's utter devotion to Christ involved the sacrifice of earthly treasures, but that gave him a joyful experience of the meaning of Jesus' words, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Men today would say that one needed large financial backing, much space in the newspapers and time on the radio to influence a great city whose ideas were so utterly opposed to him as were the cities of the Ephesians to Paul. Yet this man without social position or money caused the demand for silver images of Artemis, the chief goddess of the city, so to fall off that the silversmiths raised a great mob in protest.

That surely was an undesigned compliment to Paul, and the frantic shouting of the mob for two hours probably indicated not serene confidence in their goddess but an uneasy fear that they were on the losing side.

We learn from Paul that a Christian worker does not have to secure election to office or get a call to the pastorate of a big church to have a great opportunity. Paul simply worked daily at his trade to support himself, and bore witness to Christ at every opportunity in the synagogue and elsewhere.

If a man has a God-inspired purpose in life he is always given opportunity to fulfill his mission. When men thwart him, then God opens another opportunity. After the Jews made the synagogue an impossible place for Paul's teaching, he had attained enough of a following to afford to rent the hall of Tyrannus.

What indomitable persistence Paul had! Of course he got no salary at all, but he was by no means a beggar. He earned enough at his trade to support himself and his young assistants. Paul was a nobody; yet in the highest sense he was a somebody. And actually the whole city of Ephesus and all the surrounding country heard of his message. The name of Jesus was glorified.

Let us never say God has not given us

an opportunity. Let us rather search our hearts to find whether Christ is utterly dominant over us, and whether we have a joyful hold on his gospel and that fullness of life that comes to all who courageously fulfill their God-appointed mission.

The words of Jesus still apply to everyone, Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you.

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"IT'S EASIER TO DO IT MYSELF"

By Marion Brownfield

"I made an agreement with Janet," said her mother to the music teacher, that she was to have a modest allowance, just for spending as she pleased. However, in return, she was to make her bed and straighten her room each morning before she went to school and she was to clean her room every Saturday morning."

"That seems like a good plan," the music teacher replied, "a good, workable plan."

Janet's mother sighed. "I thought so, too. It did work for about a week, then Janet began to forget to do her morning duties."

"Well, of course, she would at least clean her room Saturdays," the music teacher suggested, thinking of the extra time for practicing on the piano which she would need.

"Yes," said Janet's mother, "but I find it's really easier to do it myself than to remind her constantly. If I remind her too often, she says I nag her! Or, if Janet admits she agreed to do it, she has some excuse—that there was something special to do on Saturday, like buying a birthday gift for a party in the afternoon."

"My mother," said the music teacher, "told me this story about herself and my grandmother. They lived about a half mile in sight of the schoolhouse, and my mother was supposed to hang up her clothes as soon as she changed to her school dress each morning. Mother liked to go early to school, to play with the children before the session started. One morning, however, she heard my grandmother blow a horn for her to return, when she had almost reached the schoolhouse. She came running home in alarm. 'There must be sickness or an accident,' she thought. But my grandmother was calm. She merely said, 'You forgot something!' and she led my mother back to her bedroom. There on the floor lay her clothing just as she had stepped out of it and skipped off to school."

"Shamefacedly, my mother hung up her dress and made her belated way back to school. She never forgot again!" The music teacher laughed. "It seemed to be an object lesson for me, too. I had a never-tardy record at school, and I didn't want to repeat my mother's experience—even though I was always slow about dressing in the morning. There were no harsh words in my grandmother's discipline—but some simple appropriate action that made an impression."

"I've thought of taking Janet's allowance away from her," Janet's mother mused. "But her father says I should leave her bed unmade. Nevertheless, when guests come I hurry in and do it myself! It's easier."

"It's easier for me to count for my pupils," the music teacher remarked. "But that way they are not learning how to do it themselves. I have to remind them, joke them, and use all sorts of strategy!"

"I want Janet to know how to make her own dresses," said her mother. "She's all enthusiasm about buying material and a pattern. And then after I have cut it out and she sews a little while, she begs,

'Mother, you finish it!' and I usually give in. It's really easier than standing over her and showing her how to use the tucker and the gatherer, and she hates to sew on snap fasteners! So I sew them on. It's easier to do it myself.'"—National Kindergarten Association.

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RAN A GOOD RACE, KEPT THE FAITH

The 21-year-old youth who received 201 out of 250 votes of sports leaders for top place among America's athletes is a member of First Methodist Church of Tulare, California.

He is Bob Mathias, acclaimed champion both in the 1948 and the 1952 Olympics in the most severe test of athletic dexterity and staying power yet devised—the decathlon. His first victory was when he was seventeen, an almost incredible accomplishment.

The story of this triumph of clean, wholesome living, vigorous training, and excellent sportsmanship is told in a recent book* by Jim Scott, a California sports-writer.

The author does not cover up the influences of an ideal Christian home on this foremost athlete of the world, nor his interest in his high school Y.M.C.A. in which he held office, nor the large place that the church plays in his life.

Writes author Scott: "The same day Bob Mathias emplaned for London he had an hour's visit with Rev. Edwin M. Sweet, his pastor. Mr. Sweet later told his congregation: 'I called upon the Heavenly Father to give Bob strength, not necessarily to win, but to give of his best and under all conditions to give a good witness for his Master.'"

*MATHIAS, CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS. By Jim Scott. Prentice-Hall, Inc. \$2.95

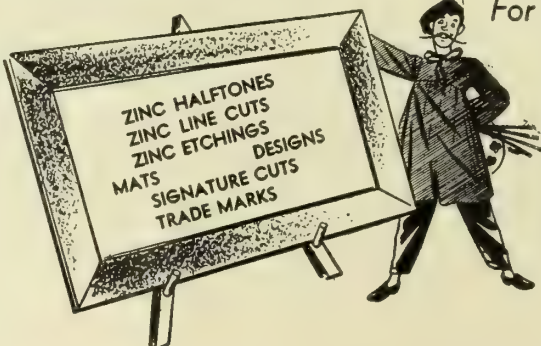
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LUTHER'S FUNERAL

By S. L. Morgan

Luther's funeral in the Methodist church was a phenomenon to be accounted for. A phone call invited me to the funeral home for some part in the service. I assumed the service would be in the funeral home, a small group present. For I had thought of him as a modest, half-obscure businessman, and a self-effacing churchman. A bachelor of 45, he lived alone in a poor room, apparently with few human ties outside his grocery store and his church group. I wasn't prepared for what the funeral brought to the surface.

I found the funeral cortege heading toward the Methodist church in the suburbs. Instead of the obscure funeral I expected, I found the church packed even to standing room and the class rooms behind the pulpit. I noticed leading citizens standing round the aisles. Splendid floral designs were banked round the front. With difficulty the choir opened a passage for the pastor and me into the pulpit.

The great and small of the community—Protestants, Catholics and Jews—all seemed to decide on reflection that this obscure grocer deserved the highest honors they could pay. They showed it in such a funeral as the town has seldom known. They awoke to the fact that somehow Luther Belangia had captured the heart of the entire community. How had he done it? And to a degree seldom equaled?

Love and Kindness the Secret

The people seemed alert to hear an explanation. The pastor dwelt briefly on Luther's loyalty and devotion as a churchman and as teacher and counselor of the young people who loved him. I found myself spontaneously telling of the kind and gracious man who sold me groceries and who loved everybody, and went out of his way to do kind deeds.

Too often men under the stress and strain of business find the soul going out of them. One lamented, "I used to be a man, but now I'm only a merchant!"

Somehow Luther lived above his business, and used it to enrich his soul and enlarge his capacity to love people. Repeatedly, he was heard to say, "I love all my customers." And he acted it. He was always alert to find a way to do his customer a kindness. Nor would he accept the regular price for an article if he doubted its full value. With his benevolent smile he'd say, "I'd rather charge you too little than too much." Such generosity and kindness won his customers to be fast friends, sincerely interested in his success.

Reward Greater Than Money

By the highest standard Luther was a success. He came the hard way. His father died before he was born, killed in a hunting accident. He came to Wake Forest 20 years ago. Six years ago he bought out a new grocery business struggling for a foothold. Few believed he'd succeed. Slowly his gentle, gracious ways drew customers to him, and success was almost in his grasp. Then out of a clear sky he was laid low with dreadful brain tumors. Life slowly ebbed out during three months in Duke Hospital.

They brought his lifeless body back to Wake Forest. By then our people had taken his measure, and wanted to honor him. They did it with flowers and tears in a funeral that was an ovation. Some said, "I wish we had taken his measure sooner;

it would have done him good to know what we thought of him?"

Cold business would have said he did foolish things. He picked up a hobo on the road, brought him home, gave him supper—and his coat to wear in the rain, trusting him to mail it back. It never came. In business he often took losses in order to be generous. But at the end he had a reward greater than money, better than life: he had the heart of his community.

My part in the funeral was that of an outsider of another church. But I sensed what the throng present wanted me to say, and I said it gladly and heartily: "This body is not Luther. Such a life as his can't die—it goes on forever. Any sadness we feel should rightly be swallowed up in the blessed fact of immortality."

It has been well said that no man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear. Never load yourselves so, my friends. If you find yourselves so loaded, at least remember this: it is your own doing, not God's. He begs you to leave the future to Him, and mind the present.

—George MacDonald

Book Reviews

A PLANNED PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH YEAR by Weldon Crossland. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1951. 165 pages, \$2.00.

If a minister is interested in an orderly, well-thought-out program for his parish, he will find Crossland's latest book of real interest. The reviewer remembers meeting one of our preachers who purchased a copy soon after it appeared and who described it as a "gold-mine" of ideas for running a Church.

The scope of the book is wide, touching virtually every phase of church activity. Whether the problem is one of improving the Church School or developing an outline of a year's sermons; whether one is mainly interested in better services of worship, or in expanded missionary giving; whether one is mainly concerned about evangelism, or the development of lay leadership—in all these instances, Crossland has something to suggest which might be helpful. Of course, these topics are not treated exhaustively. Their treatment, however, reflects the experience of one who has had a long and successful career as a minister. After graduating from Nebraska Wesleyan and winning a Rhodes Scholarship, Crossland served churches in Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan and is now pastor of Asbury-First Methodist Church, Rochester, N. Y. This is his fourth book, the others likewise being in the field of Church Administration.

A commendable feature of the book is an appendix which contains a specimen local church planning conference program. Plans for the various departments of the church were worked out in May, distributed widely for study and discussion and finally adopted at a gathering in June. Two months then remained for working out plans in detail for the year beginning in September.

In the reviewer's opinion the extent to which this book will prove helpful will depend on how much the reader already

knows about running a church. But it looks as if even the most competent might gain at least a few good ideas from it.

Raymond A. Smith

In Memoriam

MRS. W. L. LOY

It was about 27 years ago that I came to know her. My week in the parsonage home, when I was assisting Lawrence in a meeting, revealed something of the charm and the power of these Christian personalities. The years have not dimmed the memory, nor lessened the inspiration of the fellowship and companionship of those days. Then in 1951 it was my great privilege to live another week in the Godly home of the Loy's.

Margaret was one of those strong characters who was able to do her own thinking, and reach intelligent conclusions. She could make decisions and stick by them. A genuine philosopher, she was concerned to know and to understand her relation to God. She seldom discussed trivialities, but was able and ready to deal with important issues.

Educated at Whitsett Institute, Duke University, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Vanderbilt University, she was fully equipped to teach youth the way of life. Her personality and her sound scholarship have blessed hundreds of boys and girls in many public schools of our state.

But her influence did not stop with the secular teaching. In a superb manner, she filled the role of pastor's wife as companion, helper, inspirer. In the church and in the parsonage home, both young and old turned to her for encouragement, leadership, guidance, instruction. She gladly shared her talents to strengthen human personality, the church, the community.

When her days of activity were gradually approaching the end, she was still giving aid and comfort. Even then she was traveling far to train youth and leaders of youth for Christian service.

Above all, she was a true child of God. She knew her Father well. Last Wednesday she went to Heaven. She did not enter as a stranger. She went in and stood face to face with her loving Heavenly Father—and she calmly took her place there, for she knew she was among friends.

THE LASTING QUALITY OF LOVE

The comrade that once marched with me,
Or dared adventure keen,
My spirit's comrade still shall be
Through silence intervene.

The friend with whom I once have shared
Some banquet of the soul
Can never from my heart be spared
Though seas between us roll.

The lasting quality of love
A part I take to be
Of that safe treasure laid above—
And—immortality.

—William Goodell Frost

(Eulogy given by Dr. A. J. Hobbs at the funeral service on April 3 of Mrs. W. L. Loy. Mrs. Loy was born February 11, 1891 and died April 1, 1953. Funeral services were conducted at Lillington Methodist Church where Mr. Loy is pastor and burial was in Linwood Cemetery, Graham.)

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

among centuries-old rubble.

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Man cannot lift himself to heaven by his own bootstraps. Two wars have shown us the collapse of human cleverness. We cannot live together in peace either at home or abroad unless we see our fellow men as God's children.

We have a common word that has come down to us from the old towers of Babel. It is the word "babble." We know what it means. A babble of voices is a mixture of unintelligible human words.

If we, like the ancient Babylonians, try to build without God, our conferences, our Congress, our United Nations become a babble. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

SOCIETY DISTRIBUTES 13,369,030 COPIES OF SCRIPTURES IN 1952

The American Bible Society, during 1952, distributed at home and abroad, a total of 13,369,030 copies of the Scriptures in 149 languages. The distribution in the United States totalled 7,822,644 copies.

During the recent disaster in Holland, an old lady having been saved from one of the isles, came into the evacuation center, proudly showing the only thing she was able to save—her family Bible.

One evacuation official reported that people on every hand were asking him for Bibles during this time of tragedy. The Netherlands Bible Society started delivering Scriptures to the evacuation centers.

The American Bible Society has dispatched \$2,000 to assist in providing Scriptures in Holland.

The American Bible Society has just completed 118 years of bringing the Scriptures to the sightless. The year 1952 was the greatest in the Society's history. Since 1835 and up to the end of 1952, the embossed Scriptures have gone out to the blind in various parts of the world in 36 languages and systems. During 1952, first editions of the Society's small volume of favorite Scripture Passages were published in Turkish Braille, Armenian Braille and in German Braille. There has now come off the press a first edition of this "pocket Bible" in Arabic Braille, particularly for use by the needy blind living in Bible Lands.

The Bible Society has distributed throughout the world to the blind a total of 373,458 volumes and Talking Book records.

A Story Out of Korea

Recently a church leader and a Korean Army chaplain called at the Bible House in Korea. Could the Bible Society make them a gift of Korean Scriptures right away. They were about to leave Pusan on special service.

They had come from an island held by Republic of Korea forces, an outpost on the west coast of Korea far above the 38th parallel. This island is used as a center for collecting refugees who have fled from the Communists.

The church leader spoke of contact men with whom the refugees get in touch and being directed to a certain place in the middle of the night; of a patrol apparently made up of Communist soldiers but actually Republic of Korea men in Red

Army uniforms. He told how he fell in behind the patrol, after they had examined him, and of his surprise at finding that he was only one of fifty others with the same experience he had had.

They got to a collapsible boat which took them to an island where he found a small community of three hundred refugee Christians. Mostly these persons were just awaiting events—living from day to day. The same man who asked for the books, organized them into Bible classes and a Sunday school and held services; but they had no Scriptures or hymn-books, except one man; and his book was almost illegible, for he had tied it round his waist when he swam from island to island, thus making his way to his present place of waiting.

Of course, the Bible Society could and did supply Korean Scriptures—340 Testaments and 600 Gospels, books that will feed the spirit and strengthen the morale of those Christian refugees waiting off

the coast of North Korea for something to turn up.

MOST FIJI ISLANDERS ARE METHODISTS

There are 117,488 native Fijians in the total population of the Colony of Fiji. A recent census shows that of Fijians all but 301 are listed as Christians and are affiliated with churches as follows: Methodists, 102,567; Roman Catholics, 12,416; Seventh Day Adventists, 2,022; Church of England, 133; others, 49. In the Routman Islands, the native peoples are also almost wholly Christian: 63% Methodists; 35% Roman Catholics. The Methodist Mission to both groups of islands, conducted from the churches in Australia, list eleven European missionaries; 135 Fijian ministers; one Indian minister; 11 lay missionaries; 12 European mission teachers; 454 Fijian catechists; four Indian catechists; 5,239 Fijian lay preachers.

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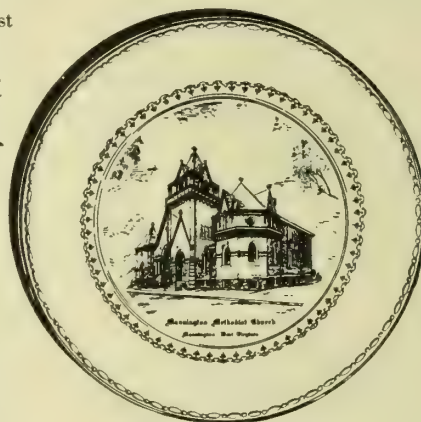
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Happiness is contagious at the Methodist Home in Charlotte

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A Thought for the Week

PRAY FOR AN UNDERSTANDING MIND

Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind . . . that I may discern between good and evil. I Kings 3:9.

Soon after Solomon became king he had a dream. In the dream God appeared to him, saying, "Ask what I shall give you." The king, aware of the tremendous responsibility that rested upon him, replied: "Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?"

Pleased with the king's request, the Lord told Solomon that his wish would be granted, promising further that so far as understanding was concerned none before him or after him could equal him. As a further reward, God added: "I give you what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you walk in my ways, keeping thy statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

What a request! Not many people, king or commoner, when given an opportunity to ask for what they want, will pray for an understanding heart that they may be able to discern between good and evil. Yet this is what all of us need most. The ability to distinguish between right and wrong and the will to choose the highest good are our finest assets. An understanding, spiritually comprehending, morally

sensitive mind is worth more than all the gold and silver of the world, for without this material wealth can become a noose around our necks.

All of us need to begin where King Solomon began. We need to pray and seek a mind that will be spiritually discerning. St. Paul summed it up when he wrote to the church at Philippi: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." When we achieve this, all else we need—sufficient for our physical needs and honor and long life—may follow. But above everything else, peace of mind and inner satisfaction and joy will be ours. Moreover our influence will be never-ending.

O God, we confess that we are constantly asking for things that are secondary. But give us what we need most—an understanding heart, the ability to distinguish between right and wrong and the will and the courage to choose the highest good. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BREAKING DOWN OUR BARRIERS

If we could get a bird's-eye view of our world today we should see it checkered and criss-crossed with walls. We should look down upon the walls of homes wherein men have enclosed their loved ones and their belongings. We should look down upon walls around factories and fences around farms. Man is a maker of walls.

Robert Frost has written a poem in which he pictures a farmer rebuilding his stone fence. The frost and weather have dislodged some of the stones. As the farmer replaces the fallen parts and contemplates the continuous care required to keep up his fences, he says to himself, "Something there is that doesn't like a wall."

How easily a wall can be formed between neighbors and friends. In my boyhood town two neighbors had a disagreement. Their houses stood on adjoining lots. The wealthier of the two decided he would not be irritated by having to look at his neighbor's living room, nor would he allow members of the other household to look into his windows. He built a wall high enough to shut out the view.

It was a vivid symbol of how walls can rise between friends. A word spoken, a motive misunderstood, a rumor repeated, a reconciliation refused—such are the first stones in the separating wall.

One says, "I didn't start it and I'll not make a fool of myself by trying to make up." So, standing on pride, desiring to save face, refusing to be magnanimous, neighbors build walls which divide friendships and destroy the peace of communities.

No man ever choked to death swallowing his own pride. Quite the reverse. Who does not know the thrill which comes from swallowing one's resentment and making up with a friend or loved one? It is a great satisfaction to make a friend. There is ever greater satisfaction in making up with a friend.

A second set of walls divides us. We fence ourselves off into social classes. We want to move in "the right set." We want to mingle with "the right people." And by "the right people" we mean not the morally righteous but the socially acceptable.

America must have no aristocracy save the aristocracy of worth and character. Washington was rich and Lincoln poor, but who cares about that? There should be no ceiling to hold down a boy or girl with ability and character.

A third set of walls dividing us are the walls between religious groups. Religious sectarianism has been one of society's saddest sins. And yet it is born out of sincerity.

There is no cheap and easy way to remove these sectarian barrier. Saying that it doesn't matter what we believe so long as we do what is right is not the answer.

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Mother Cares

When your days seem dark and your friends seem few
And the road you travel seems rough and steep;
When your plans all fail and your life is blue
And you breathe a sigh and sit down to weep;
When you'd like to find a soul that is kind
And a heart that will send to God true prayers,
But the world to your need seems blind—so blind,
Remember, O remember, Mother cares!

When your health is gone and your body's weak
And your hope for a better day is small;
When you'd like from your heart and mind to speak
And unbosom the contents all—yes, all;
But to whom could you tell your many woes
And the things, perhaps, that your health impairs?
The question lingers in your mind and grows—
But remember, remember, Mother cares.

When the heart of the world seems cold—so cold—
As you seek to find some love that is true;
When the foes of your soul and life are bold
To denounce the grace that would take you through;
When it seems you're down and the demons jeer
And threaten to engulf you with their snares,
And you're almost chilled with a thought of fear,
Remember, O remember, Mother cares!

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May Is a Critical Month for World Service

May is a very important month for all the causes of Methodism. It is the last month of the fiscal year for World Service. In order to reach the annual apportionment of \$9,660,000 World Service must have \$3,469,997 by May 31. This is 35 percent of the total askings. In other words, the churches must pay in one month what they normally pay in four months.

Can it be done? Of course, it can. Many churches have World Service dollars that should have been sent in already. Others perhaps can pay their acceptances for the year in full. Every dollar counts now.

Should it be done? Of course, it should. The importance of World Service is well summed up in the Episcopal Address of 1952, as follows: "World Service is Methodism in action. Its program is pivotal and its support is the base line for our benevolent giving. If that line moves forward, all the causes of the church move with it; if it retreats it brings disaster to every agency carrying the work of Methodism at home and abroad. When, therefore, we talk about the importance of World Service we are really talking about the importance of the mission of the church itself."

Surely no Methodist pastor or layman would want World Service to come up short the first year of the new quadrennium because his church failed to come through. To be safe, check with the church treasurer about those World Service dollars. Put every possible dollar to work—to work for World Service!

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Make Every Day Sunday in the Home

One serious trouble with most parents is that we don't practice what we preach. Moreover, we are constantly saying and doing little things, perhaps slightly irregular or off-color, that have a direct bearing on those around us—particularly the children. In fact, our children are being influenced daily more by what we do than by what we say. The advice we give our youngsters, perhaps, is pretty sound. The example we set before them is not always as sound.

Helmer O. Oleson has a disturbing article along this line entitled "Parental Double-Talk" which appears in the April 30 issue of the *Christian Advocate* (Chicago). Mr. Oleson mentions parental practices such as keeping too much change which a clerk unwittingly gives

on purchases, lying about children's ages to save money, defrauding the government on income taxes, padding personal expense accounts, keeping money or articles we find without trying to find the owner, cheating on weights, taking lightly little misdemeanors of children, and many others. One common practice of parents, says the writer, is speaking enviously of the prosperity of others. "I wish I had Jones's dough," is a frequent parental complaint, thus laying emphasis upon acquisitive habits and materialistic standards. "Get all you can," is the advice many mothers and fathers give their offspring.

Mr. Oleson believes that many things we say and do before our children have a very bad moral affect upon them. Listen to his solemn words: "All these thoughts occur to me daily, as I work in the criminal court, observing how the immoral activities, the petit larcenies, the materialistic conceptions of average citizens are merely blown up and magnified in the more serious crimes committed by felons and misdemeanants, as well as by the incorrigible juvenile delinquents. The criminal often reflects in his acts the views acquired from a father twenty years before his first arrest."

All this reminds us that as parents we cannot be too careful, for as the author concludes: "Every parent lives in a glass house. He cannot afford to throw stones, even in the family circle. He dares not risk, in front of the children, to engage in two-faced double-talk. Every day should be Sunday in the American Home."

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Protestant Churches Get Roman Catholic Members, Too

When a Protestant—particularly if he or she is prominent—becomes a Roman Catholic the news manages to make the headlines. In fact, such publicity is given to it that the casual observer may get the impression the Roman Catholic Church is making serious inroads on Protestant ranks. Such is hardly the case. If the truth is known, we are sure that the Protestant communions are gaining far more from the Roman church than they are losing to that branch of the church. For example, *The Presbyterian Tribune* points out that of the 600 active members in Bethany Presbyterian Church, Chicago, over 100 were formerly Roman Catholics, nine of whom are now officers of Bethany church. The proportion, of course, in the Protestant South would not be so great. But it would be interesting to know from Meth-

odist pastors in North Carolina just how many members they had received from the Roman Catholic Church and just how many they have lost to that communion. The *Advocate* would be glad to have this information.

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A Spiritual Approach to Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile delinquency, according to an Associated Press survey, is rising. Beginning to increase in 1948, juvenile delinquents now number about 1,000,000 and at the present rate of increase will number 1,420,000 by 1960. Particularly alarming in this discouraging picture is the fact that juvenile crimes are of a more serious nature than they once were. Now they include burglaries, gangsterism, drug addiction, and murder. Moreover, the survey shows that the average age of delinquents, which for housebreaking used to be 16 or 17, and is now 13 to 15, is showing a downward trend.

What are the causes of this rise in juvenile crime? First comes bad home influences. Then comes influences in the nation, such as the idea that crime pays, the prevalence of gambling and other low moral conditions. War, which breaks homes, makes for excitement and uncertainty, comes next. Inflation, which in many cases puts a strain on the family budget, is another factor. Working mothers who often leave the children without proper care are also blamed. Divorce is another big cause. In Duluth, Minn., it was found that over 50% of the children in trouble came from broken homes.

It is apparent that in this troubled, uncertain day children are our heaviest casualties. Somehow we must find a way to save vast multitudes from delinquency. Sunday school, youth activities in the church, children's community recreational programs, activities in the public schools, Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations as well as many other social and recreational organizations can help to deal with this problem. Each of us should support in every way possible those organizations inside and outside the church that seek to minister to the physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs of the children. Moreover, we should do everything possible to relate actively to the church the parents of all children.

A spiritual approach to the child—his home, his community and his world—is the only sound way to deal with this problem. The church, more than any other agency, must not only work with juvenile delinquents. It must work to remove the conditions that cause little children to stumble.

JESUS IN THE MIDST

Jesus himself stood in the midst of them. Luke 24: 36.

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

An address delivered on the occasion of the dedication of Ivey Chapel, Methodist Home for the Aged, Charlotte, April 6, 1953.

I have had a thrill of soul as in anticipation of this service, I have thought on all that is implied in it. On many occasions I have observed what we have done for the comfort of our guests in this spacious home. But now, at long last, in the midst of all the provisions that generous hands and devoted hearts have made for those who call these walls and corridors home, we have built a place of worship. As I thought of this chapel and this occasion, some words out of Luke's Gospel leaped into my mind: "Jesus himself stood in the midst of them."

The Transforming Presence

The story out of which these words are lifted happened late on the first Easter Day or early on the morning following. Two of our Lord's friends were on their way from Jerusalem to a little village called Emmaus. A Stranger overtook them and walked along the way with them. At the first they did not recognize him. When they had reached Emmaus "their eyes were opened," and they saw it was Jesus.

This is a parable of life. Along the road where we "toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing" make our way the risen Lord travels with us. Sometimes we are aware of his presence, and the heart sings,

"He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way."

But often we do not realize that it is He who inspires our noblest impulses and spiritual insights. We may not be aware of the source of our strength in crisis, or of our joy in a bewildering sorrow. Then suddenly it dawns upon us that the Lord has been at our side, and that it is his word and his grace that have sustained us.

All this had no sooner happened in Emmaus than two perplexed men hastened back to Jerusalem to tell Jesus' grief-stricken friends that they had seen him. Arriving, they found the eleven and a company of others assembled possibly in the Upper Room, all of them bewildered by the report that the Lord's tomb was empty, and that he had risen. Then, without warning, "Jesus himself stood in the midst of them." At this second appearing they are not on the highway. They are gathered as a company of persons who had known the Lord and loved him, eagerly waiting some further word concerning him. He stood among them and assured them that it was he. "Behold my hands and my feet," he said. He "opened their understanding" and the truth began to dawn upon them that he, risen and living, would continue with them to the end.

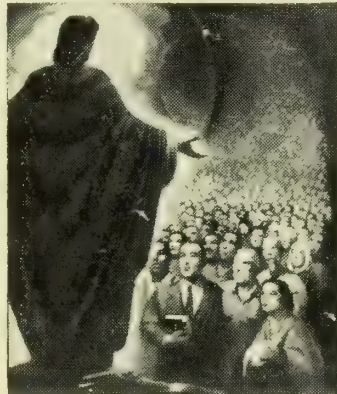
This, too, is a parable of life. When persons who know and love him assemble themselves together he is in the midst of them.

"His presence disperses their gloom
And makes all within them rejoice."

He speaks, and we know by an intuition as clear as the morning that he is Lord and Saviour.

Ivey Chapel

And so we have built and today we dedicate a chapel in the center of this home for the aged. It is an invitation to the Lord Jesus to come and abide here, so that it may always be said of us who live here, "And Jesus himself stood in the midst of them." It is built in memory of one of his devoted servants—an itinerant who walked with him along many an Emmaus road. It is called by the servant's name—The Ivey Chapel, in honored memory of the Reverend George Washington Ivey, who for 52 years was a Methodist minister. But he in no sense takes the place of One who stands in the midst. It is in his memory because he in a measure reflects the spirit of Christ who dwelt in him. The chapel is presented by a devoted son, J. B. Ivey, an humble Christian and



loyal churchman, in honor of his father and in praise of Jesus Christ our Lord, risen and ever present. Across the long years it will remain here as a symbol to remind all who enter that Jesus Christ stands in the center of this home. It will be a place of worship, an Upper Room with Jesus in the midst.

Religion and Church Institutions

From my point of view this is the most meaningful thing that has happened since the home was established here. I hope this example will serve to correct a blunder that our church has often made. Under the spell of Jesus' creative spirit we build institutions to serve mankind. We provide all manner of gadgets for physical care and comfort—we provide shelter and food and companionship and recreation and medical skill—and often we fail to exalt the religious motive that is the soul of Christian philanthropy.

Some years ago there was a children's home in another state, supported by our church. It had given physical nurture to hundreds of fatherless children and sent them out into the world. Its friends became anxious, and a survey revealed that less than half a dozen of them were active

members in the churches of the communities in which they lived. Something had gone tragically wrong. We have built settlements and homes and hospitals without number in which there was no planned and continuing religious emphasis. Our Roman Catholic brethren never make that mistake.

But the trend is changing. On many occasions the late President Few of Duke University told us that in planning the new campus, his constant thought was that the chapel should dominate the scene. And so it does. Recently a group of splendid buildings at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, S. C., was dedicated. At the center and commanding the entire campus, is a lovely church, a witness to the faith and Christian idealism that undergirds the institution. Last week while talking with a student nurse serving in a hospital of one of a sister denomination, I learned that every morning the nurses are assembled in chapel for worship.

And here is Ivey Chapel at the center of our Methodist Home! Let us thank God and take courage. Let us hope that a chapel like this is prophetic of the day when all our institutions shall have a definite and continuing religious emphasis. In every church institution it should be made unmistakably clear that it was built in Christ's name; that it is undergirded by a definite Christian motive and purpose; that it is dedicated to Christ's service; that he stands in the midst.

Why Christ Should Be Central

There are two inescapable reasons why Christ should be central in all our church institutions.

They owe their existence to him. We must not forget the source of our concern for the wellbeing of our fellows. The root of all our philanthropy is not human pity, but divine love: it does not spring out of social planning but out of religion. Before the appearing of Christ there were educated people. Athens stands out as an intellectual and cultural center, but only the favored few discussed philosophy in the grove with Socrates and Plato. The great majority of her people were dumb-driven slaves. Not until the appearing of a Man who taught in Galilee was there serious thought of such a thing as universal education. It was he who put the stamp of dignity on man. He taught us that every man is made after a divine pattern and entitled to know the truth. Until the Spirit of the Nazarene became a part of our culture and heritage, the poor, the maimed, the blind, the broken, the aged were considered dead weight—but now our brethren beloved are cared for. Let us never fail to exalt the Source!

Christ should be made central in our institutions because he alone satisfies the need and yearning of the human spirit.

We are not mere body: we are essentially spiritual beings. Material things, even the best, do not answer the soul's deep cry. "As the hart panteth after the water-brooks so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Human companionship, "this fellowship of kindred minds," is as tonic to the spirit—but, more, "our souls were made for God and they are restless till they find their rest in him." The true, the beautiful, and the good are invaluable, but nevertheless inadequate apart from the worship of him who is final truth and perfect beauty and goodness. "My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord."

We are gathered to dedicate a place of worship, and Jesus stands in the midst!

The George Washington Ivey Chapel

By J. B. Ivey

It was a happy occasion when on Tuesday, April 6, I stood on the rostrum of the beautiful chapel at the Methodist Home, together with other members of the Ivey family, to present to Bishop Costen J. Harrell, for dedication, the George Washington Ivey Chapel.

My father, George W. Ivey, was one of the most popular ministers in the Western North Carolina Conference where he served almost all of his 52 years of ministry. He usually served four to eight preaching places, refusing to accept being pastor of single churches or the office of presiding elder, which he was offered. He also refused the title of Doctor of Divinity, saying that he was afraid people would expect more of him than he could deliver.

Charles W. Tillett, a leading Charlotte lawyer, told me that when he was a delegate to the General Conference, he sat just behind my father. He told, "Uncle Ivey, be careful how you vote for I am going to vote just like you." His counsel was sought and highly prized by all.

I don't think I have ever known any minister who was as popular as he was. You can find hundreds of people throughout Western North Carolina whose first names are Ivey. Rev. J. A. Bowles, who followed my father at Statesville, stated that he baptized thirty babies whose first name was Ivey.

My father was the best man I have ever known. He prayed nine times every day—when he got up every morning, asking the blessing on the food at each meal, at mid-morning, at family prayers (if he was not at home my mother led the family devotionals), again before supper he sought a retired place where he knew he was not to be disturbed, and before retiring, making nine times that he had special communion with his Heavenly Father.

All of his children were devoted members of the church. Nearly all were stewards in the church, including two daughters. Others were Sunday School superintendents. Tom was a minister and editor of "The Nashville Christian Advocate," the organ of the Southern Methodist Church. Most of the others were Sunday School superintendents or held other offices in the church.



Rev. George Washington Ivey

I am very happy to have his memory honored in the dedication of the beautiful Chapel.

I don't know of anything that I have ever been connected with, that has given me so much satisfaction as in helping to build this Methodist Home. I feel a glow in my heart when I visit this beautiful place and see the happy smiles on these many guests who have this "Home," in which to spend their declining years amid congenial Christian friends with no worry about financial matters, knowing that their Methodist Church will look after every need.

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A MIRACLE IN FINANCING

Within five years the Methodist Home of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference has grown from the dreams of a few men and women to a strong philanthropic corporation valued at more than \$1,500,000. A banker recently described it as one of the soundest financial institutions in the state of North Carolina.



Central Figures at the Dedication of the Ivey Chapel

Left to right, front row: Bishop Costen J. Harrell, J. B. Ivey, Dr. Karl P. Meister, Marshall I. Pickens. Second row: Rev. B. Reid Wall, Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Leon Ivey and George M. Ivey.

The funds deposited by the residents in the Home are administered according to the best banking practices by the Board of Managers. Elements in this remarkable growth are:

1. The Mother's Day Offerings

Each year the Western North Carolina Annual Conference designates Mother's Day as the time when special free will offerings for the Home are received in all the churches of the Conferences. Our Methodist people are carefully cultivated and informed through special issues of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and brochures. Attractive offering envelopes are sent to the pastors to be placed in the hands of the church members. Year by year the amount of these offerings increases as people come to understand and appreciate the service of the Home.

2. Special Gifts by Friends

During the current year special gifts by individuals and corporations have been far greater than during any previous year. This indicates increasing confidence by those who like to make a good investment that pays dividends in service and happiness. A newspaper executive told me that he had visited our Home twice. He was impressed by the spirit of happiness and loyalty of the aging residents. He wanted to give the substantial balance in his tithe account to some special project in the Home.

3. Memorial Gifts

Every day an increasing number of people send memorial gifts on the death of a friend. The Home administration mails engraved memorial cards to the bereaved family on the day the gift is received. The card is as follows:

"The memory of

is perpetuated through a gift to
The Methodist Home
of
Charlotte, North Carolina

By—

This memorial will endure in the security,
care and abundant life
made possible for aged men and women
of Christian character

The name of the person memorialized and the name of the donor are recorded in the Book of Remembrance in the Ivey Chapel.

4. Gifts by the Members of the Home Family

Most of the persons served by the Home do not have any worldly possessions. We keep our charitable service to them in strict confidence. Yet many of these, out of their personal allowances and gifts from loved ones, surprise us by the depth of their generosity. They truly give "the widow's mite" in the twentieth century. There are a few residents who needed the service of the Home and they could give to the Building Fund or to the Charitable Funds. These seem to be the happiest members of all. They enjoy the peace and security of the Home while they help someone else enjoy it.

On this four-fold financial foundation our Home is builded. A fifth element is **Faith**. Dr. C. M. Pickens, the first superintendent, often said "we'll build this Home on faith." The Managers have sensed the urgent and appealing need of a place of love, security and care for older people. They have put their faith in the loyal members of Western North Carolina Methodism. Their faith has been justified.

This year we depend upon the generous outpouring of offerings on Mother's Day toward paying for the new wing of the Home.

ADMISSION POLICIES

How Does One Become a Member of The Methodist Home?

Membership is by voluntary application. No older person can be committed to or be placed in this Home. All members have eagerly sought the privilege. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, in good physical and mental health, and free from contagious diseases.

The steps in application are:

1. Secure application blank and medical certificate from the Superintendent, Post Office Box 9217, Charlotte 5, N. C.
2. Submit the application to the Superintendent.
3. The Admissions Committee makes a careful study of each applicant.
4. In due time the applicant, if successful, is placed on the list of approved -applicants to come into the Home when space is available.
5. After the applicant becomes a resident, there is a period of from three to six months during which he is "on trial" very much as a young minister is "on trial" for four years before he becomes a preacher in full connection. This trial period is necessary, because sometimes flaws in health or personality do not become apparent until they are subjected to the laboratory of daily living.
6. Why can the Home not receive persons who are invalids or are likely to become invalids soon?

The excellent Infirmary and Geriatric department facilities are provided for the service of the members who have been received into the Home for life. The church has a sacred responsibility to care for them all the way. If we receive persons from outside the Home who already need nursing care, we take a bed away from a member of the Home. On this policy the Administration Committee takes a firm stand from now on.

For information write: The Superintendent, Methodist Home, P.O. Box 9217, Charlotte 5, N. C.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH MEMBERS

The Methodist Home seeks to serve people regardless of their economic circumstances. Financial arrangements with members are made on the merits of the individual case. Those who have no economic resources receive special allowances from the Mothers' Day offering of the churches of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Charitable service is kept in confidence.

Those with limited resources pay a minimum subsidized rate according to their ability until their resources are used up, then they are served on a confidential

charitable basis. Persons with adequate financial reserves also need the companionship, the security and the care of the Home. Some in this more fortunate group have been a source of real blessing to the Home in her building program and in her charitable services.

When members deposit resources in the reserves of the Home, the Home pays to the member the interest earned on their investment. This very fair and liberal policy has caused many persons to deposit far more with the Home than was required. Residents are not required to turn over all they have to the home.



Business Manager William S. Farrow plans schedules with Dietitian Olivia C. Brockman

THE INFIRMARY AND GERIATRIC DEPARTMENT

By Mrs. A. Leland Stanford, Director

The Administration of the Methodist Home has provided facilities for the medical and nursing care of the resident members. Our members come for life care and we have a sacred responsibility to provide this service. If we accept persons from outside the Home into our Infirmary we use a bed that rightfully belongs to a life member. Therefore, the Methodist Home cannot receive persons, however appealing the case, who already need nursing care or who are likely to need such care in the immediate future.

After a person achieves permanent membership, following a trial period of from three to six months, the Home seeks to provide the best care possible. Two physicians come for clinics each week. They are available for professional services at all times. Emergencies are met immediately. In addition the Home has a consulting staff of specialists in the various fields of medicine.

Nurses are available to the members at all times, with the morning hours devoted to general clinic consultations.

The Geriatric Department

While the Infirmary serves the various clinical needs of the members, and provides nursing care during temporary illness, the Geriatric department is designed for the long term care necessary when the frailties of advancing years make it inadvisable for residents to live in the residence areas.

In this department we seek to make life as happy, comfortable and homelike as it was in the home from which the resident came. All nurses, aides and orderlies are carefully instructed to take a deep interest in the care of the patients. Even the bath in the special built-up tubs can be a source of therapy. Shampoos, waves and hair cuts, and the services of the chiropodist contribute to the patients' appearance and sense of well-being. As long as patients are able they dress, or are dressed, for meals and social gatherings. This gives a lift to the spirit. Where ever one turns in the Geriatric Department there are artistic arrangements of flowers and herbs so graciously contributed by our generous members who are gardeners. The small dining rooms where the patients gather for meals and fellowship are especially colorful with flowers, gay tablecloths and pictures.

Music pervades the atmosphere of the department. There are many radios, a large television, a record player and a beautiful piano. Parties are frequent. They may come during mid-morning, the afternoon or after supper. As many as are able assemble on the large sun porch for group singing, reading or a selected TV show.

The very devoted members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service conduct frequent prayer meetings in our department. Often our own patients take the leading parts.

Members also assist our patients in letter writing, mending and shopping. Visitors are always welcomed during the visiting hours in the afternoon.

The three sun decks, with their colorful outdoor furniture, provide other areas

for rest and recreation during the spring, summer and autumn months.

Our patients worship as they desire. Some remain in their rooms for radio services. Others gather on the sun porch before the television. Still others go to the beautiful Ivey Chapel for the worship

services that are held on Sunday and during the week. If they cannot walk, we provide wheel chairs.

In the final analysis, it is the desire of the entire department personnel to serve the Methodist Home with patience and kindness.

AN ENLARGED HOBBY SHOP PROGRAM

By Mrs. G. G. Adams, Director, Home Life

"What shall be the purpose of our hobby shop activities?" "Since we think that hobbies are for fun and relaxation, how can we help our members not to work until they are exhausted?" "When one makes an article and wishes to sell it, how shall we determine the price—shall time consumed in the making or skill required be considered when setting the price?"

Questions such as these gave a meeting of staff and members an interesting time on the afternoon of April 24.

Until the completion of our new unit all hobbies were crowded into one room, except for a small woodworking space. Now we have separate rooms for weaving, ceramics, woodworking and relative arts. The "Trading Post" is a combination store and display room for finished articles of the various crafts and hobbies. All this has made us realize that we needed a "Hobby Shop Committee," for until this time our hobbies like Topsy had "just growned," without definite planning between staff and members.

The greatest increase in space is the woodworking rooms. Furniture repair, furniture making, unusual and interesting lay work, doll furniture, and unique articles, that might receive patent rights, make this space an enjoyable place to visit. One of our men is interested in repairing toys to be given to children of small income families.

Besides the crafts done in the hobby shop rooms, many members have flower gardens which furnish beauty for all and flowers for dining room tables, solaria, sun porches and living rooms, as well as members' own rooms.

Our invitation is: "Come, see what we do with our hands at your Methodist Home."



The Infirmary dining rooms are tastefully decorated



Christian literature for enjoyment and spiritual enrichment



Clay becomes beautiful china in their skilled hands

MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST HOME FAMILY SPEAK

THE LAMP OF FAITH BURNS BRIGHTLY

By Florence E. Dixon, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service

One walks through a hall, at early morning, glances through a partly opened door to see a member deeply engrossed with Bible and Upper Room; or one walks down by the lake, at evening, or along our woody path, and observes a solitary figure sitting in quiet meditation.

Literary food for spiritual need is abundantly provided and gratefully used. The Upper Room is each one's prized possession.

Every morning, after breakfast, someone walks quietly to the piano in our dining room and plays a hymn. The help file in and are seated, all become still. Our morning devotional is about to begin. The leader for the day, (a staff member, or a Home member) comes forward to lead us in a brief worship service. All participate. Sometimes all sing a verse of a familiar hymn; sometimes our choir will sing; sometimes our help contribute one of the spirituals made so meaningful in their rich tones.

On Mondays, our Bible classes meet. The leaders are chosen for a term by the membership. Lessons are always thoroughly prepared, and well presented.

On Sundays, some go out to church—our bus takes us to a different church each time; some drive to the church of their choice; some join the little congregation now being housed temporarily in our Chapel; some sit quietly in their rooms following the fine services that come over the radio.

The Spiritual Life Division of our Woman's Society of Christian Service is especially vital. All Days of Prayer, all Quiet Days, and Days Apart are reverently observed. Several Prayer Cells function faithfully throughout the Home. These groups have come about voluntarily. A group that wished to venture in prayer power began to meet weekly in a member's room. Soon requests for other groups began to come to us. So we grew, and are still growing.

A new joy has come to us recently. It brings perfect satisfaction to a long felt, and deep spiritual yearning. Many a heart sings, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'" This surge of happiness occurs when we are invited to Sunday evening Vespers, or to some service in our lovely new George Washington Ivey Chapel. To enter is to surrender to beauty of worship, and to whisper the poet's prayer:

"Lord, I would serve Thee all my days
Through grateful deeds, through prayer
and praise."

SHARING CULTURAL ADVANTAGES By Mrs. J. Marvin Culbreth

A big city is always a center for many compelling advantages and activities, invitingly available to all who are interested. Charlotte is notable for the public spirit of many capable leaders who seek to enrich the city's life. This seems to be especially true when one thinks of music. Among the very satisfying and always enriching experiences which come to us who live in the Methodist Home are the frequent opportunities to share the great music of the ages, as it is interpreted by church choirs as well as by music clubs and orchestras.

Not infrequently opportunities of another kind are ours—to hear notable and distinguished persons in church gatherings or civic clubs, as well as many other ways. Such privileges are not passed by when it is at all possible to take advantage of them. No persons could be more thoughtful or generous than those among us who have their own cars and who are always ready to share them.

"What sort of an Institution is this?" a visiting friend recently asked. "Not an Institution," was the reply, "but a Home, a rather big home to be sure but nevertheless a Home, with multiplied interests, both within and without; not 'shut-ins'; not as yet altogether worn out or dulled with the weight of years."

Indeed, some of the city's churches, looking for competent help in varied areas of activities, have found among our numbers unusually well qualified teachers for Sunday School classes and other phases of church work. These men and women sometimes find themselves in such demand that they have occasionally to say "no" to invitations leading to what would be rather time-consuming work.

Some members of our Home have had years of unusual and fine service in Government work in foreign lands. Some have had extensive opportunities for travel and these share their many rich experiences in various ways.

Within the Home the lines of interest available are multiplied. These make possible active and satisfying life for every day, for every member of the family as each one is able to participate.

Frequently, some one or more of our family group will decide to take a trip "back home," or to the mountains, or the gulf—or maybe to the far west. Often this can mean an absence of weeks, or even months. They always come back home, however, and there are many charming hours as tales are told of what has been seen and learned and experienced.

OUR PHYSICAL NEEDS ARE WELL CARED FOR

By Dr. Thomas C. Amick

While we live in this world, the physical being must be cared for. By taking care of the physical needs of the body we furnish the basis for the intellectual as well as the spiritual nature and life of the being. Philosophy teaches us from Plato down that the mind, the soul, the spirit must have a body in which to dwell. Paul indicates that when we leave this life God gives us another body in which we will dwell. Jesus believed in cleansing and healing the body before he could do the person any spiritual good.

It is the idea of the staff and managers of the Methodist Home that the body must have consideration and so the Home is well built. Every building has been inspected with greatest care. Nothing shoddy has been accepted here. Pillars and groins and arches have been constructed of the best of materials and fashioned with infinite skill and care. The floors of the apartments are kept warm 24 hours each day. The doors and windows are so well insulated that the whispering winds of winter's cold cannot get in, so the resident is comfortable all the time. Hot and cold water are on tap every hour of the day. The housing, furnishings and the like are the best possible and are chosen for the comfort and protection of the members.

Another physical comfort is the care of the sick. The Home keeps a sufficient number of nurses to look after the needs of all. During the "flu" epidemic that came in January and February, when 65 percent or more of the members of the Home were down with "flu" the nurses took care of the situation beautifully, and also, looked after the minor troubles of the others in the Home. Two of the best physicians of the city of Charlotte are employed by the Home to care for the sick, and they render the finest of service.

Let me give an illustration of how quickly the staff of the Home rush to the rescue of a person who has but minor ills. One Sunday a member troubled with one form of sciatica did not feel that he could walk to dinner and did not go. His wife said she would bring him a lunch. His absence was noticed by one of the staff and before the meal was half over he had a fine chicken dinner served him in his room. Soon after dinner was over one of the nurses came in, sat down and inquired all about his aches and pains and went back to the Nurse's station where she phoned to one of the physicians

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A MODERN HOME AMID HISTORIC SCENES OF NATURAL BEAUTY

RICHMOND AREA EVANGELISTIC MISSION REPORT

APRIL 17-26, 1953

Districts	Total Charges	Total Churches	Participating	Lay Visitors	Prospects	Remaining	Attendance Youth Rally	Attendance Preaching Services	Attendance Total	Offering Youth Rally	Offering Local Churches	Offering Total	Persons Interviewed	Professions and Vows	Methodist Transfers	Total Commitments
NORTH CAROLINA																
Durham	56	119	53	675	3024	858	850	48919	49769	85	4928	5013	2821	623	444	1067
Elizabeth City	34	101	36	428	2413	736	850	34096	34946	73	3132	3205	1816	348	247	595
Fayetteville	47	123	50	974	3883	1540	1343	56454	57797	214	4385	4599	3832	550	486	1036
New Bern	47	122	120	834	3973	1726	1000	59550	60505	101	4509	4610	4696	673	627	1300
Raleigh	47	92	46	610	2170	1299	797	56375	57172	94	4080	4174	3362	596	360	956
Rocky Mount	40	110	62	726	4348	1212	750	47320	48070	69	3854	3923	2894	493	358	851
Wilmington	47	123	44	556	2538	1395	866	43654	44520	82	4337	4419	2457	550	288	838
TOTALS—N. C.	318	790	411	4803	22349	8766	6456	346323	352779	718	29225	29943	21878	3833	2810	6643
VIRGINIA																
Charlottesville	29	110	62	518	3152	1122	695	27957	28652	101	2860	2961	2162	446	185	631
Danville	43	99	70	675	3031	1199	1050	36375	37425	154	3703	3857	2814	389	199	588
Eastern Shore	22	51	48	427	2293	408	330	22525	22855	48	2270	2318	2110	364	145	509
Farmville	25	68	65	460	1917	970	380	30165	30545	44	3436	3480	1757	328	249	577
Lynchburg	38	102	39	545	2205	756	750	39342	40092	112	4417	4529	2722	268	292	560
Norfolk	42	55	50	991	4601	1641	719	50015	50734	143	5612	5755	4457	617	742	1359
Petersburg	34	96	96	583	2362	522	900	42835	43735	95	3781	3876	2406	472	354	826
Portsmouth-Newport N.	40	68	46	580	2971	664	1080	34032	35112	90	4696	4786	2944	357	628	985
Rappahannock	24	74	74	373	1653	1123	510	26840	27350	85	2611	2696	1736	439	188	627
Richmond	57	77	57	893	4894	1475	700	58153	58853	95	6705	6800	4506	521	793	1314
Roanoke	38	91	46	639	2972	1390	619	37338	37957	76	3897	3973	3029	381	292	673
Staunton	32	90	36	515	1907	833	830	37029	37859	149	3688	3837	2280	366	274	640
Winchester	35	106	32	455	2289	726	910	26565	27475	230	2945	3175	2283	332	231	563
TOTALS—Virginia	459	1087	721	7654	36247	12829	9473	469171	478644	1422	50621	52043	35206	5280	4572	9852
GRAND TOTAL—Area	777	1877	1132	12457	58596	21595	15929	815494	831423	2140	79846	81986	57084	9113	7382	16495

FIRST PHASE OF EVANGELISM MISSION NETS 35,783 MEMBERS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The first phase of the South-wide evangelistic mission netted 35,783 new members, according to the Methodist Board of Evangelism with headquarters here.

Dr. Harry Williams, campaign director, said the figure represented totals of 20,682 commitments by "profession of faith" and 15,101 transfers.

The Richmond, Va., episcopal area led with 16,495 commitments. The Atlanta area reported 11,221, and the Birmingham area 8,067. The week-long mission was conducted April 19-26 in Atlanta, Georgia, Virginia and eastern North Carolina.

The second phase of the campaign, May 3-10, centers in Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, western North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

More than 5,000 churches are participating in the mission, said to be the largest single evangelistic effort in the history of Methodism.

Bishops of the church have requested ministers and laymen to continue their efforts through May 24 when regional mass rallies will be held in key cities throughout the South.

May 24 is Pentecost Sunday, and this year it also marks a special Methodist observance, "Aldersgate Day," in memory of John Wesley's "heart warming experience" in London in 1738, which led to the founding of Methodism.

FORMER MISSIONARY TO KOREA PASSES IN GREENSBORO

Mrs. Marion Boyd Stokes, Sr., 77, who along with her husband was a missionary in Korea and Cuba for more than forty years, died in Greensboro May 1 following an illness that extended over several months. Funeral services were held May 3 at the Methodist Church in Manning, S. C., with Rev. J. D. Kilgore, pastor, and Rev. T. H. Varn, superintendent of the Marion district, in charge. Burial was in a Manning cemetery.

Mrs. Stokes, the former Florence Pauline Davis, was a native of Clarendon County, South Carolina, and was a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C. Her missionary service along with her husband included eight years in Cuba and 33 years in Korea. Returning to the United States several years ago, they made their home at Crescent Beach, S. C. where they served churches. Dr. Stokes has just returned from Japan where he was on an assignment by the United States Government.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, are four sons, Dr. James C. Stokes, pastor of College Place Church, Greensboro; Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president-elect of Pfeiffer College; Dr. M. B. Stokes, Jr., professor in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University; and Rev. Charles D. Stokes, missionary to Korea now on furlough in this country.

One brother, Bynum Davis of Summerton, S. C., and two sisters, Mrs. Sue Pitts

of Summerton and Mrs. A. W. Thwaites of Grand Rapids, Mich., also survive.

Mrs. Stokes made her home recently with Dr. and Mrs. James C. Stokes.

DID YOU KNOW?

That church schools have increased their giving to World Service and conference benevolences every year over the preceding year since 1940.

That during the past three quadrennia approximately 1,750,000 have come into the church through the church schools.

That during the summer of 1952 more than 1,000 young people made decisions for Christian vocations.

That there are now conference directors of children's work employed full time or part time or volunteer in 89 conferences.

That there is a new spirit among church superintendents throughout the church.

That last year 48 Methodist Youth Caravans served 383 churches.

REV. E. G. COWAN, SR., is back in the parsonage at Goldston following a month's rest and vacation with his son in San Diego, Calif. Mr. Cowan wishes to thank all of his friends for their many kind expressions during the illness and death of Mrs. Cowan. "May God bless each of you," Mr. Cowan writes. During his stay in California he had a heart attack, but is improving satisfactorily now.

Camping Program, Youth Assemblies, and Other Summer Plans Announced



Mrs. Fred J. Stanback

CONFERENCE CAMPING PROGRAM

Our conference camping program is in the nineteenth season. It is our fifth year at Camp Tekoa. Considerable progress has been made since the purchase of our own camp. All property is now in good repair. The new building was started in 1951. Although not finished, it was used throughout 1952. Additional work is under way and the building will be completed this year. We are indebted to a fine group of camp trustees who have directed the project from the beginning. They have given time, thought and money as needed. The three people whose pictures appear on this page have made significant contributions in formulating policies, in developing a philosophy of camping, and in supporting the entire venture. One of the joys of the work has been the excellent response given by ministers, laymen, counselors and campers through the year. It is a conservative estimate to say that 6,000 campers and counselors have participated in this program since its beginning.

REGISTER FOR CAMP NOW

The first session this year will begin on Wednesday, June 3. The camp will be in constant use until sometime in August. Plans are being made to accommodate about 500 persons during the season. Publicity material and registration cards have gone to each minister for every charge in the conference. Our problem is to provide places for all who want to attend. In an effort to have representatives from as many churches as possible, a charge quota is adhered to till two weeks before the opening date of each session. Persons interested should take note of this procedure and clear registration two weeks in advance of going to camp. Otherwise some more interested person may register for the place. We want every charge represented, but we must follow a schedule that will guarantee the utilization of every space. Register now for the date of your choice.

JUNALUSKA YOUTH ASSEMBLIES

Three conference assemblies will be held at Junaluska from June 18 through July 4. The first session will be for older youth. The next two assemblies will be for seniors. It is hoped that every person

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wishing to do so may have an opportunity to go to Junaluska this summer. In order to make this possible an extra senior assembly has been scheduled. Registration cards are now in the hands of the ministers. Now is a good time for youth councils and commissions on education to begin to consider the selection of delegates to these summer assemblies

YOUNG ADULTS AT CAMP TEKOA AND LAKE JUNALUSKA

Eighty young adults may register for Camp Tekoa, July 3-5 and a larger number may attend the jurisdictional meeting at Junaluska, July 16-19. It is hoped that these two activities may be helpful to the young adults who attend and that



Mrs. W. Franklin Brown

they in turn will be instrumental in enriching the young adult fellowship back home.

PFEIFFER LABORATORY SCHOOL

Plans are complete and registrations are being received for our laboratory school, May 26-29. There is no limit to the number of persons who may attend. Advance registration, however, is imperative. The college officials must know how to prepare for the group. Both the N. C. and W.N.C. Conferences are cooperating in this school. All persons who work with children or teen age intermediate boys and girls should enroll. Send registrations to Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury. Additional registration cards will be sent to anyone requesting them from either conference. Mrs. W. R. Reed will direct the school and will be assisted by Miss Marion Craig and Miss Leona Morgan. Other leaders are Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, Westminster, Maryland; Mrs. R. A. Barnes, Norfolk; Miss Kate Crowell, Charlotte; Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Atlanta; and Mrs. John C. Goode, Richmond.

Among the first persons to register are

Mrs. James Bowles, Belmont; Dorice Waters and Clara Watkins, Asheboro; Rev. W. T. Ratchford and Mrs. Ratchford, Ruffin; Mrs. Robert P. Caldwell, Gastonia; Mrs. Mary Cole, Charlotte.

LET THE BIBLE SPEAK

Dr. Mary Alice Jones has written another excellent pamphlet entitled **Let the Bible Speak to the Children**. This is a profound yet simple piece of writing. While it is written as guidance material for parents and church school leaders of children, the booklet will be of interest to the general reader as much as he, too, will receive guidance as he seeks for confirmation of his Christian faith. The booklet is now available from the Methodist Publishing House for twenty cents a copy.

CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

District Conferences have been unusually good this year. Business, worship, fellowship and good humor have been in evidence in each conference attended. Speaking as a person who has attended these occasions regularly over a period of years, the conferences are better planned and are conducted more effectively than they were a decade or so ago. A good conference can be held in one day when properly planned. In three of the conferences attended church school enrollment has increased since October. In two others there was a decrease. It is hoped that evangelistic services along with the coming of spring will be conducive to better enrollment and attendance.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY

In the mail today 24 churches remitted offerings amounting to \$642.93. Response to the program **The Bible—Our Guide** has been excellent. We appreciate comments about this service as well as the contributions. All reports cheerfully received.

LINCOLNTON TRAINING SCHOOL

The Methodist churches of Lincoln County held their regular annual school at First church, Lincolnton, April 26-30. Ministers who had just returned from the Mission in Virginia were in attendance with good groups from each charge. Pastors of the participating charges were Cecil G. Hefner, Jack Harris, J. E. Rink, John Crew, N. L. Oliver, Leonard Rayle, Walter Kelly, W. E. Ruffy, William Crummett, J. B. Fitzgerald, Carl Dennis, Donald Fisher, Sam Gibbs, J. M. Brandon, Jr., W. L. Harkey and T. G. Highfill.



Mrs. Carl H. King

Activities in Durham, Rocky Mount, Raleigh and New Bern Districts

BRAZILIAN WOMEN ZEALOUS

Brazil offers one of the finest examples of racial adjustment of any country in the world, according to Miss Sarah Bennett, missionary to that country.

Miss Bennett, on furlough from her work at the Instituto Methodist, San Paulo, Brazil, was among the principal speakers at the recent annual meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS in Rocky Mount.

"There is much that we can do to help each the Brazilian people," she said, "and there is also much that we can learn from them as Christians. The Brazilian Christian's reverence in their churches is one of the things that Americans might emulate, as well as their practice of carrying their Bibles to all religious services." The speaker named as another outstanding quality of the Brazilian women the zeal with which they work. "We, as Americans, should be able to learn by our own mistakes," she said, "many of which would be frowned upon by Christians in Brazil. There the church problems are much the same as those faced in our country, but their desire to overcome them seems much more apparent than here."

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD

Plans for the annual district meeting in May, and approval of two new members to the Board highlighted the meeting of the Durham District Executive Committee of the WSCS held on April 11 at Harvey's Cafeteria in Durham.

Mrs. Charles Cates of Durham, secretary of missionary education and service, reported on the cooperative class held during the recent Christian Workers' School at Front Street church, Burlington, of which Mrs. John R. Poe, of Burlington, promotion secretary, was the teacher. Mrs. Cates also announced plans for the annual school of missions to be held at Greensboro College August 31-September 4, and the Christian Convocation to be held at Duke University June 2-5. Mrs. E. L. Hillman, of Durham, secretary of missionary personnel, told the group that the committee on personnel is seeking to enlist full time Christian workers and that all mission fields are wide open, with the exception of China. The subdistrict leaders reported many quiet hours and days apart as having been held by the local societies. Mrs. A. H. Borland of Durham gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. G. B. Robbins of Graham, district president, presided. Mrs. C. M. Allen, of Bahama, gave the invocation.

Conference officers present included Mrs. H. I. Glass, president; Mrs. J. A. Warren, Chapel Hill, secretary Christian social relations and local church activities; and Mrs. C. M. Allen, Bahama, student work.

NORTH ALAMANCE SUBDISTRICT

A demonstration of a model program planning committee meeting by members of the WSCS of the Mebane Methodist Church, a skit on evangelism by members of the Trinity WSCS, and reports of local societies were among the chief features of the meeting of the North Alamance subdistrict WSCS held at Fountain Place church, Burlington, on April 12.

Speakers included Mrs. John R. Poe, district secretary of promotion; Mrs. Norman Wood, district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds; and Rev.

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William Starnes, pastor of the host church. Wade Fogleman sang "Are Ye Able?" The attendance award of one year subscription to The Methodist Woman was won by the Trinity WSCS. Mrs. A. V. Amick, subdistrict leader, presided.

HALIFAX SUBDISTRICT MEETS

Rev. M. R. Gardner, pastor of the Roanoke circuit, was the inspirational speaker at the meeting of the Halifax subdistrict, held at Ebenezer church on April 14.

Participating in a panel discussion on a meeting of the program planning committee were Mrs. C. G. Mathews, Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Mrs. William Wells, Mrs. S. A. Dunn, Mrs. Ira Gunn, Mrs. R. K. Atkins and Mrs. Pierce Johnson. District officers reporting included Mrs. Pierce Johnson, president; Mrs. John Brown, treasurer; Mrs. Ralph Willey, supplies; and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler, missionary personnel. Mrs. C. W. Barbee led the opening devotional.

Elected to serve as subdistrict officers for a two-year term were Mrs. Jesse Boseman, leader; Mrs. R. E. Vick, assistant leader; and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, secretary. Mrs. E. S. Edwards was the soloist. A baby life membership was presented to Stephen Michael Willey, and an adult life membership to Mrs. Dora Hawkins. Mrs. Jesse Boseman presided.

NORTHAMPTON SUBDISTRICT

Rich Square Methodist Church was the scene of the meeting of Northampton subdistrict on April 16.

Following the business session Rev. J. C. Chaffin, pastor of the host church, delivered an inspirational message.

District officers attending included Mrs. Pierce Johnson, president; Mrs. C. G. Mathews, vice president; Mrs. J. Kerr Harris, promotion secretary; Mrs. William Wells, literature and publications; Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Christian social relations and local church activities; and Mrs. R. K. Adkins, status of women. Mrs. W. A. Vincent, subdistrict leader, presided.

NEW BERN DISTRICT TO MEET

The annual meeting of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Queen Street church, Kinston, May 13, at 10 a.m. Mrs. H. I. Glass, Conference president, and Mrs. N. P. Edens, Conference secretary of missionary education and service, will be the featured speakers. Installation of the new district officers, and a memorial service will be among the other features of the program. The District president, Mrs. J. B. Chase, will preside.

WESLEY CHAPEL ORGANIZED

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Wesley Chapel church on the Franklinton charge has recently been organized, according to announcement by Mrs. P. C. Perdue, secretary of promotion of the Raleigh District WSCS.

The new society will be active under

the modified plan, which is effective for very small churches where, because of the few women members, it is not possible to fill every office.

Officers elected to serve the Wesley Chapel society were Mrs. Sidney Davis, Franklinton, president; Mrs. C. C. Holmes, vice-president and secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. B. L. Bragg, Jr., secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. B. L. Bragg, Sr., secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities. The address of each of the latter four officers is Rt. 1, Franklinton. Rev. S. T. Davis is pastor of the Franklinton charge.

PRAYER GROUPS EFFECTIVE

Increasingly Christians are realizing the need for and the value of prayer groups. Two such groups have come to our attention during recent weeks.

The WSCS of Trinity church, Raleigh, is sponsoring a prayer room at the church where each Sunday morning during the interim between Sunday school and the eleven o'clock worship service many go for prayer and meditation. No announcement is made concerning the prayer room, therefore, those who use it do so spontaneously and because of its spiritual significance. Notable among its attendants are a number of children.

A prayer group sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, is meeting each Sunday evening in the Betsy Peele Bible class room for 30 minutes prior to the evening worship service in the Sanctuary.

OLD CUSTOMS AND NEW

A new missionary knelt over a desperately sick baby, testing the rapidly rising temperature, feeling the racing pulse. The little head turned from side to side apparently in agony. Around the neck was a tight strand of tough grass which irritated and chafed the tender skin and seemed to be choking the child. Too new to realize the significance of the act, the new missionary broke the grass away from the neck and threw it on the floor. A cry went up from the mother and relatives standing round. "You've killed our baby. You've killed our baby," was the wail, as members of the family ran down the street to the village, returning almost immediately with a veritable mob. This was the time for the young missionary to display a brave heart, and to work and pray and rely on God and all the wisdom she had gathered in her training for the field. The baby's life was spared. The next year when another baby was coming to the family, the mother attended the prenatal clinic regularly, and the baby was delivered at the hospital by the nurse. Nor was there ever a suggestion of a charm to ward away evil spirits, for the home into which the second baby was born had become a Christian home. (Mrs. Emory Ross in The Christian Home in Africa.)

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BOYHOOD RECOLLECTIONS

When this scribe was a boy living in the home of a Methodist circuit rider he repeatedly accompanied his father as he served as minister to the eight congregations on the old Randolph circuit. The boy's particular responsibility was to hitch and unhitch up old Sam to the buggy while the minister father was either getting ready to go somewhere or was in the midst of telling someone good-bye. During those days there was no child caring institution for Methodist orphan boys and girls. As we lived at old Trinity we were of course hearing about the wonderful work the Baptists were doing over at nearby Thomasville in giving service to boys and girls who came under the Baptist protection. My father stated from time to time that sometime somewhere there would be a good place provided for the caring for youngsters whose homes had been broken up and who had a right to claim security and direction from our Methodist people. This was some fifteen years before our Children's Home here in Winston-Salem was to begin its operations.

TAKING COLLECTIONS

It so happened that my father was successful in encouraging the superintendent of Oxford Orphanage to accept a lad he was very much interested in and who very much needed a home. Since the superintendent of Oxford Orphanage was a Methodist minister and the Western North Carolina Conference had not provided a home for Methodist orphans, Oxford Orphanage became a haven of refuge for a limited number of youngsters from our area. Recollection is right vivid in recalling that from time to time my father would encourage the people in his eight congregations to take up a collection to be sent to Oxford Orphanage. While these collections were very small, they did serve to keep alive in the hearts and minds of some Methodist people a desire that some day there would be ample accommodations for youngsters who had a right to look to the Methodist people for a chance to live and do well in their living.

AS OF NOW

Since the beginning of the services rendered by The Children's Home nearly 44 years ago, there has been established here in Winston-Salem a home for parentless children that is well equipped for doing a good job in providing for the needs of children and for directing them into fine channels of usefulness. At the present time there are located on the sloping hillsides of a campus of some forty acres 25 substantial brick buildings constructed for the benefit of the boys and girls who come to live in them. Twenty of these 25 buildings have been given to our Methodist people. They bear the name of the donors. In addition to the brick buildings of substantial worth, there are many other buildings of frame construction which serve the needs of our family mighty well.

THE SWIMMING POOL

Plans have been carefully drawn and are now being studied for the construction of a good swimming pool to be located near our Memorial Gymnasium. This swimming pool will serve a long felt need and will provide a lot of joy to our youngsters. The old swimming

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pool, built long years ago, is of very rough construction and of small accommodations. We may have to use the old pool for most of the incoming summer but the new one is taking shape in the matter of plans and will in the reasonably near future take shape in the fulfillment of the purpose for which it is to be constructed. To those friends who have sent contributions to us for the construction of this swimming pool we extend cordial thanks. These contributions have come from friends who wanted to help and who shared with us without our having asked them to do so.

BALL PLAYING

This scribe got away from the office one afternoon recently and went walking about over the campus. He noticed six teams of ball playing, three of them being enjoyed by the girls and three by the boys. Of the games being played three were with visiting teams. The varsity boys were playing Statesville high school boys down on what we call Hillside Park. The varsity girls were playing the Gray high school girls at a given point on Alspaugh Field. The Hanes high school reserves were playing our reserve team at the ball ground in front of the school building. Other games were being played by smaller boys and girls as they deployed around on the open spaces on Hillside Park and Alspaugh Field. We note that the youngsters who enjoy practicing hard and then playing well at the game of ball are among our best citi-

zens. Those few youngsters who have no desire to get into competitive sports find some comfort in pitching horse shoes and playing marbles. Our youngsters love to play something and play it well.

THE JOY BELL

We don't want to forget that the joy bell still rings when a congregation or group of congregations have forwarded all The Children's Home's askings to us for the present conference year. We can readily know when a charge has paid all of its askings, since we have the figures before us with the charge unit as a basis of understanding. We do not know when a local church on a circuit has paid all of its askings unless the information is forwarded to us. At any rate we still have friends who are seeing to it that we have some wherewithal to get along with. The following congregations, with their pastor listed, have forwarded all or more than their total askings for the conference year:

Westview, Hickory, M. W. Heckard
Vale circuit (four congregations), Donald Fisher

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Cedar Hill, Ansonville circuit, Kenneth A. Horn

Boonville, Yadkinville circuit, C. D. Brown

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Three of our boys, John Walters, Arliss Brigman and William Pegram, and three of our girls, Amelia Walters, Mary Johnson and Frankie Wilson, recently attended the Young People's Conference at Barium Springs where delegations of similar number came from Mills Home in Thomasville, Kennedy Home near Kinston, Junior Order Home near Lexington. They with the Barium and Children's Home delegations gathered to discuss matters having to do with youngsters who live in the collective fashion in the afore named child caring institutions. While these youngsters do not settle all the questions they discuss, they do have a lot of fun and some profit in coming together once each year in comradeship and good associations as they consider ways and means of helping the Homes in which they live to be full of happy service in the rearing of their big families. In the recent conference John Walters, of the Children's Home, was president and his sister secretary of the meeting. The next conference will be held in late March at the Junior Order Home with J. D. Goins being president and director in building another good program.

LOVES THE LITTLE ONES

The picture herewith presented is that of Anita Janes, thirteen years old and in the seventh grade. Anita is very happy in her assignment for some direction of the nursery children at the Reynolds Building, better known to us as the baby cottage. While Miss Whitson has the kindergarteners, Anita has the nine little nursery youngsters for a couple of hours each day. These little youngsters like to walk about with her over the lower part of the campus. Anita is a member of the largest family we have here, seven youngsters. All of them are healthy and happy most of the time. Anita is sponsored by the Philathea Class at Mount Zion, Cornelius, Mrs. G. H. Kelly being the correspondent.

Do We Use Opportunity?

Acts 28: 14b-24, 30, 31

When the ship in which Paul was being taken as a prisoner arrived at Puteoli he found brethren there who invited him to be their guest. His guard allowed him to lodge with them seven days.

These brethren did not realize that they were entertaining one of the greatest men of the centuries; but they did realize that he was a loyal brother suffering for Christ's sake. So they seized their opportunity to show him kindness, and never in all their lives did they forget the wonderful inspiration they received from having Paul with them for a whole week.

When the brethren at Rome heard that Paul was coming two groups came out to meet him. One group joined him at the Forum of Appius, and the other at the Three Taverns. How wonderfully it cheered the downcast apostle to see these brethren who had come such a distance to express their affection for him and do him honor! Heaven grant us all ability to foresee and to seize our opportunities to honor brave men who in any wise are suffering for loyalty to our Lord!

As the Jews had been the cause of Paul's imprisonment, it would seem to be wisdom to give them a wide berth. But only three days after his arrival, Paul called together the Jewish leaders and explained why he had been brought to Rome. The extraordinary vitality of Paul aroused the interest and curiosity of these Jews. So they appointed him a day and came to his lodgings in great numbers; and beginning with Moses and the prophets he reasoned with them, and held their interest from morning till evening, showing how well founded was his faith that Jesus was the longed-for hope of Israel.

Paul was able to utilize this great opportunity to set forth Christ before the Jewish leaders in the capital of the Roman empire because he had persistently studied the Scriptures, and discovered how wonderfully Moses and the prophets prepared the way for Christ.

Many of our greatest opportunities cannot be utilized unless we have taken advantage of our previous opportunities or careful study and deep meditation on the Word of God. Some of the Jews were convinced by what Paul said; others did not believe. Before they left, Paul said to those who rejected his message, "The prophet foresaw the failure of many of the Jews to receive the truth; but the good news that you reject will be given to the Gentiles, and they will listen."

Paul was allowed to dwell in his own hired house with the soldiers who guarded him; and these soldiers were so thrilled with his message that they told when they went back to their garrison, and the whole Praetorian guard heard the gospel. Paul welcomed all who came to him, and with great courage proclaimed to them the gospel for two years, and no one hindered him.

What an important lesson Paul has to teach us all! Many who are not behind prison bars are nevertheless in prison. It may be the prison of physical infirmity, the prison of deep poverty, or of social ostracism on account of race or color; but we are rejoicing in hope of the glory of God, and are full of love for our fellow men the barriers often prove bridges. Paul was inspired to write Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians in prison. In a concentration camp on the isle of Patmos

John was given grace to turn it into an astronomical observatory with a spiritual telescope that enabled him to see the glories of heaven and the exalted majesty of the enthroned Christ, and to write the Book of Revelation for the comfort of coming generations.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

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It does matter what we believe, because what we believe determines what we think is right. We need strong convictions, and unless we value our own religious beliefs we shall not have proper respect for the beliefs of others.

When we think that on the Korean battlefield today our Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant chaplains are co-operating to give their ministry to men across sectarian boundaries, shall not we at home rise above our sectarian spirit and match the comradeship of the ministers at the front?

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Letter To A Minister-Son

Dear Son,

I wish you could have listened to a conversation I heard this morning. Your father and I are visiting in the home of his brother, John. We were at breakfast and then we lingered at the table and chatted awhile. Yesterday John's and Sarah's pastor had lunch here. He is much in favor with them. So it is not strange that they should enjoy telling of his life and his work sufficiently to devote the whole breakfast talk to this topic.

I know that as a wise and consecrated young minister of the gospel you are not content with the knowledge you acquired within university walls. You are still learning in the school of life. I am sure you read such articles in our church literature as deals with what a layman expects of his pastor. Also what other ministers find out as to how to win souls to Christ, and in general to lead their flocks into green pastures. I know it is your purpose to have enough of the common touch with humanity to draw even the lowliest to you. Of course, you want to be thought of as a friend and brother, not as a dressed up stranger, too clean to have your white hand held in the firm grasp of one that is knotty and grimy from toil. I believe you strive to experience a deep Christlike passion for souls. I trust you are succeeding in this. It is this faith I have in you which leads me to believe you would have enjoyed listening to your uncle and aunt describe some of the worthy characteristics of their pastor. You recall that they are ex-farmers of the small-land-owning class. They know the long hours, the dust and sweat and toil which are the lot of so many American families. And like multitudes of other American citizens, they do not read much literature. They read people's lives. So the way they appraise a preacher may well be taken as a representative view from among the laboring class.

A Minister Who Ministers

Their pastor is not a young man. Although he belongs to the itinerant system of The Methodist Church, he has served in a single pastorate far beyond the four year limit.

"He can't deliver a flowery sermon," said your aunt, "but if you just keep right along with what he says you're sure to get something that does you good."

You know John and Sarah and their daughters did not bring their church membership with them when they left the farm. That was a good many years ago. The remarkable thing about it, however, is that though they may have made a mistake at this point, their pastor did not make one. He found them and ever since, to a degree almost incredible, they have been recipients of his personal ministrations.

"He's visited us in many times of trouble," they were pleased to relate. "And through the illness and death of our son-in-law he proved himself a sympathetic and helpful friend. May and Will belonged to another denomination, too."

Here Sarah took time to tell of some Christian service this minister rendered to a destitute Negro family. That was before Will died. He and May, touched by the preacher's report of such suffering, volunteered to help with his relief work. In this case the father, a paralytic, was helpless. The wife was too ignorant to do satisfactory work for others. Conse-

quently, she couldn't find employment. There were several small children, all without shoes or stockings, though it was Christmas and snow on the ground. In the walls were cracks one could throw a cat through.

The poor woman seemed too ignorant even to appreciate the supplies these good Samaritans brought. Not so the little Negroes. I just wish you could have seen your aunt imitating the way May said the youngest one would look up at her and grin while he was eating the warm cereal she prepared. And the delight over the shoes they bought for the children. Other visits were made to the home. Finally, through the good preacher's influence the afflicted father was placed in an institution and the mother and children in a better situation.

"And you know," Sarah went on, "that in snowy weather the road in to where Mr. and Mrs. Davis used to live gets so bad no vehicle can go over it. When it was like that during their last illness our pastor cut wood and carried it in his arms to their house."

According to John and Sarah it's the rule rather than the exception for him to gather up clothing for the needy, or to be rendering some other kind of personal service where it is needed. And he is always friendly.

Recently, one of this man's parishioners was mentioning to me the fact that a number of ministers patronize the bowling alley near her home. "But our pastor says," she told me, "it may be all right for them to do that. But when I want a little exercise I prefer to go help somebody with his work—somebody who needs help."

No, this elderly circuit rider may have been able at no time to command more than a low scale salary. He would not be rated a great preacher by the usual standards. But add his close touch with people in the common walks of life to your ability to preach (you are already gaining the reputation of being an able preacher)—add this, I say, to your ability in the pulpit and the spiritual heights you are constantly reaching after, and you will come to your retirement from the active ministry with a halo about your head. You will be enjoying the love and gratitude of those you will have served all along the way. Then there will be awaiting you a little further on the Master's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Thank God for my minister-son!

With love, as ever,

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of the Home. Soon a second nurse came in with the medicine the doctor prescribed. This incident shows how alert the Home is to the needs of her members and of the kindness of those in charge.

Again the body is built of the food we eat. The Methodist Home has a graduate dietitian and a thoroughly trained assistant. They, with the other kitchen and dining hall workers, select and prepare nourishing food that give those who eat the best of health and strength, and this food is so prepared that even the daintiest persons are happy to partake of and enjoy it. This food prepared in a modern and thoroughly up to date kitchen, with the latest equipment and under thoroughly sanitary conditions, contributes to the well being of each member of the Home.

There are certain other factors which contribute to health and body and pleasure in life. These come to the person through the ear, the eye, through soul and spirit. No man or woman ever becomes so depraved and weak in moral fibre but that beauty calms his nerves, sweet songs send thrills of hope through every fibre of his body, beautiful flowers put the person at ease and his wrought-up tensions are calmed and the person becomes physically sane again. So the Methodist Home has beautiful surroundings; the buildings are architecturally designed to make them as beautiful as possible. The Home has its flower gardens, extensive lawns, invitations of the birds to make their homes in the trees and flowers about it and sing their morning and evening matins to those within. Then the members of the Home are encouraged to have their own flower gardens so they can feast on the beauty they themselves have grown. This work also keeps the minds off of self and that is a large contribution to physical health.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, a sage once put it. To carry out this idea the Home has the linen on each bed changed and each room thoroughly cleaned at least one time each week. The porches are swept and cleaned weekly, and the lawns are clipped as often as is needed. Once a week, all trash is hauled away and everything else that tends to cleanliness is done by the management of the Home.

So, when we consider what the Methodist Home is, and what she does for the happiness and blessing of her residents, we do not wonder that it is ranked

and rated first in the more than one hundred Homes in the United States. And for all this we who are here are grateful to God and thankful to the noble servants of God whose money built this Home to give us a home during our sunset years.

PHOTOS

All photos illustrating the Methodist Home in this issue were made by Rev. Fletcher Howard of Kannapolis.

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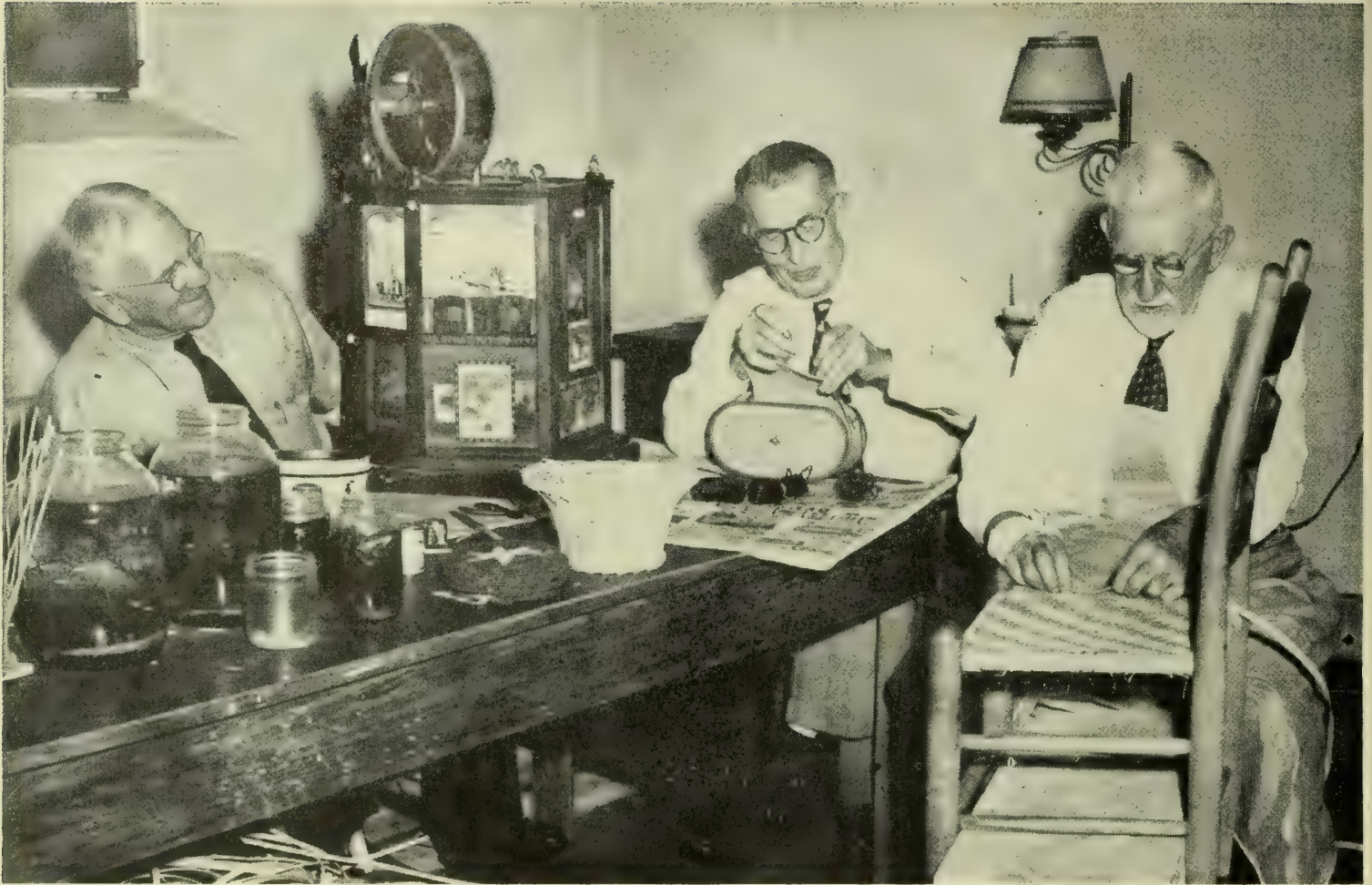
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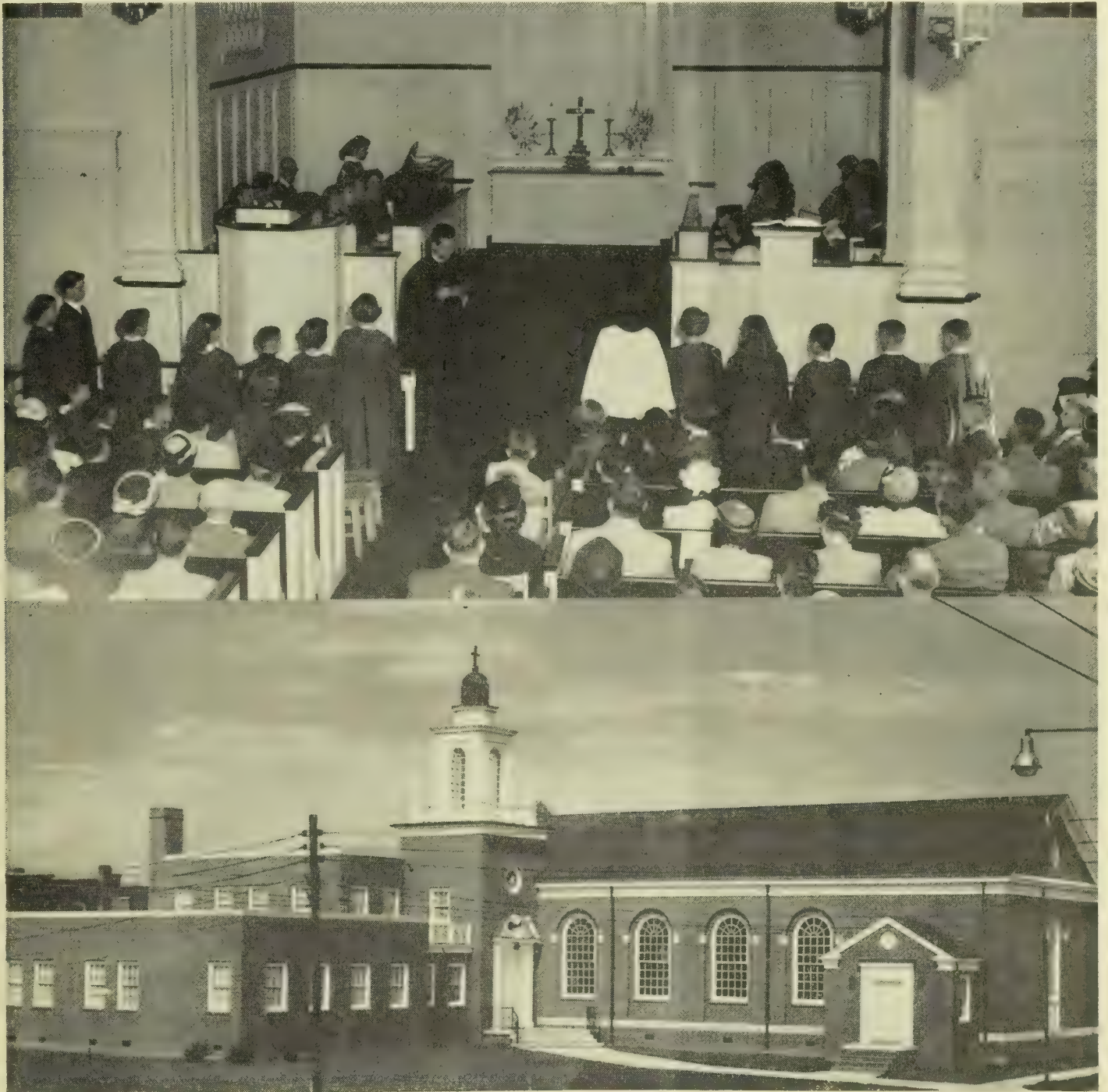
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Interior and exterior views of First church, Liberty, which was formally opened recently. The scene at the top was during the formal opening. (Story on page 7).

A Thought for the Week

THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Act 4: 13.

Peter and John had just healed a crippled beggar on the steps of the temple. This act of mercy had brought mixed reaction. It had won the hearty approval and praise of the people. Great crowds had gathered around the two disciples to hear their message. Many, impressed by the miracle and by the testimony of the two men, had believed.

But the reaction of the religious leaders had been altogether different. They had arrested Peter and John. Now the two disciples were on trial. "By what power, or by what name have ye done this?" one of the accusers asked. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, testified that they had healed the crippled beggar in the name of Christ. He added that there is salvation in none other.

The testimony of the disciples had its effect on the members of the Sanhedrin. The Scriptures tell us that they were impressed. They took knowledge of Peter and John, that they had been with Jesus.

How could they tell that the disciples had been with Jesus?

First, by what they said. The two men testified boldly, unashamedly for Christ. They stood up for Christ even when it was dangerous to do so.

Can people tell that you have been with Christ by what you say? Do you speak of Jesus often? Is your conversation clean, wholesome, free from profanity and dirty jokes and unkind words? The person who has been with Jesus betrays it. His speech testifies of his devotion to Jesus.

Again, the religious leaders could tell that Peter and John has been with Jesus by what they did. First, they remained Christian in the test. Being arrested unjustly, they held their peace. Being hated, they did not give way to wrath. In an atmosphere of hostility, they remained loving and calm. Secondly, they healed a man in the name of Christ. Only a man in the most intimate relationship with the great Physician could bring a man back to health. Thirdly, they won many to Christ. The religious leaders knew that the disciples had been in complete accord with their Leader because when they preached the people saw not two unlettered, unimpressive fishermen, but they saw Jesus.

The man who is in intimate fellowship with Jesus reveals Christ so clearly and so winsomely that others seek Christ, too.

Do your loved ones and friends and all with whom you come in contact know by your conversation and by your deeds that you have been with Jesus?

O Christ, we long to be like thee, to reveal thee to others. May our words and our deeds testify of our love for thee. May our lives speak for thee, and speaking for thee, win many to thy way. Amen.

It is only great souls that know how much glory there is in being good.—Sophocles.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

DOING AND UNDOING

It is folly to torture our minds with regrets over what cannot be changed. We must master the art of leaving if we are to master the art of living.

One of the very important questions of successful living is when to go forward and forget and when to go back and remember.

Some parts of our past should be left for dead. We should learn how to close the gate on what should be forgotten, so that yesterday's pack of yelping worries do not keep hounding us to destroy today's peace of mind.

Most of us have a tendency to keep some things which should be left behind. When we move from one residence to another, we discover how many articles we have kept stored up which we shall probably never use but which we hate to throw away.

We preserve many customs which no longer serve any useful purpose. Dorothy Canfield Fisher called attention to the buttons sewed on the outside seam of men's coat sleeves right back of the wrist. What are those buttons for? A century and more ago gentlemen wore white ruffles at their wrists, and they were buttoned snugly back to keep them from being soiled. The buttons are still put on coats long after their purpose has disappeared.

We need the courage to change what should be changed, the patience to endure what cannot be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference.

And wisdom should tell us that there is a difference between forgetting the evils done to us and the sins we ourselves commit. Suppose a reckless driver ran into my car last month. The damage is done. The incident is over. I should forget it. It does no good to keep thinking about it.

But if I were the reckless driver who caused the damage, then that recklessness is in my own nature. It remains with me unless I get rid of it. If I don't care enough about my carelessness to correct it, I add to the sinfulness of it. Hence I must not try to bury my own wrongdoing in forgetfulness. If I do, I am likely to go on repeating the evil deeds.

We cannot toss our sins aside and forget them, because in doing so we keep on sinning. The bad memories we thought were buried keep on working below our conscious mind.

Moral failure cannot be healed easily. When a person has disobeyed his conscience, betrayed his ideals, tarnished his character, trespassed on others—these things do not lose their bad look when brought to light. They look worse instead of better. And the hope of cure lies in making them look so bad that the sinner turns from them in abhorrence and disgust.

It does not do any good just to remember sins which we cannot undo. To sit and brood over them, to keep asking, "Why did I do it?", to keep saying, "What a fool I've been!", to keep looking at the wreckage we have wrought by our misdeeds—all that is futile and gnawing remorse. It tortures the mind without cleansing the conscience. Like a rocking

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We give thanks to Thee, O God, for what our evangelistic missions have meant to multitudes of people. We know that God has been in this movement across our land. Thou hast made the hearts of untold numbers of professing Christians strangely warm, who have heard the old, old story in such a way that it became new, and who saw deeper into the meaning of Thy Word and of life. Thou hast gathered into Thy church many precious souls who had never before given their hearts unto Thee. Thou hast used us to reach them; through us Thy message has been declared. Thus Thou hast greatly honored us, and blessed us. The great victory has been won. To Thee belongs all the praise. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

chair, remorse keeps us moving but doesn't get us anywhere.

Some years ago, during a World Series game, a decisive contest, a well-known catcher failed to stop a ball. It bounded by him and the winning run scored. His teammates lost perhaps \$1,000 each. This fine fellow brooded over the incident. It nearly ruined his career. The club manager talked with him.

"Forget it," he said.
"I can't forget it," replied the catcher. But he did forget it and went on the next year to greater glory. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

The great use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.—William James.

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Tithing Is a Spiritual Movement Indeed

Tithing is a spiritual movement. At least, this is the way Dr. Eugene Slater, pastor of Polk Street Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, feels about it. And the Methodist cleric has facts to back up his statement. His 4,500-member congregation began a tithing program at the suggestion of Board Chairman Carl Miller. Of the 2,380 members pledging to the budget, 508 agreed to tithe. The congregation is completing a \$450,000 building program, allocating \$50,000 for others and has plans that will train missionaries and support them out in the field.

But this is not all. The church has received over 500 members this year, has the largest Sunday School attendance on record, has 300 attending the evening services with the assurance from the laymen that this number will be doubled.

Yes, tithing is a spiritual program. It is a rich spiritual experience. The person who tithes his income not only helps God's causes tremendously. He receives a spiritual blessing himself and he becomes a spiritual blessing to all with whom he comes in contact.

The stewardship emphasis which is scheduled in Methodism during the next year is timely indeed. One more revival America needs, as some one has stated—the dedication of our money power to God.

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Give Attention Now to the Causes We By-Passed

Virtually all pastors and many thousands of laymen in North Carolina Methodism during the past several weeks have devoted their energies toward the United Evangelistic Mission. This, of course, was proper. All of us are keenly aware that this emphasis on evangelism needed to be made. And representatives of other causes have been willing to stand aside in order that the total resources of the church could be mobilized in this gigantic simultaneous evangelistic effort.

But it is obvious that during this period some causes, good and worthy, should suffer, for no church could go all-out in the evangelism program and at the same time carry on its full round of activities. The *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, along with many other agencies of the church, is feeling the pinch from our one-sided emphasis. For example, during April our income from subscriptions took a decided dip,

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.—William Morrow.

resulting in a substantial loss in the month's operations. We do not blame anybody. It was inevitable.

All of us realize, of course, that we do not make real progress when we build one cause at the expense of another cause. Our pastors and laymen, therefore, will no doubt use the next few weeks to pick up some of the interests of the church they were forced to neglect in order to get the best results from the evangelistic program. We are naturally anxious that the 3,000 subscribers who did not renew during April will do so during May, and that many more can be added to the list. We are anxious also that other causes which have been by-passed will get the attention that they so eminently deserve. St. Paul expressed it well in I Corinthians 12: 25, 26, when he said: "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it."

North Carolina Methodism has many interests. It goes forward only as it advances on all fronts.

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Building Men Comes Ahead of Building Roads

An editorial in the April issue of *The Inner World*, a periodical published monthly by the prisoners in Central Prison, Raleigh, pleads for the passage of a bill in the North Carolina General Assembly which would separate the Prisons Division from the Highway Department. The purpose of the bill, as we understand it, is to emphasize the rehabilitation of prisoners ahead of road building. The bill, we are informed, has been defeated. But the justness and wisdom of such a progressive move have not been defeated.

For a number of years now the highways of North Carolina have been largely built and maintained by prison labor. During the past 22 years 287,000 road camp prisoners and 30,000 prison inmates serving sentences ranging from 30 days to life terms—with the exception of several hundred assigned to Central Prison and the farms—have been engaged in the highway program. For his labors the prisoner receives food, clothing and medical service during im-

prisonment, according to *The Inner World*, and a ten-dollar suit and a dollar-and-a-half pair of shoes when he is released. "His sole reward for days, months or years of hard labor," the editorial points out, "is release from prison into a society that refuses to recognize that his debt has been paid and in the majority of cases will not, because he is an ex-convict, allow him legitimate employment. In most instances the releasee is forced into crime again in order to exist. Is it any wonder that 70 percent of us are repeaters?"

Although North Carolina's prison system is fairer and better than many state systems, if we are informed correctly, the time has come to make a Christian approach rather than a political and economic approach to this problem. For one thing, the prison system should be no plum for politicians to pass around among themselves. Nor should it be thought of in terms of an economic asset by which we allow prisoners to save us from paying increased taxes. The primary consideration should be the rehabilitation of the prisoner. Preparing convicted men to earn an honest livelihood when they are released, helping them to become well integrated, honorable citizens both in and out of prison, should be the purpose of imprisonment.

Director of Prisons Walter F. Anderson, a consecrated Christian layman, and Blaine Madison, another Christian layman who is working at the educational rehabilitation of prisoners, are making this approach. They need the help of church people in getting the kind of public support that will make it possible to redeem and save thousands of our citizens who have taken the wrong road. Moreover, they need our support in seeing that men and women released from prison who want another chance to become honorable citizens get that opportunity.

We are dealing with men and women for whom Christ died. God forbid that we should become so pharasaic or so callous or indifferent that we shall neglect any means that may enable even one person to attain the stature which God intended for all men. In building, men are more important than roads. Rehabilitation, of course, is costly, but the cost is small in comparison with the present system that seems to be failing to do anything permanently constructive for 70 percent of those for whom it is responsible.

Legislators may kill a bill, but they have not solved a very serious problem with which we must come to grips.

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

By C. W. Goldston

A church moving from Easter into Pentecost can be stopped by nothing—no nothing!

We stand near the mid-way point between Easter and Pentecost. Is the position on our calendar also the position in our Christian faith and experience?

Some while ago I re-read one of Stanley Jones' early books, "The Christ of Every Road." The church, he writes in the second chapter, "is living between Easter and Pentecost. Easter stands for life wrought out, offered; Pentecost stands for life appropriated, living to its full, unafraid and clearly and powerfully witnessing to an adequate way of human living.

"The church stands hesitant between the two . . . Easter has dawned; Pentecost has not." Then, Dr. Jones adds this challenging word: "If the church would move up from between-state to Pentecost, nothing could stop it—nothing!" (pages 25-26).

What would it mean for us as Christians to move up from Easter to Pentecost? Let me offer only a few hints.

A Cleansing from Sin

First, it would mean moving from a **conflict with sin to a cleansing from sin**. In one sense the conflict with sin never ends; in another sense it does end—ends with a cleansing from it through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. John says: "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin." The modern man doubts, denies, says it is too good to be true, says there is no cleansing from sin that is thorough, complete, perfect; but the Word of God dares to promise it. Paul says that "there is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," and that "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Was it not a thorough, an inward and outward, cleansing from sin which took place in the lives of the disciples on the day of Pentecost? The "cloven tongues like as of fire" suggest that experience. In the Bible fire is a symbol of cleansing, of purification. How sinful the Twelve had been when Jesus was with them in the flesh! They had jockeyed for position and place, disputing with one another as to who was the greatest. They had stood on their rights, leaving to Jesus the lowly task of washing their feet. They had acted with temper and worldly wisdom, asking Jesus to save himself from the Cross and then, again, to call fire down on Samaria because it closed its gates to the Master. Peter had even denied that he knew his Lord. All had fled and left him to tread the winepress alone. When they met in that upper chamber in Jerusalem, they must have been praying, as did David, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew within me a right spirit." And then came their experience of the Pentecostal flame. It burned out the dross within them, consumed their sins, and purified them with the purity of God. Heretofore they had known what it was to be in conflict with sin; now they knew the joy and power of being cleansed from sin. **At that point no past sin remained unforgiven.** Their hearts were made pure and holy and blameless. Not through

their goodness but through the gift of the Holy Spirit received by faith.

When Jesus took a towel, girded himself, and began to wash the disciples' feet, he said to Simon: "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet but is every whit clean: and ye are clean, but not all." The "not all" refers, no doubt, to Judas, who was to betray him. But does it not also refer to us Christians whose cleansing from sin has been only a partial, an incomplete cleansing? We are clean but not entirely so. There are areas and corners in our lives where the Holy Spirit has not yet penetrated to do his purifying work. There are "closets" and "chambers" and "attics" and "basements" in our soul-mansions which have not experienced the forgiving, cleansing fires of the Spirit. To speak psychologically, the sub-conscious mind as well as the conscious mind needs the Holy Spirit. Is that not a part of what happens when Pentecost becomes a personal experience? The whole self is made right with God and indwelt of his Presence. And when that happens, "We become," as Stanley Jones says, "inwardly unanimous for God"; and, as Brother Lawrence says, "we go forward spiritually even in our sleep."

An Abiding Experience of His Presence

Secondly, to move from Easter to Pentecost means moving from a **vanishing experience of Christ to an abiding experience of His presence**. When the two disciples on the road to Emmaus constrained the Stranger that walked with them to abide with them in their home, as he sat at meat with them, and blessed the bread and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they knew him." And then immediately Luke adds: "He vanished out of their sight." Such was the nature of their experience of Christ during the resurrection period. Jesus would make his appearance, and then just as quickly he would be gone. It was almost as if he were playing a game of "hide and seek" with them.

But then came Pentecost. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus entered so deeply into their lives that there was a constant consciousness of his Presence and Power. He ceased to be the vanishing Presence and became the abiding Presence.

Is there anything we need more than the abiding Christ? "A little while ye shall see me no more," said Jesus. And again He said: "A little while ye shall see me." Is that not an apt description of our Christian experience? In the words of the Negro spiritual, "Sometimes I'se up and sometimes I'se down." We need a more stable and constant realization of his indwelling. This is the promise of Pentecost. "If any man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." The thought is that God the Father through the Son will establish his permanent residence within our hearts by means of his Holy Spirit. That does not rule out high, mountain-top experiences, but it means that the Spirit has come within to abide forever. Jesus in the flesh and even in his resurrected body could only come and go, appear and disappear, but in the Spirit he

offers to become the abiding Saviour who never leaves us nor forsakes us.

A Witnessing Church

Thirdly, to move from Easter to Pentecost would mean moving from a **worshipping church to a witnessing church**. Luke ends his Gospel story with these words: "And they (the disciples) worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen." Easter had done that much. It gathered the scattered sheep for prayer and praise. But Pentecost went beyond that. It took them from behind church doors and sent them out to make contact with the unevangelized multitudes. It changed Christianity from a monument into a movement. Had there been no Pentecost, Christianity would have remained a sect within Judaism rather than becoming the universal church with a universal mission. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." "These are they which are come hither turning the world upside down."

One Sunday years ago I was sick and could not attend the church of which I was the pastor. However, the parsonage was located very near to the church, and I could hear the whole service of worship. The people sang, prayed, read the Scripture; the preacher preached; and then the Benediction was said, and everybody went home. When it was over, the thought struck me with great force: "Now what? Is this all there is to it?" Well, too often, that is the end of it. The church worships and then waits—waits again until next Sunday. The need is for that Pentecostal power that turns worshipping disciples into witnessing disciples, waiting Christians into working Christians, saved church members into serving church members.

A Courageous Church

Fourthly, to move from Easter to Pentecost means moving from a **cowardly church to a courageous church**. A study of the Resurrection period as given to us in the Gospels reveals two dominant notes. First, there is the note of joy. Jesus was dead and is alive again. It was almost too good to be true, but it sent a thrill of heavenly joy through the souls of those early Christians. But along with this note of joy there is also a note of fear. We read that the disciples were "afraid;" they were "terrified;" they were "affrighted;" they were "much perplexed;" they were "sore troubled;" they "trembled." John says that on the Resurrection evening they were gathered behind "locked" doors "for fear of the Jews." Joy is there, but it is largely paralyzed through fear.

Then comes Pentecost. Cowardice gives way to courage. Peter the fearful becomes Peter the fearless. The church that is on the defense takes the offense. It moves out from behind locked doors and challenges the world for the cause of Christ and his Kingdom. The blood of the martyrs becomes the seed of the church.

Is there not need for a rebirth of courage today? Some one has said that the major weakness of the ministry is cowardice. Is it any less the weakness of the laity? "Jesus has many lovers of his heavenly kingdom," said Thomas A' Kempis, "but few lovers of his Cross." Yet without lovers of the Cross, Christianity is no match for the enemies of secularism and of communism and of a pagan capitalism. The enemies that threaten our faith today demand holy boldness if they are to be met and overcome.

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WORLD SERVICE LOSSES THREATEN MISSION WORK

By J. A. Engle

World Service receipts of the Division of World Missions, June 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953, were \$100,000 less than during the same months of the previous year.

World Service receipts of the Division of National Missions (same period) were \$80,000 less than a year ago.

This is in spite of a gain of nearly 11% in World Service giving for these ten months as against the same months last year.

The reason: the General Conference (1952) created more agencies to be given percentages or fixed amounts from World Service funds, and re-allocated the remainder. It decreased the Board of Missions' share of the total from 71.5 cents to 62.35 cents of each World Service dollar.

The total World Service giving would have to be increased 18.7% over last year's giving to care for the new and changed percentages and give the Board of Missions as much actual cash this year as it received from that source last year.

The World Service offering is the main line of support of the regular, basic, on-going program of the Board of Missions and of the other benevolence agencies of The Methodist Church. It is the life-blood that keeps the Church "serving others" at home and abroad. Lessen the amount of blood and the whole enterprise is weakened.

For the fiscal year June 1, 1951, to May 31, 1952, World Service offerings (for all agencies) totaled \$8,138,011.

The World Service goal for June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953 is \$9,660,000 (as voted by General Conference). This is an asked-increase of 18.7%. If this goal is reached, it will mean an increase of \$149,678 for the Board of Missions (Division of World Missions, plus Division of National Missions). **This possible increase is already more than balanced by the rising costs of normal operation.** It would leave practically nothing for new enterprises or advance.

Actual World Service from June 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953, have been \$6,190,092—an increase of 11%, as against the asked-increase of 18.7%. It means that if the goal is to be reached, The Methodist Church must contribute **\$3,469,998 during April and May** of this year.

If, however, the World Service increase by May 31 is only 11%, it will mean an actual cash decrease of about 5% to the Board of Missions.

Dr. Smith Comments

Commenting on this situation, Dr. Eugene L. Smith, of the Division of World Missions, says: "This is the hour when the Gospel message, as the only solution to the ills that beset mankind, needs wider proclamation in every corner of the earth. It is the hour when it needs to be exemplified in the lives and deeds of Christian men. It seems unthinkable that now we should shorten lines, withhold proclamation, curtail humanitarian service. Yet that is what would face us were the Church to fail to provide, through World Service, this basic amount needed by the Board of Missions **to carry on activities and services already under way.** Any failure to advance would actually be to **retreat.** I do not believe that word is in the Methodist vocabulary."

"It is apparent that if the present World Service trend continues and does not reach the goal of \$9,660,000 at the end of May, then we will have to cut all appropriations to annual conferences (for their mission projects) and to outpost missions," says Dr. Earl R. Brown, Division of Na-

tional Missions executive. "There is vast opportunity for service in the outposts, and daily calls for aid for every state. It could be worse than tragic if The Methodist Church does not rise to this occasion and pour out aid through World Service. If men's lives can be dedicated and even sacrificed these days for human welfare and security, so can our dollars."

And we in the local churches, what can we do in April and May?

As pastors, we can see that our people know the need and give to World Service generously: then that the benevolence treasurer send all World Service moneys to the Conference Treasurer by May 20 at the latest.

ACTIVE FOR HER CHURCH AT THE AGE OF 84

By J. L. Joyce

The last night of the United Evangelistic Mission had come and gone and the people were moving slowly out of the church. The minister noted one member of the congregation standing near the front, happily shaking hands with friends who paused to say a word; and so he made his way over to add his own greetings. "You didn't miss a single night's service, did you?" he asked.

"Not a single one," was the reply, "and I did enjoy everyone so much. I had such a wonderful time. Our preacher from South Carolina was just wonderful, and every service was grand. I just hate to see the revival come to a close."

You see, Mrs. Jeanette Alphin DeFord has just passed her 84th birthday, and despite that fact she is so young in spirit and so vigorous in physical energy that every service found her occupying her favorite seat in the Four Oaks Church.

Mrs. DeFord is known by Methodists all over the state. Through the years she has been so active in the work of the church that a host of pastors and laymen have come to know her and love her for her loyalty, her interest in the church, and for her wonderfully sweet spirit. Many who have not met her personally have already been introduced to her by her writings which from time have appeared in the **North Carolina Christian Advocate**; for she has been an ardent advocate of the **Advocate** through the years.

Joining the Richlands Methodist Church when she was fifteen years of age, she began then a career which has proven a mutual blessing both to the church and to herself through the passing years. Mrs. DeFord's gracious manners, her sweet spirit, and her genuine love of people have brought to the church a truly wonderful contribution—while, at

As laymen and World Service contributors, we can pay our own pledges and special gifts at once; we can speak to the Finance Committee and the Official Board and individuals concerning it; ask the pastor to speak (and preach) on World Service and perhaps take a special offering; see that the benevolence treasurer forward all World Service moneys at once to the conference treasurer.

Each member of the Methodist Church has a vital share in this program and need of his Church: he should be alerted to meet it.

Here is the story in dollars: World Service Asking, 1952-53 (giving Bd. of Missions same funds as last year), \$9,660,000; World Service receipts (10 mo. to April 1, '53 \$6,190,000; To be raised in April and May, 1952, \$2,569,261; To be raised in April and May, 1953, in excess of amount (same months) 1952, \$900,737.



the same time, blessing her own years with a host of loyal friends who are always as glad to see her as she is to see them.

She proudly holds a life membership presented to her by the Richlands Woman's Society of Christian Service. Even today, she is spiritual life secretary of the W.S.C.S. of the Four Oaks Methodist Church.

Her pastor always knows that he is doing a good job of preaching, for she takes great pleasure in saying something nice about him and in complimenting his sermon. Moreover, she habitually envelops the entire parsonage family in her love. The minister's wife has a friend in her, and the parsonage children have a great big claim upon her friendship.

Here is one indeed who has truly accepted the years and improved them—and today, at the age of 84 is characterized by a remarkable breadth of outlook, and a kindly and positive acceptance of life.

Board Considers Federal Social Security for Ministers; Church and Chapel Dedicated

BOARD OF PENSION STUDIES SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

The Methodist Board of Pensions (Missouri Corp.) has adopted a "wait and see" policy regarding a Congressional amendment which would make ministers eligible for Social Security benefits.

A motion opposing the plan was tabled, after lively debate, at the board's biennial conference April 16-17 in Memphis, Tenn., attended by 100 delegates from 34 Methodist annual conferences of the South-eastern and South Central Jurisdictions.

However, the conference did accept a recommendation of its findings committee which asked "the Commission (on Pension Legislation) elected by our last General Conference to study carefully and prayerfully the program of Social Security, to be definite and positive that the plan does not charge churches for unemployment tax and that a more adequate annuity for preachers of low salaries be cared for before The Methodist Church agrees to any plan of Social Security prompted by our Federal Government."

Both the motion and the report were presented by Rev. W. Nelson Guthrie, Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of the Homes and Endowment program of the North Alabama Conference.

Delegates also recommend the following:

1. That the Missouri Corporation call a meeting preceding the next General Conference to consider pending pension legislation and other pension matters.

2. That full-time secretaries be employed in each annual conference in the Missouri Corporation territory to promote and carry forward the program regarding Homes, endowments, wills, and reserve pension programs.

3. That "Retired Ministers Day" be sponsored as a special project of boards of lay activities—general, conference, district and local.

4. Intense cultivation in efforts to secure wills and bequests for endowment funds.

5. That participation in the reserve pension plan be included in the long-range planning of all annual conferences in the territory.

6. That a minimum goal of \$500,000 for endowment be set for this quadrennium in each annual conference where that amount has not been raised already.

An average payment of more than \$34 per service year to retired ministers by the annual conferences of the territory was announced by the Rev. A. T. McIlwain, executive secretary of the Missouri Corporation, and the Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow, assistant secretary.

"Five dollars per service year was considered good in 1939, the year of unification," said Dr. Crichlow.

Rev. J. A. Lindsey, Greensboro, N. C., announced that the Western North Carolina Conference, now paying \$48 per service year, the highest of any conference in Methodism, plans to pay \$50 per service year next year. He is a member-at-large of his board of conference claimants.

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YOUTH MAGAZINE TO RECOGNIZE MYF MAKING RECORD IN EVANGELISM

CONCERN, the news magazine for Methodist youth, will choose the Methodist Youth Fellowship with the most outstanding record in evangelism.

The plan is part of the youth's cooperation in the church's Year of Evangelism, under the direction of the General Board of Evangelism.

Reward for the chosen MYF will be special recognition in the news magazine, plus an expense-paid trip for its president to the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism, set for June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

Every MYF group of any size and location is eligible for recognition. CONCERN will judge nominations from anyone wishing to send in the facts about any MYF and its evangelism activities.

Nominations must reach the news magazine by May 25, and the story of the winning MYF will appear in the June 12th CONCERN. Nominations must contain name of the local church and charge, pastor of the church, annual conference and jurisdiction, name of the MYF, age range of members, number of members on roll and number of active members, number of members of the church. Each entry should describe in some detail all the evangelistic work of the MYF, giving any available statistics, and listing reasons and its evangelism activities.

Name and address of the president, or substitute who would go to Philadelphia in his place, if the group wins the CONCERN award, should be included also.

Nominations should be mailed to CONCERN, Box 371, Nashville 2, Tenn.

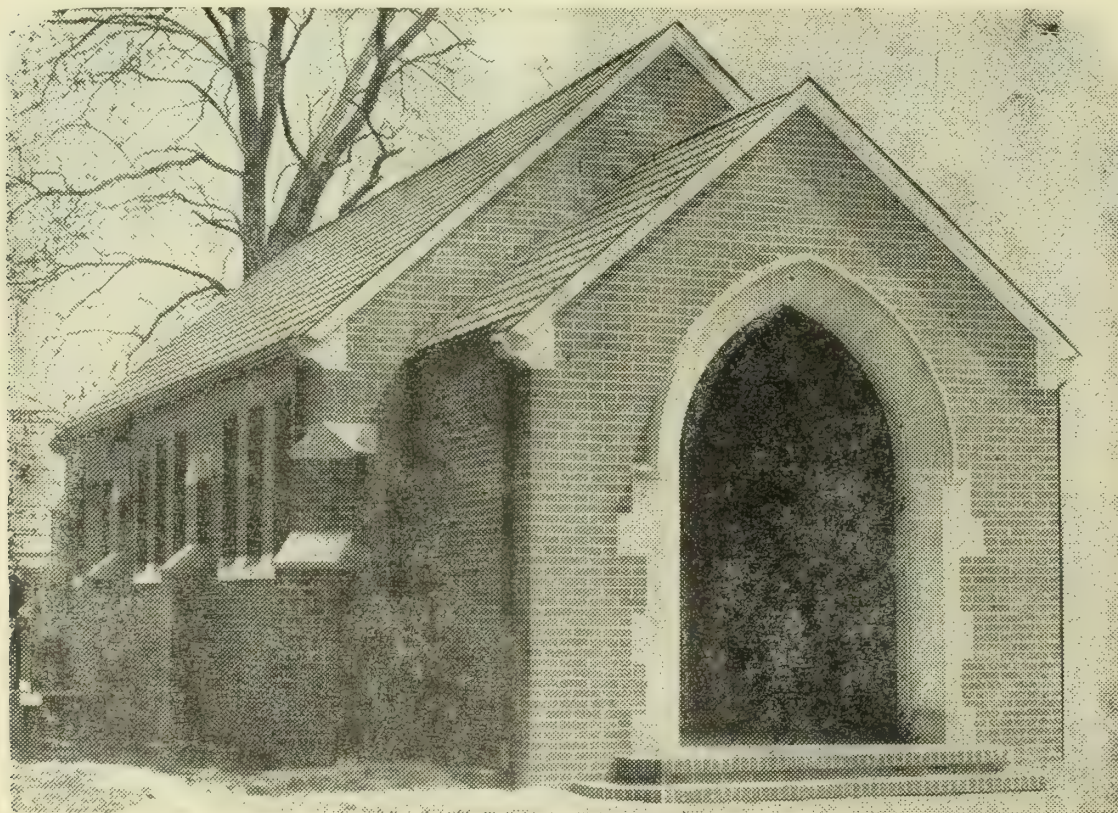
PINE GROVE CHURCH ON ALBEMARLE CIRCUIT DEDICATED

Dedication services for the new Pine Grove church on the Albemarle circuit was held Sunday, May 10, with Rev. J. C. Cornette, superintendent of the Salisbury District, in charge, assisted by Rev. Ellis P. Greene, pastor. Homecoming was also observed with dinner served on the church grounds.

One of the most attractive church buildings in the Piedmont area, the new structure is of Colonial architecture and is modern in every detail. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 413. The building was completed in a period of seven months at a cost of \$36,955 with no indebtedness. Members and friends contributed generously to the enterprise and the Duke Endowment made a donation.

Members of the building committee consisted of J. Worth Almond, chairman; Rev. E. P. Greene, Randall Burleyson, Ray Hathcock, M. L. Parker and N. V. Burleyson, treasurer.

The church was organized in 1860 and the building was remodeled in 1917.



Cowell Memorial Chapel of First church, Washington, was dedicated Sunday, May 4, by Bishop Paul N. Garber, assisted by Dr. H. I. Glass of Durham, former pastor. Given by Charles Cowell in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowell, and Captain Charles Cowell, who was killed in World War I, the lovely new building, which is located near the main church, was filled to overflowing for the dedicatory service. The pastor, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, was in South Carolina assisting in the evangelistic mission there and was unable to be present for the service.

New Church Formally Opened; High Point College Builds; Pfeiffer Commencement

LIBERTY METHODISTS OCCUPY NEW CHURCH BUILDING

(Pictures on front cover)

Formal opening of the lovely new First church, Liberty, was held on Easter Sunday. The service also inaugurated four days of special services with the pastor, Rev. J. Bernard Hurley, in charge. Other speakers during the week included Rev. Walter Thompson, former pastor and now assistant manager of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc.; Rev. O. L. Easter, former pastor and now pastor of Mouzon, Charlotte, and Rev. M. Teague Hipps, superintendent of the Thomasville District. A musical program with Carroll Dellinger of Charlotte as tenor soloist was a feature of the special services.

Of Georgian Colonial design, the new building is valued at \$165,000. The educational building contains eleven classrooms, a kitchen, a large fellowship hall with stage area and all modern conveniences. The sanctuary seats several hundred.

The executive board of the building program consists of J. Floyd Deaton, chairman; Mrs. Runa Greenleaf, chairman of finance committee; Troy Smith, co-chairman of the finance committee; H. P. Coward, chairman of the planning committee; Mrs. H. P. Coward, treasurer of the building fund; and Mr. Hurley. The building was designed by Robert E. L. Peterson of the McMinn-Norfleet Architectural firm of Greensboro.

First church grew out of the merger of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. The first unit of the new structure, the educational building, was occupied in August 1952. Funds for the building program have been raised over a period of several years and construction was begun in 1951.

Membership of the church now is around 400, with 309 enrolled in the church school.

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MISSION BOARD URGES REVISION OF McCARRAN ACT

More liberal immigration legislation was urged by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church at a recent meeting. A resolution passed by the Board called for urgent revision of the McCarran Act (Public Law 414) in a manner that will make it possible to absorb from 250,000 to 300,000 immigrants a year, without any discrimination based on race, national origin, or sex.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Board of Missions, was instructed to send a letter to Senator William Langer, North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and to Rep. Chauncey W. Reed, Ill., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, expressing the Methodist group's recommendation of new legislation to replace the McCarran Act. Individual Methodists were urged to write their own congressmen as well. The resolution adopted by the Board also expressed belief in "the importance of an informed citizenry" and asked individuals to devote time to a study of the subject.

Because of the probability that the McCarran Act would not be revised during this session of Congress, emergency legislation was recommended to permit 350,000 displaced persons and refugees into the country now without charging

them to national quotas. Congress was also asked to give "schools and colleges of good reputation the assurance that they can continue to receive at least the number of students from outside the country that were in attendance at the time the McCarran Act became effective."

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE IN MIDST OF BUILDING PROGRAM

The High Point College board of trustees meeting in a called session recently authorized President Dennis H. Cooke to go ahead with plans for the construction of an additional wing to Woman's Hall to take care of an expected overflow of women students next fall. Rev. Grady Whicker, field representative, reports that about three times as many girls have applied for admission as had done so at this time last year, and he anticipated that every one of the 24 new rooms will be filled. The new wing will extend from the rear of the present dormitory and will be of similar structure.

On the front campus a large "four-purpose" building will soon be under construction. It will feature a large auditorium, with a seating capacity of 856, and the largest stage in the city. An attractive foyer, larger than normally, will be used on special occasions for receptions, teas, and other social gatherings. The building will also house the dramatics and music departments, providing necessary rehearsing rooms, studios, and offices. This new addition to the plant not only provides needed facilities for college use but also makes it possible to accommodate the general public more

adequately in a variety of ways.

The College maintenance force will soon be able to come out of its cramped quarters in the basement of the boys' dormitory to occupy a new two and a half story brick building near the power plant.

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PFEIFFER COLLEGE ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT PLANS

President Chi M. Waggoner of Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, has announced commencement week plans for the college. The last week of school will be ushered in with the general music recital on May 16, under the direction of Wilbur T. Scrivnor, head of the music department.

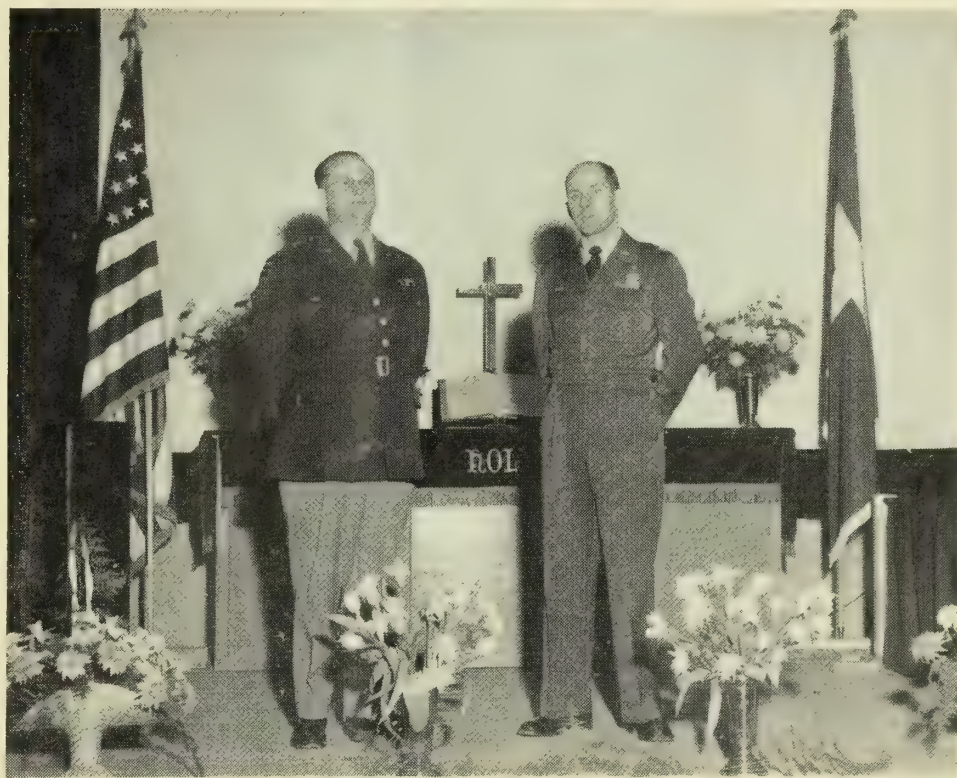
Sunday, May 17, at four in the afternoon the organ students will give their final recital in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel, and the last vesper service will be held in the chapel at seven o'clock.

Sunday afternoon, May 24, at four o'clock the baccalaureate service will be held in the college chapel with Walter J. Miller, minister of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, as the speaker.

Following this service, President and Mrs. Waggoner, with members of the faculty and staff, will receive the graduates, their families and friends, in the garden of the president's home.

Monday morning, May 25, at 10:30 o'clock, commencement exercises will be held in Henry Pfeiffer Chapel. The address will be given by Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College. The charge to the seniors will be given by Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver of Winona Lake, Indiana, chairman of the college board of trustees.

Dean Van G. Hinson will make the honor awards and President Waggoner will present the diplomas to the 47 graduates.



Memorial services were held Friday, February 6, 1953, at the Base Theatre of the RAF Station which the 47th Bombardment Wing, Light, is based. These services were in memory of the Americans who lost their lives in the Hunstanton, Norfolk area, floods on January 31, 1953. The two chaplains pictured above, on the left, Chaplain (Capt.) Cletis C. Clements, 39th AAA Bn., of Route 2, Paducah, Kentucky and Chaplain (Major) Hoyt H. Wood, Hq., 47th Bombardment Wing, Light of Gibsonville, North Carolina, jointly conducted the services before a large gathering of military personnel and their dependents. British civil dignitaries from the Hunstanton area were among the official delegation present.

Incomplete Report Shows W.N.C. Conference Received 6,069; Salisbury District News

SALISBURY DISTRICT HOLDS SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION By J. F. Harrelson

The Salisbury District Conference was held at Kerr Street church, Concord, Sunday afternoon, April 12, with Rev. J. C. Cornette, superintendent, in charge. Despite a heavy rain that came after the noon hour the conference was well attended with the church sanctuary overcrowded. All the various committees were nominated by the chair and were by vote of the conference elected.

The reports were timely and effectively presented. Visitors noted were Revs. Joe S. Hiatt, Reid Wall, Horace R. McSwain and Walter Thompson. Each was recognized and spoke briefly about the interests that they represent. One touching moment was when the conference went on record as expressing love and appreciation for Revs. J. L. Ingram and George B. Clemmer who had to give up their pastorates at Park Avenue and First churches, Salisbury, on account of illness. Rev. W. B. Davis and Brunson C. Wallace were presented to the conference as supplies at the above churches for the remainder of the conference year.

It was noted that the women have a society in every charge in the district with a total membership of 16,841.

The District Trustees elected are: J. D. Carter, F. J. Stanback, J. R. Maynard, H. S. Melton, H. L. Lipe, A. G. Odell, O. A. Swaringen, Loy Gullledge and John U. Whitlock. The District lay leader is W. J. Bullock with O. A. Swaringen, John B. Harris and J. F. Harrelson as associates. The Ad Interim committee is composed of Revs. L. R. Akers, J. C. Kendrick, E. H. Brendall, G. W. Clay and George W. Dalton.

Reports through Thursday, May 7, reveal that the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference had received 6,069 persons on profession of faith and by transfer of membership. Services Friday evening and Sunday are expected to swell the total to around 8,000 or 9,000. A full district-by-district report for the Conference will be carried in the Advocate next week.

License to preach was voted to the following: William Howard Faggart, Charles Page, Joe W. Widenhouse, Jr., Howard Coleman, J. C. Furr, Frank Siler Starnes. Recommended as approved supplies: Wade Glenn Rogers and Frank Siler Starnes. Recommended for deacons orders: Wade Glenn Rogers, Frank Siler Starnes and Benny T. Myers. Recommended for Admission into the annual conference: Benny T. Myers, Grady Ross Barringer, Fred Adam Hill, Paul Lowder and Charles Page.

The report of the Findings Committee revealed some interesting facts and figures. Amounts paid for the half year are: pastors, \$84,336; World Service, \$23,187; minimum salary fund, \$6,442; Children's Home, \$13,632; Advance Specials, \$10,118. There is a church school enrollment of 18,110 with 4,088 cards signed on Commitment Sunday. The latter term is rather significant as compared with the church enrollment for the district.

The 1954 session will be held at Gay's Chapel church midway between Salisbury and Woodleaf.

With Our District Lay Leaders

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

A report released by District Superintendent J. F. Herbert on the results of the United Evangelistic Mission in the Rocky Mount District indicates that the program was highly successful. It shows that the 62 churches in the district which cooperated in the series of evangelistic meetings added a total of 860 new members during the week of the mission.

Of this number, 504 were on profession of faith, and 356 were transfers.

Visitation committees throughout the district conducted a total of 2,860 personal interviews during the week of the meetings. They reached more than half the 4,348 prospective church members listed in a district-wide church survey conducted sometime ago in preparation for the mission. A total of 787 laymen served on visitation committees during the week of meetings.

The 62 cooperating churches reported a total attendance of 46,754 at the services held during the week.

Figures alone do not reveal all the values of the mission. Souls won for Christ and his church are important. We should not underestimate the good derived from the mission by pastors and laymen. Committees derived many benefits which cannot be measured by a yardstick or weighed in the balance. People opened their homes and welcomed the visitors. Other denominations contributed with their presence and prayers.

Following is a breakdown, by charges, of the new members received: Battleboro, 6; Bethel, 35; Conway, 43; Elm City, 11; Enfield, 14; Evan.-Winstead, 13; Farmville, 26; Gaston-Shiloh, 30; Halifax, 37; Kenly, 15; Littleton, 5; Littleton Ct., 9; Middleburg, 33; Nash Ct., 5; Nashville, 22; Norlina, 27; Northampton, 16; Pinetops, 67; Rich Square, 2; Roanoke Ct., 48; Roanoke Rapids, 20; Rosemary, 31; Robersonville, 5; First Ch., Ry. Mt., 86; Marvin, 10; St. Paul, 28; Scotland Neck, 23; Seaboard, 6; Sp. Ch.-Garysburg, 8; Spring Hope, 8; Stantonsburg, 12; Stokes, 14; Warrenton, 20; Weldon, 32; West Halifax, 7; Whitakers, 14; Wilson, 72.

J. A. Glover, District Lay Leader

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STATESVILLE DISTRICT

We placed major emphasis in our district this year on tithing. The months of August and September were set aside as a period of cultivation. Six district institutes were held. We plan to continue this emphasis in the next year.

Another major interest for us has been the developing of lay preaching groups. We are striving to build these groups to the point that all our churches can have services each Sunday.

We have urged the organization of men's clubs where conditions have been such as to make it possible for these to function successfully.

Every effort has been made to call to the attention of our laymen the need for their support of the United Evangelistic Mission. We are emphasizing the need for their prayers and the need for their active support if this campaign is to be successful.

Practically all of our churches observed Laymen's services with the laymen in the pulpit on that day.

M. T. Lambeth
District Lay Leader



LAYMEN OF POLKVILLE CHARGE FILL EMPTY PULPITS

The pastor and the laymen of the Polkville charge have been doing something about empty pulpits in the six churches of that charge. Early in February the pastor, Rev. A. C. Kennedy, Jr., and the lay leader, Hardin Lee, got together and worked out a schedule that would give every church a worship service each Sunday during Lent. Using as a basis for sermonic material the "Our Faith" booklets, six laymen prepared one message each for the seven-week period. One person presided at the service and another brought the message. The congregations were enthusiastic about the services and great good was accomplished. The pastor, commenting on this new venture, writes: "We have learned something from this experiment: laymen like to hear laymen, too. With additional workers, this can be made a year-around program." Those participating in this lay preaching program are pictured above, front row, left to right: Hardin Lee, Mrs. George W. Lee, Mrs. Reed Wilson, Ivey Elliott. Back row, Plato Elliott and Worth Williamson.

News in Brief - Personalities

BROOKLAND CHURCH on the Brookdale charge, Route 3, Roxboro, had a record attendance at Sunday School on May 3, when 102 were present.

DR. R. DWIGHT WARE of Jamestown will give the baccalaureate sermon at the University of North Carolina on Sunday, June 7.

BISHOP CHARLES WESLEY FLINT, retired, of Washington, D. C., was winner of the \$1,000 first prize in a nation-wide sermon contest sponsored by the Calvin K. Kazanjian Economics Foundation. The presentation was made in the chapel of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla., April 22 in a service at which Charles P. Taft was principal speaker.

COKESBURY CHURCH on the Middleburg charge had an outstanding revival during the United Evangelistic Mission April 19-26, with 30 new members added to the church and with many rededications. Large crowds from the other churches on the charge and from the local community attended the services. Rev. E. S. Finklea of Georgetown, S. C., assisted Rev. H. L. Rogers, pastor.

INFLUENTIAL LIFE. In a memorial service at Boston University for the late Professor Edgar Sheffield Brightman it was pointed out that at least 206 of his former students are teaching in colleges and universities, 43 are missionaries, 17 are teachers in schools overseas, 1,800 are occupying pulpits and 15 are members of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

REV. WOODROW A. GEIER, associate editor of the Methodist church school adult publications since 1946, has been named associate director of public relations in the Methodist Board of Education's division of educational institutions, Nashville, Tenn. He will assume his new post June 1, it was announced by Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the division.

THE SCOTLAND-ROBESON Subdistrict was held at Johns church, April 14, with Mrs. W. Z. Pate of Rowland, Subdistrict chairman, presiding. Ninety members were present with twelve of the thirteen societies represented. Rev. R. S. Gibson, pastor of Johns church conducted the opening devotional. At the conclusion of the business session Mrs. Ervin Adams sang a solo. Five life memberships and two baby memberships were presented at the meeting. Seven of the district officers presented an interesting playlet on program planning for the coming year. Following the meeting, lunch was served in the Sunday school rooms by the Johns Woman's Society of Christian Service.

TRINITY CHURCH, West Asheville, has received 104 new members this Conference year 50 of whom came on profession of faith. The church subscribed \$1,000 more than its quota for the United College Appeal. The attendance has been increasing from Sunday to Sunday. On Easter Sunday all records of attendance were broken with the large sanctuary and balcony filled and chairs placed in the aisles. "This has been a glorious beginning," writes the pastor, J. H. Brendal, Jr., "Not only has the membership, attendance and contributions increased, but the spirituality of the church is growing too, and we are looking forward to a wonderful revival May 3-10."



THOMAS C. HOYLE, SR., above, resigned this conference year as superintendent of the Bethel church, Greensboro, church school, after serving in this office a total of 38 years. In recognition of his faithful years of service the quarterly conference of Bethel church has voted unanimously to name the new educational building in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle. This news was received by Mr. Hoyle just after his 84th birthday. Mr. Hoyle has been associated with Bethel church since 1907 when he moved his membership from West Market Street church, Greensboro, to help the young church. When he became superintendent of the church school in 1911 there were only eighteen members of the church and 35 members of the church school. He served for two years and was elected to this post again in 1916 and served for 36 years. Today the church has around 300 members and 287 pupils enrolled in the church school. Continued growth has made the new educational building necessary. The son of a Methodist preacher, the late Rev. S. V. Hoyle, Mr. Hoyle has served his church in many capacities. He is secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of the Western North Carolina Conference, is secretary of the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College and is secretary of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc. He is also an associate lay leader of the Greensboro District and secretary-treasurer of the ministerial aid fund of the Greensboro District. He is an active member of the law firm of Hoyle and Hoyle, his two sons Lawrence and T. C., Jr., being the other members of the firm. He and Mrs. Hoyle live at 2318 Walker Ave., Greensboro. Evan Bancroft is the new church school superintendent.

REV. WILLIAM CRUMMETT, pastor of the Crouse charge, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon, May 10, at the Central High School, Statesville, Rt. 2

DR. HARRY DENMAN, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will preach Sunday, May 24, on the Columbia Broadcasting System's network program, "The Church of the Air." The program will originate in the studios of station WAPI, Birmingham, Ala., from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. (EST).

PEAK VALLEY CHURCH, a mission church in Ashe County recently completed through the sacrificial gifts of its members, is in need of a bell. Any congregation having a good bell which it can donate to this worthy congregation is asked to communicate with Rev. O. L. Brown, 1305 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS of the Western North Carolina Conference owns a house in Asheville which is for the use of Conference claimants. It is now available to a retired minister or the widow of a minister. Anyone interested should write Rev. J. H. Armbrust, Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, N. C.

METHODIST LAYMEN of nine southeastern states will hold a four-day conference July 23-26 at Lake Junaluska, the denomination's summer assembly grounds. Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee will be the principal speaker, it was announced by Lee Davis, Nashville, president of the southeastern Methodist Board of Lay Activities. The program will feature workshops in stewardship and Christian education at the local church level, Davis said.

DR. CLARENCE W. HALL, the Methodist layman who occupies the executive editor's chair at **Christian Herald**, in his story of his interviews with President Eisenhower in the May issue, writes: "It is impossible to talk with Dwight Eisenhower five minutes before becoming completely convinced that he sees the whole world conflict in fundamentally religious terms, and that his hope for a free world victory lies almost completely in arousing and reactivating throughout America the same keen faith that built the nation."

THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, official Methodist weekly news-magazine published in Chicago, will select an outstanding person to be its guest at the World Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia June 26-28. Plans for choosing the delegate to be honored are announced in the **Advocate's** April 16 issue. The periodical invites its readers to nominate a Methodist who "typifies the Methodist Wesley" spirit of compassion and concern that more souls be won for Christ. They are asked to outline the facts of his life and give reasons why his example should be shared with others. Nominations must be submitted to the Evangelism Editor, **The Christian Advocate**, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill., before May 10.

STEELE STREET CHURCH, Sanford, dedicated a new pipe organ Sunday, May 10, with Bishop Paul N. Garber in charge, assisted by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Parker. Given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Isenhour by their children, the formal presentation was made at the 11 a.m. service by Lewis D. Isenhour on behalf of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Isenhour have been faithful members of Steele Street church for more than 30 years. Their children, who along with their families are also active church workers, are: Lewis D. Isenhour, Mrs. G. J. Casey, Mrs. P. K. Buchanan and Mrs. C. B. Foushee. A bronze plaque, to be placed in the sanctuary, will signify the gift. As a part of the service special organ selections were rendered by the church organist, Miss Katherine Sutton.



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DISTRICT MEETINGS DRAW LARGE ATTENDANCE

Enthusiastic reports of district meetings are coming in, intimating that the largest attendance ever has been experienced all over the conference.

Winston-Salem District

At the Winston-Salem District meeting, held at Mount Tabor church near Winston-Salem, April 28, practically the entire morning was given to inspirational messages capturing the interest of about 350 women. Routine reports from district officers and an impressive memorial service for 32 members who have gone to their reward was presided over by the wife of the pastor of Mt. Tabor, Mrs. C. E. Shannon, for the afternoon session.

In the February issue of *The Methodist Woman*, page 42, there is an interesting story of one of our missionaries, Miss Eva Louise Hyde, being the recipient of a signal honor by the Standard Oil Company of Brazil. Miss Hyde has just retired from the presidency of Bennett College (Colegio Bennett) after 32 years of service. As a guest in the home of Mrs. J. W. Clay, who with her husband was formerly associated with Miss Hyde in Brazil, the district women were particularly fortunate in hearing Miss Hyde tell of the beginning of the college, its long, hard fight against ignorance and superstition and the enmity of the Roman Catholic Church and the part she had played in helping to develop education for women in Brazil. Another beloved retired missionary, who is always welcomed in a Western N. C. audience of women, is Miss Lelia Epps, also associated with the Clays and Miss Hyde in Brazil and a guest in the Clay home, and she led the women in the noontime worship by giving one of her famous stories based on her experiences in Brazil, this one being "The Golden Text."

Mrs. J. W. Clay's report as promotion secretary, was inspirational, prefacing it with the remark that much of the work of the women over the district is intangible and cannot be reported—such as one small society raising \$1,000 for the furnishing of a new parsonage and the inability of outsiders visualizing all the hard work that went into such a project. There are 92 societies and 18 Wesleyan Service Guilds in the district with a total membership of 4,785. One new society on the New Hope circuit has been organized and a new circle for young girls at Centenary, Winston-Salem. A total of 328 women attended the subdistrict meetings last fall, and Ronda church near Elkin has every woman in the church a member of the WSCS. The district led the conference in Supply work, three societies have 100% of the members subscribing to *The Methodist Woman* and one society has every woman member of the church a subscriber to *The Methodist Woman*.

Miss Patsy Law, new district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, reported 17 new members of this organization, subscriptions to the *World Outlook* being supplied Y.M.C.A.'s in three towns in the district, and books being sent to Miss Margaret Calbeck, rural worker in Yancey County.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate was presented by Mrs. Ira C. Shelley in her usual dynamic way, and Mrs. E. L. Ballard told of the special issue of the Advocate for the promotion of Western N. C. Conference work in June. A large

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display of literature was practically sold out by Mrs. T. L. Speas.

Nominations for new officers for the district presented by Mrs. B. L. Watkins, research chairman, and duly elected were: treasurer, Mrs. Ira Shamel of Marvin church, to succeed Mrs. G. P. Tucker, who has moved to Columbia, S. C.; spiritual life, Mrs. A. L. Smith, Centenary, Winston-Salem, to succeed Miss Virginia Lowrance; supply work, Mrs. Sam Beck, Burkhead, Winston-Salem, to succeed Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle; student work, Mrs. Gilmer C. Whicker, Maple Spring, to succeed Mrs. Sam Beck; status of women, Mrs. H. R. Longfellow, Centenary, to succeed Mrs. Zeb Smith; and confirmed the election of Miss Patsy Law, 675 Manly Place, Winston-Salem, to succeed Miss Georgia Barnes as secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. J. W. Clay was elected delegate to the 1954 Assembly at Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. A. L. Smith alternate.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver made an appeal for money for scholarships and for recruits in the missionary personnel department, and Mrs. Harry Hendrick presented Miss Jean Lewis of Burkhead church, one of our scholarship girls who is graduating from High Point College this month and who has been accepted as a L.A.-3 (Latin America) beginning this fall. Jean made a most favorable impression as she expressed her gratitude to the women for their help in making it possible for her to prepare for mission work. The district has two scholarship girls, Gayle Whitaker from Yadkinville and Helen Kiger from Rural Hall, at Pfeiffer College and Maxine Reeves from Franklin Heights, Mt. Airy, has been accepted by the committee and will enter Pfeiffer College this fall.

Mrs. A. B. Macon, president, presided over this full day's program.

Statesville District Meeting

When the Statesville District met at Central church, Mooresville, April 21, more than 300 women were present, the largest attendance the district has had. Mrs. Fred Price, president, presided. Mrs. Ira C. Shelley presented the N. C. Christian Advocate and Mrs. T. V. Goode led an impressive pledge service.

The highlight of the day's program was the address by the conference president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, on the theme "There Is a Glory." Mrs. Harbison inspired her hearers to "build a glory" around her work and challenged them to a more loyal and dedicated service in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, and Mrs. Robert G. Tuttle presented life memberships to Mrs. J. C. Holmes and Mrs. C. T. Leonard, in recognition of many years of faithful service. Special music was furnished by Miss Katherine Moore, organist, with solos by Bill Honeycutt, Mrs. Joe Thompson, and Mrs. Lloyd Parker. Worship was led by Mrs. J. W. Kimmons.

Time was given during the morning for officers' training.

Thomasville District

Around 485 Thomasville District women heard messages from their district president, Mrs. J. F. Spruill, their conference president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, rural worker, Miss Margaret Calbeck, and conference treasurer, Miss Una Edwards, at their meeting April 22, at First church, Asheboro. Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., Miss Una Edwards, and the sub-district chairmen, Mrs. E. N. Burns, Mrs. Vernon Miller, and Mrs. G. M. Stokes conducted an impressive pledge service and a beautiful memorial service was led by Mrs. Carl Judy. Mrs. Judy's husband is a missionary in Korea, she was born there where her parents were missionaries. For the memorial service she used a cross of styrofoam and red roses and used as her theme "Looking Beyond the Cross."

Each society brought books for Miss Margaret Calbeck's bookmobile and Margaret's message gave impetus to the interest in her work in Yancey County.

New officers elected were: Youth work, Mrs. E. A. Lamb; Children's work, Mrs. D. L. Stubbs, Jr.; and missionary education, Mrs. Curtis Koontz. Mrs. J. F. Spruill was elected delegate to the 1954 Assembly at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Ira C. Shelley presented the N. C. Christian Advocate, and time was given for delegates to visit the literature and publications' room. The Wesleyan Service Guild joined with the Woman's Society of Christian Service as hostess.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, SALISBURY DISTRICT

Plans to have officers' training days on a sub-district level May 12 were made at the Salisbury District executive meeting held at Central church, Spencer, on April 7. Mrs. Harry Leonard will preside over the Rowan County meeting; Mrs. J. R. Boger over the Cabarrus County; and Mrs. T. R. Tysinger over the Stanly County subdistrict. Each district officer will present her work in one county and will appoint someone to represent her in the other two counties. Local presidents and promotion secretaries are invited to attend. The Salisbury district now has 82 societies, with only one society needed to make it 100% organized. The annual district meeting will be held June 23 at Kerr Street church, Concord.

Luncheon was served by Mrs. G. W. Miller, Mrs. Harry Leonard, and Mrs. Bryce Ruffy, hostesses. Sixteen members were present and the pastor, and wife, Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Akers, joined the group for lunch.

IN MEMORIAM

Methodist women of the Western North Carolina Conference join with their sister conference in lamenting the loss of a sincere friend, Mrs. S. S. Holt of Graham, who passed to her rich and eternal reward April 27. Most of our women knew her best as a guiding spirit in the cooperative effort on the part of the two conferences in the Joint School of Missions, but some knew her across the years as a choice Christian friend and the memory of her kindly deeds and attitudes will remain with us forever.



Plan Trip to Beach; 28 Honored; Visit to Wilson; Commencement Plans Made

KIWANIS CARAVAN PLANNED JUNE 4

For the past two years the children of the Methodist Orphanage have been members of the Kiwanis Club caravan.

The first year they went to Camp LeJeune, and the second to Cherry Point. It is not unusual to hear the children say that these trips have been highlight experiences during the vacation months. They feel that there is something big and romantic about being a part of a caravan of from 8 to 10 busses, led by State Patrol officers.

It is not surprising then, that considerable excitement is developing on our campus over the proposed trip for June 4 to Wrightsville Beach.

The food, the ride and the fellowship with members of the Kiwanis Club, along with the privilege of a dip in the ocean make this something about which they dream before it happens and talk long after it has passed.

In this small way they would like to thank all members of the Kiwanis Club who make this thrilling adventure possible.

CITIZENSHIP HONOR ROLL GROUP FETED

Twenty-eight of our boys and girls were selected to the citizenship honor roll for the fifth six-weeks marking period, which is the largest honor group of the school year. They were entertained by the Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Isley.

A fried chicken picnic dinner, with ice cream and cake was served. Square dancing called by Mrs. Fred Smith of the Orphanage staff, and a brief Fidelis Class meeting, followed dinner.

Members of this honor group are as follows: Twelfth grade: Betty Jane Carraway, Patricia Neal Chinnis, John Clark, Franklin Daniels, Frances Ellis, Marvin King, Alice Mason, Betty Jean

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GROUP VISITS WILSON

Sunday evening, May 3, a group representing our Home were guests of First Methodist church, Wilson. They enjoyed supper with the Senior Youth Fellowship group, and they presented information about our Home, and a special program of poems during the evening worship service.

Those who were privileged to make this trip were Eddie Morris, Frankie Morris, Johnny Page, Ray Partin, Ted Lancaster, Jimmy Whitfield and Principal Robert D. Martin.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL HELD

Our annual May Day Festival was held May 1 on the front lawn of the Borden building. Barbara Ann Pierce, Senior, was crowned Queen of May by Alice Mason, Maid of Honor. Six court ladies and their escorts attended the Queen.

After the crowning of the Queen the following program was presented by grades one through nine: Harbor Lights, a song and dance number by Freddie

Carraway, Warren Gibson, Claudette King, L. B. Catlett, Beulah Catlett and Bobby Braswell; action song by grade one; rhythm band number by grade two; song and dance number by grade three; "Little Dutch Mina" by grade four; "Down in Mexico" by grade five; a Scottish series of folk songs and dances by grade six; "Get Along Little Dogies" by grade seven.

The Maypole Dance was performed by grade four. Background music was furnished by the Junior Chorus.

FRIENDS INVITED TO COMMENCEMENT

We wish at this time to extend to all of our friends an invitation to attend our Commencement exercises.

Class night will be held Monday evening, June 1, at 7:30 o'clock. June 2 has been designated as Trustees Day, at which time the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held. Wednesday evening, June 3, joint graduation exercises will be held with Hugh Morson High School and Broughton High School in Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m. The joint baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday at 8 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium.

At 10 a.m. on Trustees Day, the Board of Trustees will be our honor guests for ceremonies recognizing our Seniors. At this time special awards will be made. Following these ceremonies the board will have its annual meeting at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served at one p.m.

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We will have our annual Junior-Senior Banquet tomorrow night in the Orphanage Dining Hall. The junior class will entertain the seniors, guests and faculty with two songs "On Moon Light Bay" and "By the Light of the Silvery Moon." The theme of our banquet is "Over the Sea." The room will be decorated to represent a ship; food will be served from the cabin; and the waiter and waitresses will tap dance to "Anchors Away." Decorations are: programs in the shape of sailors; nut cups to represent tiny boats with the sail serving as place card; and a center piece on the head table of gardenias, the Junior Class Flower.

MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD

Twenty-five of our boys and girls from grades five through twelve participated in the N.C.E.A. Music Festival held in Raleigh, May 8. The participants after joint rehearsals during the day, presented a concert at Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST

(Continued from page four)

What is the source of the courage we need? It does not come as a natural gift but as a supernatural gift. It is the gift of a Pentecostal experience. The Christ-intoxicated become the courageous Christians. The Spirit said to me, "Son of man, stand on thy feet." "The Spirit came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet." There is a Power that drives out fear and sustains with Christly courage. That Power is in Pentecost.

A little girl was playing by the seashore. The tide was moving out. Soon it began to move in. With her fingers she dug a hole and stood and watched with great joy as the tide swept in and filled up the hole. That is our need today. A spasmodic visitation of the divine Presence, a touch of the Spirit is not enough. We need the Spirit to come in at full tide.



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How Can We Keep People Concerned?

By Charles M. McConnell
Professor of Rural Theology
Boston University

I Thessalonians 51:1-11, 14-23

Paul began his first Letter to the Thessalonians, with a word about the times and seasons with which they were familiar. The chief concern of Paul about the Thessalonians was the danger of their becoming complacent and indifferent to their present duties while waiting for the immediate return of Jesus to earth. It is hard for us to imagine this situation. Paul and the converts he had made to Christianity believed in the Second Coming of Christ. The manner of his coming was to be "as a thief in the night."

We are not concerned at this time about the return of Jesus Christ to this world in physical form. There are many people who confidently expect Jesus to return and set up a reign of righteousness with himself as the head. Paul and his converts died without seeing the realization of their hopes for the return of their Lord.

Paul, in the First Letter to Christians he ever wrote, exhorted them to do everything possible to live like Christians. And he did not leave them guessing what he meant. He warned them about the danger of falling asleep in the face of sudden destruction. In one sudden thrust of warning and encouragement, Paul wrote this pungent statement: "Ye are all the children of light and the children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness."

In ten verses of exhortation and advice, Paul wove a pattern of concern which we need to create in our own society. It is the basis of a Christian Community. "Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient to all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but even follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men."

We need some Paul to shake us out of our wishful thinking and misty-eyed day-dreaming into alert and open-minded Christianity in making a better world. We may be headed for the other world with a quick exit awaiting us, but there are good chances that people will live in this world of ours for a long, long time. And it is necessary for some of us to settle down and begin to work out a kind of human society which merits our deep and lasting loyalty.

In our fast-moving, mechanized, impersonal, mobile social life, concern for ourselves on the level of mere physical existence is too pressing to admit much concern for others. Two facts in American Life should give us much concern. The first is that the average boy during his first ten years after leaving school at sixteen holds fourteen jobs before he finds one worth sticking at for life. The ten years are often filled with loneliness, drifting, doubting, wondering and worrying. This is not the way to develop the ways of life which make for stability and those local loyalties out of which freedom and solid human relations are developed.

The second upsetting fact we should be concerned about in American life is this: in 1948 the U. S. Census reported that around twenty-nine million people moved from their homes. This mobility of population which resulted from a depression and a world war, and the irresponsibility of a great many people has helped to destroy a sense of loyalty and neighborliness. We can expect little concern about neighbors who are on the move. Thessalonica was, when Paul wrote his letter, a community.

The closing words of Paul to the Thessalonians in the scripture we have before us for consideration are, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." If this expression, "sanctify you wholly," is the stem of "wholly sanctified," I am very much in favor of it. We need some wholly sanctified people who will devote their "whole spirit and soul and body" to the very God of peace.—Zions Herald

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It is less than four years since Dona Zilma began begging, but more than a million people have learned to read and write during that time.—The United Church Observer

THOU ART THERE

Thou knowest, my God, that I love Thee,
That I would daily seek Thy face.
Thou knowest that thru all the cares that
arise

That I long for my Lord's embrace.

And oft when the way seems dark and
dreary,

When no sound breaks the silence deep.
And tho in the darkness no light breaks
thru

My Lord and my God does not sleep.

I know if I wait thru the long dark hours
With patient, surrendered heart

And trust in His guidance to see me thru,
His love tears the dark clouds apart.

For my Lord has called me, I know I
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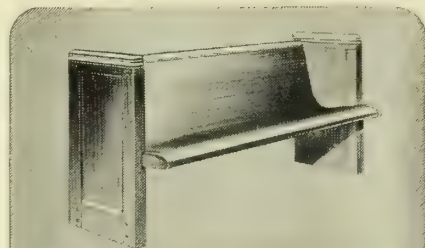
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BISHOP W. C. MARTIN NEW COUNCIL HEAD

For the second time in six months Bishop William C. Martin has been elected to a top ecclesiastical office. On April 30 his colleagues made him president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Last December the Dallas bishop was given U. S. Protestantism's highest post when he was elected to the presidency of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Bishop Martin succeeds Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia. Chosen to serve with Bishop Martin were Bishop Charles W. Brashares, Chicago, vice president, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., secretary. These officers, together with Bishop W. Earl Ledden, Syracuse, and Bishop Robert N. Brooks, New Orleans, will compose the executive committee.

The four-day annual meeting of the Council of Bishops was held in Omaha, Nebraska at Hotel Fontenelle, April 28-May 1.

Traveling Bishops Report

Bishops who have been on official visitations abroad shared their observations of kingdom progress on the several continents with their colleagues.

Current German Methodism is characterized by the words "unity," "mobility," "courage," Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta said. Noting that some of the liberties previously enjoyed by the churches in the Eastern zone have recently been curtailed, Bishop Moore said, "We are watching to see whether the church there is to be separated by the Iron Curtain or allowed to maintain its unity."

There is little evidence of communism as an organized force in Africa, Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco reported. "The Union of South Africa presents the greatest potential communist threat," he said. The bishop cited population congestion, resentments to apartheid, bad housing, low pay and bad public relations as conspiring to make the Union, in general, in Johannesburg, in particular, especially vulnerable to communist propaganda. It would be indescribably tragic if Africa should go communist when it need not," Bishop Tippet added. "Christian and democratic forces can hold the line."

Proposals for a church union in North India similar to that already in effect in South India have heavy support at the present stage of discussion, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt reported.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, who represented the Council at the Latin American Central Conference in his report attributed much of the anti-North America sentiment on the part of leaders as being for political home consumption. "At heart these people are friendly, courteous, lovely and lovable," he found.

Bishop A. Frank Smith of Houston, reporting his visitation to northern Europe, told his colleagues of the election and consecration of 49-year-old Rev. Dr. Odd Hagen as bishop at the Central Conference in Helsinki. A Norwegian, Bishop Hagen had headed the theological seminary in Gothenburg, Sweden. Bishop Hagen has a daughter in Emory University.

Bishop Corson who reported on Caribbean visitation urged closer understanding and increased fellowship and aid to these island churches.

The World Evangelistic Convocation in Philadelphia, June 26-28, the bishops are

supporting with enthusiasm. The thousand registrations already in are expected to be augmented by another 4,000 from outside the Northeastern Jurisdiction and 5,000 from within those states. A goal of 65,000 Methodists has been set for the Franklin Field program on Wesley's birthday, the 28th.

Bishop John Wesley Lord led a memorial hour which brought to mind the service of two bishops, the wives of two bishops and a bishop's widow, all of whom died since the last annual meeting.

Protest Investigation Methods

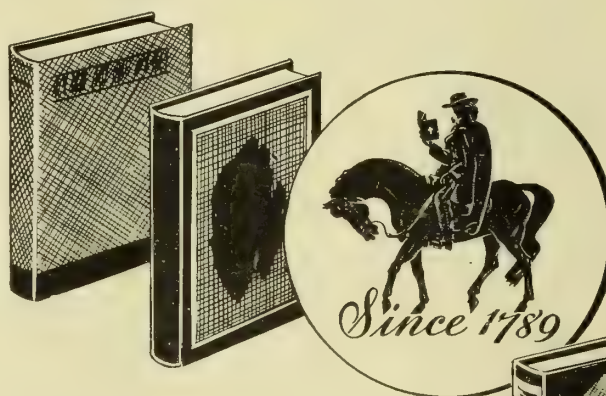
False and unjust accusations against her leaders produced from the bishops a statement describing the church as "the

most formidable of all opposition to atheistic communism." It declared that "Bishop Oxnam needs no defense at our hands" and stated that he had convincingly answered in detail all insinuations.

While lauding efforts of legally constituted authority to apprehend the disloyal, it pointed out the perils of condemnation by hearsay with no opportunity for refutation. References were included to abuse of privilege of congressional immunity and the use as evidence of unverified material.

The coming semi-annual meeting of the Council will be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, near Brunswick, Georgia, December 8, 1953. Here under giant live oaks, John and Charles Wesley in the 1730's preached to the Indians.

A concern for education



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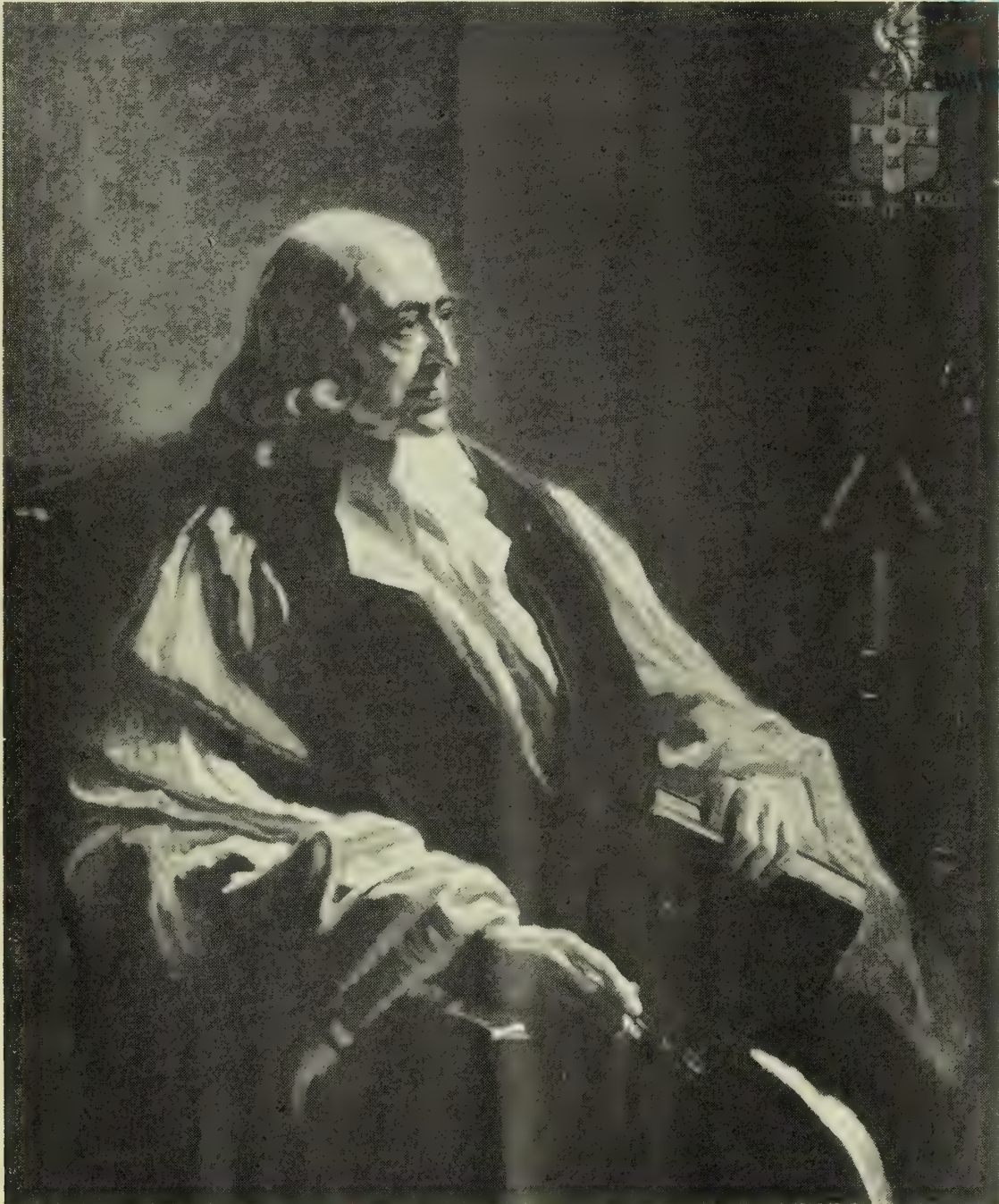
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On the afternoon of May 24, 1738, John Wesley listened to the singing by the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. That evening, at Aldersgate, "his heart was strangely warmed," and Methodism was born.

A Thought for the Week

THE FRUIT IS THE TEST

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh . . . But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5: 16, 22, 23.

The Holy Spirit is perhaps the most misunderstood theological term in our vocabulary. Some regard the Holy Spirit as an eerie, mysterious, awesome phenomenon that makes cranks and fanatics out of people. Therefore, they want nothing to do with him. Others regard the Holy Spirit as a sort of emotional binge that takes them out of the realm of the everyday work-a-day world and transfers them into some glorified ethereal realm where they can bask continuously in sweetness and light. Thus they perhaps seek the Spirit as an escape from the realities of life.

The Holy Spirit, however, is neither of these, but rather God's continuing Presence in our lives. He is God dwelling in us. Some who possess the Holy Spirit may express his Presence with great emotion. Others to whom the Spirit is just as real may show little outward emotion, but may have the inner assurance that God is with them.

The real test of whether or not we have the Holy Spirit is in the change that takes place in our lives; in other words, by the fruits. What are those fruits? Let St. Paul tell us: ". . . love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . ." Unless these qualities begin to demonstrate themselves in our lives, we had better begin to examine ourselves and seek for something we do not have.

How can we receive the Holy Spirit? First, by trying to get rid of the works of the flesh that are keeping out the Spirit. Paul lists these works of the flesh as follows: "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings . . ." Of course, no one person would be guilty of all of these evils. But any of them will keep out the Spirit.

Again, we must want the Holy Spirit. He comes only where he is wanted, invited, loved, adored, respected. We must pray for and seek the Holy Spirit. He is ready to come in. But the latch is on the inside—the inside of our hearts.

**Come, Holy Ghost, Our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire,
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
Of thee, of both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

From "The Book of Worship"

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

SECOND NATURE

Nineteen centuries ago a learned teacher put this question: "How can man be born when he is old?"

Man differs from all other living-beings in his deliberate desire to change himself. So far as we can tell, other animals do not mirror themselves in their thoughts. They may strut and assume attitudes that look human but there is no evidence that they are ever sorry for their vanity or have remorse for their passions.

Man, however, is incurably self-conscious. He suffers remorse for what he has been and is disturbed by dreams of what he wants to be.

And yet man, who struggles so hard to make himself over, can change the lower creatures almost at will. The animals and plants now most serviceable to us have been tamed from wild varieties. Dogs are but reclaimed wolves. Grains, vegetables, fruits, and garden flowers are the cultivated offspring of wild forms.

But when man turns to change himself, he is not so successful. In fact, he has had such poor results in improving the human species that many cynically assert that human nature cannot be changed. They say, for instance, that man is a fighting animal, always has been and always will be, and therefore, wars are inevitable.

I wonder how many of us seriously want to change ourselves. Of course, many of us desire to change the conditions of our living. We want the world made better. We can crave all this, and still not really desire to change our own lives.

If we would be born again, the first thing to get clear is that it is ourselves and not our surroundings which we desire to change. So often we are like the little boy who prayed: "O Lord, make me a better boy if you can; but if you can't, don't mind it too much, for I am getting along pretty well as is."

If we really want to change ourselves we must make a clean break with our bad habits. When Julius Caesar set out for Rome to take over the government he crossed the Rubicon River, shouting dramatically, "The die is cast." He did more. He burned the pontoon bridges behind him. He cut off the invitation to retreat.

The failure to close the door behind us is a common cause of defeat. In the familiar story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Dr. Jekyll was always smitten with remorse when he recovered from a debauch. But he never destroyed the vicious drink by which he could change himself into the licentious Mr. Hyde. That was his fatal error.

Next, when we have turned our backs on our bad habits, we must seize the first opportunity to act on our good resolutions. One of the most successful movements in the cure of drunkenness is Alcoholics Anonymous.

One of its rules is that as soon as the addict starts the cure, he should begin working to help someone else through the same struggle. When we give an arm to help another, we strengthen our own arm. The best way to become good is to do good.

And remember, when we set out to make goodness our second nature, we do not have to do it all by ourselves. Out-

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We remember today, our Father, how Christ heard the call of the unclean, untouchable leper, and made him well. How marvelous is Thy love for the least and the lowest! How like God it is to hear the pitiful cry of the outcast and the forsaken!

In Thee every sinner finds a friend, if he makes honest and earnest appeal. And however vile our sin, there is never a hopeless case before Thee. Thy power is infinite and Thy love is perfect. What a gospel we have to preach and live as we go forth in the eternal adventuring with Christ to redeem lost humanity! And as Christ contacted the leper, not to become at all unclean but to make him spotless, help us to contact sinners in an uncompromising manner—to make them to become like our Christ. In His name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

side my window is a leaf which has clung to the branch of a tree all winter. The winds have not blown it off. But the other day it dropped. Why? The spring sap rising in the tree pushed it off.

So with us. Sometimes the rising sap of a new desire replaces an old sinful habit or tendency which we could not shake off. There is a "Power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." When we let God's spirit flow through us, He does what we can't do.

Still true is that old saying: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

Sometimes we may learn more from a man's errors, than from his virtues. — Longfellow.

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Assimilate These New Members Now!

North Carolina Methodism during the past month has received between 12,000 and 15,000 new members—the largest number no doubt ever received in so short a span of time. It is not unfair to say that the task of assimilating and activating many of these new members will be more difficult than it was to get them to join the church. It is no exaggeration to say, either, that unless many of them are related actively to the church within the next few weeks they will be lost completely. Therefore, these days are highly significant both for the new members and for the church itself.

Methodism has entirely too many inactive members. Out of a total membership of around 10,000,000, 1,750,000 are reported to be inactive. During the past ten years, according to information, our inactive members have increased 1,000,000 while the active membership has increased only 250,000. Why has this come about? Obviously, there are many factors. One big reason, of course, is the method we have used to bring them in. This decade marks the period of visitation evangelism. By this method we have brought into our churches multitudes of people who have not been properly prepared for church membership. Many of them have had no church background. We received them in such large numbers, in many instances, that it was almost impossible to prepare them and to assimilate them. Now, thousands are today among our most devoted church members. Other thousands have never really been brought into the life of the church. They are simply names on a church roll.

Every organization in the church will need to join in this assimilating process. The Sunday School, the Men's Club, the Woman's Society, the Guild, the MYF, and all the other organizations should begin at once to bring these new members into their groups. To delay now may be to lose many who have gone perhaps as far as they are spiritually prepared.

The church has the first responsibility—the responsibility of preparing these new members, making them feel welcome by extending the glad hand of friendship, by relating them to the various organizations, and by encouraging them to attend church regularly. Don't let it be said that after all we have done so far we shall neglect to do anything that will cause a single person to stumble or falter after he has joined the church. The real test comes now: the test of whether we are more interested in statistics or people.

Not Commemoration But Rediscovery Is What We Need

Sunday, May 24, is a significant day for Methodists around the world. It is Pentecost Sunday and the 215th anniversary of John Wesley's heart-warming experience on Aldersgate Street, London. Pentecost marked the birth of the Christian church and Aldersgate marked the birth of Methodism. Next Sunday mass meetings will be held throughout the world. A number has been planned in North Carolina.

Instead of using Sunday, May 24—as most of us will do—to call attention to our glorious heritage and to talk about the experiences that others had we can well afford to use it as a day of self-examination. Even the slightest reflection will make us realize that we are a long ways from Pentecost and Aldersgate both from the standpoint of time and spiritual vitality. Many Methodists would be as frightened by a Pentecost or an Aldersgate experience as they would by a resurrection. The Holy Spirit would be about as much welcome in some of our services as a ghost. A heart-warming experience is about as much sought after in some Methodist circles as a heart attack. Some Methodist congregations are made up more of the socially privileged than they are of the spiritually redeemed. Some Methodists would receive Peter about as cheerfully as the Jewish hierarchy received him on the day of Pentecost and accept Wesley about as enthusiastically as the Anglicans accepted him following Aldersgate.

This is not to say that Methodism has lost its spiritual power. It is to say, however, that Methodism is in danger. We are too much conformed to the secular world about us. We often compromise our moral standards. We are too much identified with the status quo. We are in danger of losing our social vision, our passion for justice and equality. We are moving steadily away from the un-churched masses, leaving them to others to convert. No longer do we cry out against great social evils. It is true that the General Conference and Annual Conferences often pass vigorous resolutions against strong drink, war and other evils. But Methodist preachers, even when they stand against the liquor traffic, often feel they have little support from their official boards or the appointing powers. Our voice is often so weak, so divided, so uncertain, that even our enemies pay little attention to us. The prophet has small recognition in Methodism. We seem to prefer insipid priests

and clever administrators to men filled with the Holy Spirit.

We have discarded the prayer meeting and the class meeting, but we have found nothing to generate the spiritual power of either. The church in too many respects is a pale imitation of the world. Some of our leaders are intrigued by the magic of numbers and statistics. Like the children of our day, we mistake bigness for greatness, quantity for quality. Actually, on a proportionate basis we are doing far less than some smaller denominations in missions, in education, in evangelism. Yet we try to impress ourselves with our own importance.

Methodism is a great church. Methodists still have a big heart. But we are bound to admit that we are more like the world than the followers of Jesus were on the day of Pentecost and the Methodists were in Wesley's day. Are we going to keep on conforming until we lose our spiritual distinctiveness? Or shall we really recapture the spirit of Pentecost and Aldersgate and generate a spiritual fire that can burn out the dross and lethargy in our sick souls? The secret lies not in commemorating but in rediscovering Pentecost and Aldersgate.

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Un-Americanism in a Congressional Committee

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's recent tilt with Chairman Harold Velde of the House Un-American Activities Committee has brought out several facts both encouraging and sobering. The first fact is that Bishop Oxnam, as most of us already knew, is no Communist or Communist sympathizer. He is a Christian statesman and prophet. The second fact is that many of the methods of Mr. Velde's committee are unfair and much of the information in the committee files is biased and unreliable.

The most sobering fact about this affair, however, is that there seems to be an organized effort in Mr. Velde's committee itself to smear anyone who is a non-conformist. The investigation of educators and the threat to call church leaders before the committee can easily be a step in the direction of thought control. Anybody who criticizes anything American can be suspect. This is not American. It is un-American. This course does not preserve our freedom; it destroys it. If it continues, every man's freedom is at stake. Congress, which has done so much to liberate the minds of men, in the hands of hysterical, politically ambitious demagogues, can also sound the death knell of freedom. We can be thankful that most Congressmen are not like a vociferous few.

THE MEANING OF PENTECOST IN THE WORLD TODAY

Pentecost—a day when there were strange happenings in Jerusalem, a sudden, mighty rush of mind, tongues of fire, a Babel of strange sounds. Pentecost—the birthday of the church, when a company of undistinguished people, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit, suddenly received that promise and were changed into active witnesses for Christ, confident in their faith and their future.

Pentecost 1953—what does it mean here and now? Where shall we look today for results like those that followed that first great break-through of the Spirit?

What did that event mean to those who experienced it? The little band of believers were waiting, probably a little anxious and a little bewildered, taken up with the administrative problems of the group, half-afraid to believe even what they had seen and heard, and wondering what was going to happen to them. Then, suddenly, came Pentecost, an amazing, sunburst, experience. One can almost hear them exclaiming, "Why, it's true!

A New Courage Is Born

The little group of believers took courage and went about openly and serenely, praising God with cheerfulness and daring to try out, in that community, a naive new pattern of group living, "with gladness and singleness of heart, having favor with all the people." And great numbers were so much impressed by the new light in these men's eyes and by the power that spoke through their preaching, that they not only changed their ideas about this despised Way, but made public commitment, and were baptised into its fellowship. From discouragement to confidence, from paralysis to creative living, from worry about their own problems to a vision of God active in his world—what would we not give if that change could come in our day?

We of the "traditional" churches are not in the habit of seeing tongues of fire, or of suddenly speaking in strange tongues. Some of our fellow-Christians do expect such things, and it may be that we too readily discount such possibilities, and the uncomfortable demands that they might make on us. However that may be, we have only to lift up our eyes and look around us to see in the things that are happening today plenty of proof that the Spirit of the Lord which came on Jesus at Nazareth is abroad and active in our world in 1953.

Evidences of Pentecost Today

Take the growth of the social conscience. A hundred years ago, slaves, workers in factories and sweat-shops, even servants in homes, were treated and regarded by fine Christian people in a way that would horrify any who read these words today. In the last ten years, Christian thought, and some Christian action, about racial questions has brought us a long way nearer to Christ's ideal of brotherhood, unfortunate episodes and local outbursts notwithstanding. The tremendous outpouring of concern and relief for refugees, displaced persons and victims of war, and the spirit of disinterested service that is at least part of the programs of aid to other countries, testify that the idea that we are our brother's keeper is gaining ground.

The concern for others shown in the United Nations, where tedious days and hours and months are spent in patiently

By Mrs. John D. Hayes

A former missionary to China and the Philippines gives evidence that Pentecost is with us today.

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trying to untangle conflicting interests and to work out a better way of living for all, is something new under the sun.

Or consider the great new areas of truth into which the Spirit is guiding the mind of man, as Christ promised he would—the miracles of modern medicine, the tremendous possibilities for good as well as for evil that science and industry are uncovering, the new understanding of the working of the human mind, patiently acquired and painstakingly applied to bring deliverance to the captives of fear and emotional stress, and to set at liberty spirits bruised by circumstances and pressures too great to be borne.

Or look at the revival of theology and the upsurge of interest in religion, with scientists and religionists drawing nearer together as they learn more, and young men and women earnestly discussing religion and asking for courses and guidance in matters of the soul. There is a big advance too in the part laymen and women are taking, not only in the treasurer's and trustee's offices in the churches, but in active evangelistic work, in serious thinking, and often in the pulpit.

There is also a widespread and serious attempt to tackle the problems of how Christianity can be lived out in modern secular occupations, where most Christians are. At Bossey, in Switzerland, the World Council of Churches regularly holds conferences where doctors, lawyers, teachers, journalists, business men and—most appropriately—housewives meet to explore ways of being Christians in their weekday living. 180,000 men and women attended the great annual Kirchentag in Germany in 1950, to think and hear of the responsibilities of Christians in their society. The laymen and women of America are working on this problem too: A conference was held at Buffalo, N. Y. in 1951, to which laymen from many walks of life came to discuss their daily work in relation to "Christian vocation."

The Churches Behind the Iron Curtain

Most striking of all is the story of the survival, even the growth, of the churches "behind the Curtain." Of these, Dr. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, writes in the book "World Faith in Action," published in 1952: "They (the Churches in Eastern Europe) not only continue to exist; they speak as with one voice of increased attendance, of a new sense of fellowship in the congregations, of greater readiness on the part of laymen to bear responsibility, and even of new opportunities for evangelism." He goes on to cite the staggering difficulties, economic, social, political, which these churches have to meet, and then comes out with his explanation—"The church is making the great discovery of its deepest freedom. It finds to its joy and surprise that it does not depend on the goodwill of its environment or of the powers that be. It realizes the simple Biblical truth that it is a wonderful situation for the Church when it depends on God alone."

At this season of Pentecost, fifty days

after Easter, Christians are specially called to think of one particular work of the Spirit, the drawing together of Christians in all lands and in all churches, and the first steps of their onward march into the future. The World Council of Churches has chosen this Festival as a fitting time for its members in every country to think and pray together about the great fact of its existence, and the still greater possibilities that are before it. It came into being in 1948, and now has 161 member churches in 43 countries and in every continent. It includes Christians with a rich tradition of ritual, and Christians with the freest forms of creed and worship; Christians with deeply conservative theology, and Christians who are adventuring in uncharted ways of thought and action; Christians living under austerity and hostile authority, and Christians living in an all-too-easy material setting and being too-little challenged by their environment; Christians who have been sending out missionaries to other lands, and Christians from the lands where those missionaries have gone; but all Christians, all seeking to find and follow God's will, and to work toward fulfilling Christ's own prayer, that "they all may be one." We are a part of this world-company, we, and Christians praying and serving in African villages and in Korean ruins, in Filipino huts and in the majestic cathedrals of Europe, in the cold of Alaska and the stifling heat of Indonesia and in the great new lands of South America, and all countries on the face of the earth. And through the people from our countries who work in the Commissions of the World Council, in local groups, we, all of us, are trying to explore and follow the leading of the Spirit as to how to worship together and come closer in Christian unity, how to help young people to see the truth as it is in Christ, how to get relief to the suffering, the displaced, the forgotten, how to further goodwill and peace among men, how to carry the spirit of Christ into the factories and offices and homes of the world, how to do His will on the earth and work toward bringing in His Kingdom.

The Young Churches Contribute

There is another aspect of the church that may well make us lift up our eyes and our hearts, and take courage. For generations we of the older churches have been sending missionaries overseas to take the good news of Christ and his salvation to those who had not heard it. Now, by the working of the Spirit, through our endeavors and far beyond our hoping, there have grown up in the countries where the missionaries went, churches which are taking up this Gospel and carrying it on and making it effective each in its own setting. The leaders of those churches are men of faith and devotion, courageous in standing for their convictions, active in putting the teaching into action. They and we, working together, each with our own traditions but with full mutual respect and help—this is the "horizontal fellowship" of Christians which has been called the great new fact of our era.

Further, these churches overseas are already sharing in the outward thrust of evangelism, in ways too many to mention. The church in the Philippines is

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HOW TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Three steps in receiving the Holy Spirit

By Wayne McLain

The Holy Spirit is a gift to be gratefully received not a reward for spiritual achievement. Indeed the Spirit, as the power within, makes spiritual fruit-bearing and witnessing possible. The disciples became fearless witnesses after they had received the Holy Spirit. Peter was an unstable denier of his Lord before he received the gift; he went to prison for preaching Jesus fearlessly in the streets of Jerusalem after he received the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has already been given humanity on the original Pentecost. He seeks now simply to be recognized, believed in, and happily received.

It is absolutely essential that those who believe in Jesus receive the Holy Spirit and be led by Him daily, for as many as are led by the Spirit are becoming the sons of God. It is the presence of the indwelling Spirit that stamps us as lively disciples of Jesus, for without the Spirit we are none of his. And without the quickening of our mortal bodies by the Spirit, we are still motivated by the fleshly or carnal spirit, the harvest of which is death.

Belief and Desire Essential

Since the Holy Spirit is love and gives himself to us, we must, first, believe in him and desire his presence within if we are to be filled with his life. He is the invited guest. He does not force himself upon us. Since He is personality, he respects our individuality so much that he awaits our grateful invitation. To receive the Spirit there must be a deep hunger and thirst for him.

We must desire him with our whole hearts and whole minds; as long as there are so-called subconscious hurdles to be removed, he cannot be received.

Dedicated to Jesus' Commands

Secondly, we must dedicate our lives to obedience to the commands of the Lord Jesus if we are to receive his spirit. God does not pour new wine into old wine bottles lest the wine be wasted and the bottles burst. It would be very dangerous for us to receive the Spirit if we were not dedicated to do his will. Ananias and Sapphira lost their lives in the early church because they apparently received the Holy Spirit and then lied about the price they received for the sale of their land. The Spirit is power, energy, abundant life and to receive him only to return to the deed of the flesh sets up such an emotional conflict that sickness often results.

When I first received the Holy Spirit in great power, joy, and bliss, he came very much as a surprise. God had led me through a series of educational events and experiences to the place where I felt the free necessity of dedicating my life to obedience to Jesus' commands even though it might mean loss of reputation and friends. After I had made the dedication, seemingly with my whole heart, and had prayed that Jesus might pour out his Spirit on others, and the Holy Spirit came upon me much to my surprise and delight.

After receiving his presence I found great joy and great light in reading the New Testament. It seemed almost a different book. It was to me. While before I had been a rather radical liberal religiously and had questioned much of the

supernatural element in the New Testament record, I now saw its utter truth and reasonableness. So far as the miracles and the Resurrection were concerned, I knew that the power that had come over my mind and body in great bliss and joy unspeakable could accomplish anything! Whereas before I had found it impossible to believe the miracles, I now found it impossible to disbelieve.

All Discord Must Go

In the third place, as we are led through experiences preparatory to our desiring and receiving the Holy Spirit, we shall want to eliminate all discord with others that has crept into our lives and affairs. The Spirit is the Spirit of love (the highest gift of the Holy Spirit is the gift of *agape* or Calvary love) and if he is to make his home in us and we must become loving in the practical and immediate inter-human relationships. I saw an elderly church member receive the Holy Spirit in great love and joy once when he had humbled himself sufficiently to go to a person who had fallen out with him and seek reconciliation. Jesus promises us that he will pray the Father to send us the Comforter or Counselor if we love him enough to keep his commandments. (See John 14: 15-18.) And the great command-

ment is that we love one another as he loved us, and loves us.

I believe that as we center our minds and affections on Jesus, we place ourselves in the proper condition to receive the Holy Spirit. For a great portion of my life I would not recognize Jesus as Lord because in the human limitations of the natural man I could not see how Jesus was any more than the highest moral achievement of the human race. I could not believe in him as the only begotten son of the Father. Against my theology and against my intellect, however, I began to pray to Jesus and when I began to pray to him things began to happen.

Jesus is in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is in Jesus and to fail to believe in Jesus as Lord is to fail to honor the One who is honored by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus. (See John 16: 14.) And it is only as the Holy Spirit lifts our minds out of carnal conformity into the freedom of the Spirit that we can truly call Jesus Lord and see his perfect union with the Father. It is in and through Jesus that we receive the Holy Spirit and all the gifts of the heavenly world for Jesus is our only door.

MAKING AN ANNIVERSARY

By Leslie J. Ross

Turning a "double" anniversary into a great spiritual experience is the purpose of The Methodist Church for Sunday, May 24th, when Pentecost Sunday and the heart-warming Aldersgate experience of John Wesley observance fall on the same day.

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, and Aldersgate, the birth of Methodism, present a combination of experiences that gave new life to the Kingdom of God on earth. To have just an observance, an anniversary of the double occasion, is not enough to be truly representative of the events observed.

There must come a fresh recognition of the reality of the presence of God's Spirit. Faith must become more vibrant—more earnest—more real to each individual Methodist. Such an experience is possible for each individual, for each church, for each district and Conference if there is a desire on the part of Methodists to open their hearts and let the spirit of the living God flow in.

Of course, God can not do this alone. A religious experience comes first to "prepared" hearts. A renewal of spirit comes first to the "prepared" church. Methodism needs to prepare itself for Pentecost-Aldersgate Sunday through local churches by:

1. Successfully assimilating and training the new members taken into the church during Lent and Easter.
2. Raising the spiritual tone of the whole church.
3. Making prayer a more vital part of the life of the church beginning with the minister, the official board, and church school teachers.
4. Continuing Easter to Pentecost with the outreach of the church through visitation evangelism.
5. Planning for the largest church school attendance of the year with "every member of every family" present, and each student committed to bring a new person.
6. Having a victorious "second Easter" service to make Pentecost-Aldersgate a triumphant day indeed.

All districts across the nation have been requested to have district, sub-district, or bi-district mass meetings to give the people an opportunity to be "altogether in one place" to give thanks to God for these two great occasions, and take new heart in proclaiming Christ to the world. Over 150 such Victory Rallies are already set across the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

All Conferences have been asked to consider setting a goal of 3,000 new members on May 24, including the new members received from Easter to Pentecost-Aldersgate.

The presence of the Holy Spirit can create a warm heart in every individual. The prayer of the church today is that it can re-live the Pentecost experience, that it can feel the effects of an Aldersgate conversion, and thus project across the nation the thrilling fact that "Christ Can Change The World."

Duke Convocation Set for June 2-5; Harrell, Dunham to be G.C. Speakers

DUKE CONVOCATION TO BE HEADLINED BY CORSON AND GILKEY

At the Christian Convocation and Pastor's School, to be held June 2-5, on the Duke campus, Durham, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson will be the Convocation preacher and Dr. Charles W. Gilkey will deliver the James A. Gray lectures. Bishop Corson, presiding bishop of the Philadelphia Area of The Methodist Church, will deliver three sermons on: "Tomorrow Can Be Better," "The Illusion of Defeat," and "The Master Churchman." Dr. Gilkey will bring the fourth series of the Grey Lectures using the general theme: "Your Whole Duty As a Minister." The individual lecture titles are: "Multiplying Demands on Our Calling," "The Deeper Roots of Fruitful Preaching," "A Person-Centered Ministry," and "The Church and Its Community."

In addition, there will be special lecturers, giving four lectures each, including Bishop Costen J. Harrell on "The Minister As Pastor"; Holt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, on "The Church and the Press"; and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, "The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service."

Six full-length courses will be offered with some of the top rank instructors of the nation leading. These are: Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, "The Modern Search for the Original Bible"; Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, "Our Message to This Age"; Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, "Interpreting the Bible to Youth"; Dr. Edmund D. Soper, "The Church in the Asia of Today"; Mrs. Edith W. Reed, "The Vacation Church School"; and Dr. H. E. Stotts, "The Ministry and Social Problems."

Special features will be a workshop on preaching by Bishop Corson; a discussion on "The Stewardship Emphasis in The Methodist Church" by Bishop Harrell; and a Communion service led by Bishops Harrell and Corson.

The devotional speakers for the Convocation will be Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Dr. E. B. Fisher, and Dr. A. J. Walton. Dean of the school is Dr. W. A. Kale.

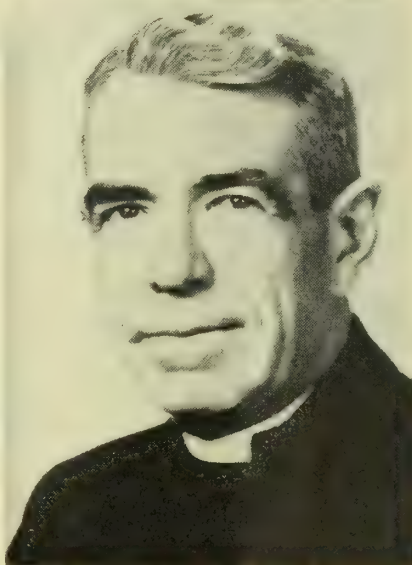
JAMES A. GRAY LECTURER



Dr. Charles W. Gilkey

During the week the alumni of the Duke Divinity School will observe the annual luncheon, and Dr. Edmund D. Soper first dean of the Divinity School, will be the speaker.

CONVOCATION PREACHER



Bishop Fred P. Corson

GREENSBORO COLLEGE ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding bishop of the Charlotte area of The Methodist Church, and Dr. Chadbourne Dunham, professor of German and Humanities at Ohio Wesleyan University, will be the featured speakers at the Greensboro College Commencement program May 31 and June 1.

Four days of graduation activities, beginning on May 29 with the meeting of

the executive committee of the Alumnae Association, will culminate with the graduating exercises at 10:30 a.m., June 1, in Odell Memorial Auditorium.

Bishop Harrell will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. May 31, in West Market Street Methodist Church. Consecrated a bishop in 1944, Bishop Harrell was assigned to the Charlotte Area in 1948. An alumnus of Duke and Vanderbilt University, he has served pastorates in the North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee Conferences and is the author of several well-known books including "Prophets of Israel," "The Way of the Transgressor" and "I Believe in God."

Dr. Dunham, who will give the graduating address on June 1, has spent most of his career as a teacher at Ohio Wesleyan University, receiving his A.B. degree from that university in 1929. In 1945 he served as bombing analyst with the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey and in 1950-51 as a State Department Consultant to the U. S. Information Centers in Germany. Past President of the East Central District of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Dunham is listed in "Who's Who in America."

Other graduation activities include reunion class meetings, class day exercises and the senior class dinner on May 30 and on May 31, and art exhibit and reception by President and Mrs. H. H. Hutson, honoring members of the graduating class.

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SALEM CHURCH ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING

On Sunday, May 31, Salem church on the Farmer charge will have the annual homecoming with Rev. C. F. Womble, former pastor, delivering the message. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds to be followed by a varied program in the afternoon.

Former members and friends will be greatly surprised when they see the improvements which have been made to the church as well as the beautification of the grounds and cemetery. This small congregation of 60 members undertook to construct three Sunday School rooms to the present building and to sow grass and plant shrubbery about the grounds. They have also sown grass in the cemetery and put into place many stone markers which had fallen or been moved over the years making one of the most beautiful rural cemeteries in the Conference. All of the projects were undertaken by faith as funds were indeed scarce among such a small group but all have now been completed and efforts to liquidate the remaining debt are progressing satisfactorily.

A cordial welcome is extended to former pastors, members and friends to worship with this congregation on the above date.



Salem church on the Farmer charge with new Sunday school rooms in the rear.

W.N.C. Conference Receives 7,167 Members; Rallies Set for Sunday, May 24

CHARLOTTE AREA RECEIVES 12,951 IN EVANGELISTIC MISSION

The Western North Carolina Conference received a total of 7,167 new members in the United Evangelistic Mission held May 3-8, according to Dr. Joseph T. Edwards, Area director. Of this number, 4,393 were received on profession of faith and 2,774 came by transfer of membership.

The South Carolina Conference received a total of 5,784, with 3,344 joining on profession of faith and 2,440 by letter, thus making a total of 12,951 for the Charlotte Area. Total attendance in the Conference during the week was 641,574 and the total attendance at youth rallies was 11,116.

The break-down by districts is as follows:

	Prof. faith	Transfer
Asheville	454	230
Charlotte	432	590
Gastonia	486	268
Greensboro	577	430
Marion	319	114
Salisbury	418	251
Statesville	536	202
Thomasville	421	209
Waynesville	339	122
Winston-Salem	411	359
Totals	4,393	2,774

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METHODISTS IN SOUTHEAST SCHEDULE 152 RALLIES

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Methodist churches of nine southeastern states have scheduled 152 regional "victory rallies" May 24 to celebrate the conclusion of evangelistic missions which netted 80,167 commitments.

Results were announced here by Dr. Harry Williams of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He directed the campaign and Bishop Roy H. Short, also of Nashville, was general chairman.

Staged in three week-long phases, the campaign represented the greatest single



Dr. A. J. Walton, above, of the Duke Divinity School faculty, will be the speaker in two mass meetings scheduled for the Winston Salem District Sunday, May 24. At 3:30 p.m. he will preach at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, and at 8 p.m. he will preach at Central church, Mount Airy.

evangelistic effort in the history of Methodism. Preceded by months of organization, each phase combined preaching by guest ministers and house-to-house visitation by lay teams numbering more than 100,000 members.

Phase three of the united mission ended May 10 with a total of 34,865 new and renewed memberships added to Methodist rolls. Two weeks earlier, April 17-26, Phase Two netted 35,780 commitments. The first phase, held earlier as a "trial campaign" in Kentucky and West Tennessee, registered 9,522 new members.

Participating in the overall campaign

were 9,685 churches in Methodism's south-eastern jurisdiction: Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North and South Carolina.

Most of the May 24 mass rallies will be held on a district or sub-district level, Dr. Williams said. They will feature special speakers and massed choirs.

May 24 is Pentecost Sunday this year, and it is also observed by Methodists as "Aldersgate Day" in memory of John Wesley's "heart-warming experience" in 1738 at Aldersgate Chapel, London, which led to the Wesleyan revival in England and colonial America.

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METHODISTS PLAN WORLD-WIDE BROADCAST MAY 24

Methodists throughout the world will be bound together in a radio broadcast May 24 from Bristol, England, "the oldest shrine of Methodism," in observance of Aldersgate Sunday.

The special service will be broadcast over the British Broadcasting Corporation home facilities and by short wave throughout the world.

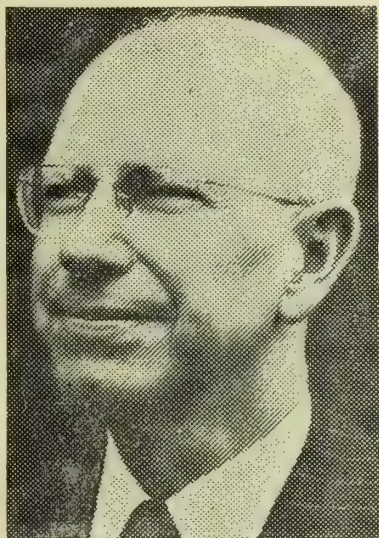
In the United States the service will be rebroadcast the same day under the auspices of the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

Both the live broadcast and the transcription will originate in John Wesley's New Room Chapel in Bristol. The structure was built by the small contributions of miners in response to Wesley's first preaching in open fields following his famous "heart-warming experience" at Aldersgate Street, London, May 24, 1738.

Methodists now celebrate May 24 as Aldersgate Day. By coincidence Whitsunday, or Pentecost, also falls on May 24 this year. The 250th anniversary of Wesley's birth will be observed by Methodists June 28.

Dr. Eric W. Baker, one of English Methodism's most outstanding leaders and secretary of the Methodist Conference of Britain, will speak at the Bristol ceremony.

In the south and southwest the Protestant Radio Center, Atlanta, Ga., is cooperating with the Methodist commission to release the program over the 190 stations carrying "The Protestant Hour."



Bishop Glen R. Phillips, above, presiding bishop of the Denver Area, will be the preacher for the mass meeting Sunday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial auditorium, Raleigh. Districts joining in this service are Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and Fayetteville.



Bishop E. E. Voigt, above, presiding bishop of the Dakota Area, Aberdeen, S. D., will be the speaker in the mass meeting to be held in the East Carolina College Stadium, Greenville, Sunday afternoon, May 24, at 3:30 o'clock. Participating Districts are New Bern, Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount.



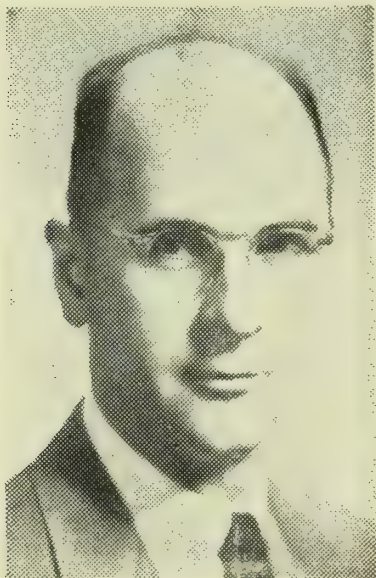
Dr. David A. MacLennan, above, of the Yale Divinity School faculty is the speaker for the Greensboro District mass meeting to be held Sunday, afternoon, May 24, at 3:30 o'clock in Aycock auditorium, Woman's College, Greensboro.

Brevard College Plans Rites May 24-26; Greensboro Area in College Fund Drive

STAMEY TO BE FORMALLY INSTALLED AT BREVARD

Elaborate plans for commencement at Brevard College are now being made and included in the three-day program will be the regular commencement exercises, the inauguration of the new president and the centennial celebration of the institution.

On Sunday, May 24, at 11 a.m., in the First Methodist Church, Rev. D. D. Holt of Greensboro will preach the commencement sermon to the graduating class. Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte will deliver the commencement address in the college gymnasium at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 26.



The inaugural ceremony of Rev. Robert H. Stamey, above, the new president of Brevard College, will be held in the college gymnasium on Tuesday morning, May 26, at 10:30 o'clock. The inauguration of President Stamey will be one of the highlight features of the 1953 graduation exercises at Brevard College.

The inaugural ceremony for President Robert H. Stamey will be held in the college gymnasium Tuesday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Virginia, will deliver the main address and Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, who is chairman of the board of trustees, will give the charge. President Stamey will then deliver his inaugural address.

A native North Carolinian, Mr. Stamey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stamey of Fallston and the grandson of the late Rev. Henry Gilbert Stamey, long a prominent and beloved Methodist minister. President Stamey attended Weaver College and graduated from Duke University with the A.B. degree in 1938 and from the School of Religion of Duke University in 1941 with the B.D. degree. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church and had been minister of the Commonwealth Methodist Church of Charlotte for six years when he was elected to the presidency of Brevard college.

Celebration of the Brevard college centennial will begin officially with the observance of the 1953 commencement program. Many outstanding leaders of The Methodist Church will be attracted to the campus for this celebration.

Brevard College had its beginning with

Rutherford College, located near Morganton, which received its charter in 1853. Weaver College, located at Weaverville, was incorporated in 1872. In 1934 the final merger of these two colleges took place on the site of Brevard Institute and became known as Brevard College.

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DELEGATES REGISTER FOR CONVOCATION ON EVANGELISM

The first 1,000 delegates have registered for the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism to be held June 26-28 in Philadelphia.

The announcement was made by Dr. Joseph H. Edge, associate secretary of the Methodist Church's General Board of Evangelism, which has its national headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. He has been named registrar of the convocation.

More than 5,000 ministers, laymen, women and youth delegates are expected

to attend the meeting, Dr. Edge said, in addition to several thousand others from the Philadelphia area.

The convocation will mark the opening of the American phase of Methodism's world-wide emphasis on evangelism this year. At least 1,000 new members will be received into church membership at an outdoor mass rally concluding the program, Dr. Edge said. Arrangements are being made to seat 65,000 persons at the rally.

The 1,000 new members will be the denomination's first step toward a goal of 250,000 commitments in local and regional evangelistic campaigns next fall.

The convocation also will mark the 250th birthday anniversary (June 28) of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. Four eminent British church leaders will be program principals. They are: Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, Dr. Dorothy Farrar and Dr. Harold Roberts.

Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, is general chairman of the convocation, and Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, is vice chairman.

GREENSBORO AREA METHODISTS BEGIN UCA DRIVE

Methodists of the Greensboro area on Tuesday evening, May 12, launched a campaign for \$250,000 for the Methodist colleges of North Carolina in a kick-off dinner meeting held at West Market Street church, Greensboro, with around 300 persons attending. In charge of the meeting was Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District, and featured speaker was Edwin L. Jones, prominent Charlotte layman and chairman of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc., sponsoring organization of the current statewide United College Appeal campaign. Other speakers were W. C. Boren, III, chairman of the drive; Judge Marshall T. Spears, prominent Durham layman and president of the Methodist College Foundation; W. Y. Preyer, Greensboro businessman; Dr. E. C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church; Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president

of Greensboro College; and Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, who is in charge of the campaign. A double quartet from Greensboro College rendered several vocal selections. A victory dinner is set for Friday evening, May 22, at West Market Street church, at which time the churches will make their reports on the success of the campaign.

The Greensboro campaign is the last campaign for the ten districts of the Western North Carolina Conference. With a goal of \$1,500,000 in a total goal of \$2,500,000 for both Conferences, more than \$1,000,000 has already been subscribed in the Conference. Five Districts in the North Carolina Conference have already held their campaigns with the Raleigh and Elizabeth City Districts scheduling their drives this fall. The North Carolina Conference goal is \$1,000,000.



Pictured above are some of the leaders in the Greensboro kickoff meeting. Left to right, they are: D. D. Holt, W. C. Boren,

III, H. H. Hutson, H. F. Duncan, E. C. Few, E. L. Jones and W. Y. Preyer.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

HIGH POINT COLLEGE has let the contract for the new auditorium-chapel with actual work to begin immediately. The building, to cost around \$250,000, will be completed next January.

BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER has announced the appointment of Rev. Troy J. Barrett as director of recreation and religious activities of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, effective May 1, 1953.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY was observed Sunday, May 17, by the Pineville and Harrison Methodist Churches with an exchange by the two pastors, Rev. T. A. Summey and Rev. O. N. Hutchinson, Jr., respectively.

THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at its recent meeting elected Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., president and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., secretary.

REV. J. THEMAYNE COPPLESTONE, pastor of Copley Methodist Church, Boston, Mass., has assumed his duties as editor of Zions Herald, succeeding Dr. Emory S. Bucke, who resigned recently to accept a position with the Methodist Publishing House.

SHOALS CHARGE has just completed another revival with 14 new members added to the church. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Combs, did the preaching. A new Sunday school building with six classrooms and a new oil furnace have been added at a total cost of about \$5,000.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CHI M. WAGGONER of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, were presented a chest of silver at the faculty meeting held May 7 in the president's home on the Pfeiffer campus. The gift was made in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner's able and constructive leadership during the past nine years. On July 1 Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner will leave the college to make their home in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. J. Lem Stokes is the new president of Pfeiffer College.

REV. LUD H. ESTES, Memphis, Tenn., secretary of the Methodist Church's General Conference, has returned home following a major operation and six weeks convalescence at the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. "I am out of the briar patch and on the road to recovery," writes Dr. Estes, known to Methodists across the country as "your buddy." He states that he has resumed the arduous task of editing the 1952 General Conference Journal, and expects it to be off the press this summer. It will be printed by the Methodist Publishing House.

METHODIST VISITORS TO ENGLAND this Coronation year should not fail to make a pilgrimage to the Mother Church, Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, where John Wesley himself ministered for many years. The church itself and John Wesley's residence are among Methodism's most valued and historic monuments. The eventful history of early Methodism is written into their very stones and they contain many precious and evocative relics of John Wesley, his associates and the world-wide work they began. The church and museum are open every day. A guide is always in attendance.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1953



PASTORS: You can send the Advocate to new members one year for \$2.00. Every-family rate, if the Advocate goes to all your homes.

PAUL R. ERVIN, Charlotte attorney and Conference lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, attended the recent meeting of the Board of Social and Economic Relations held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago. The board, which was created last spring by the General Conference, elected Rev. A. Dudley Ward as executive secretary. Mr. Ervin, who was a member of the committee on the State of the Church at the last General Conference, is a member of the executive committee of the new board.

DR. ERIC W. BAKER, London, England, will be the featured speaker on the Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour, a radio network worship program on Sunday morning, May 24. Recorded in London by the British Broadcasting Company as a special feature of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, and as an opening feature of the World Methodist Evangelistic Mission, this radio program will be featured around the world by the BBC and allied radio stations.

FIRST CHURCH, Williamston, WSCS held a "coupon party" recently with 243½ coupons collected for the Methodist Orphanage. Mrs. John H. Gurganus brought in the largest number of coupons and received a potted plant as a prize. The party was sponsored by Circle No. 5, Mrs. H. L. Swain, chairman. The circle also presented a play, "Have Thine Own Way." Life membership pins were presented to Mrs. R. P. Monteith and Mrs. George W. Corey. Those previously receiving pins were Mrs. Swain and Mrs. W. H. Harrison.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, III, has given \$250,000 to establish the Harry Emerson Fosdick Visiting Professorship at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, it has been announced by President Henry P. Van Dusen. Dr. Van Dusen also announced that Dr. George F. MacLeod, founder and leader of the Iona Community in Scotland, has been designated as the first appointee for the year 1954-55. According to the terms of the gift, the purpose of the professorship is "to honor Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick for his distinguished contributions as teacher, preacher, writer and counselor, and to strengthen the training of the present and the oncoming leaders of the Christian church so as to enable them in their generation, as Dr. Fosdick has in his generation, to interpret the abiding truths and experiences of Christian faith in terms relevant and compelling to contemporary life."

GREEN STREET CHURCH, Winston-Salem, has recently completed a parsonage building program at a cost of \$14,000.

REV. A. A. FERGUSON, pastor, reports that a new church on the Alleghany-Grayson charge is ready for dedication.

CREWS CHURCH in the Winston-Salem District plans to launch a \$150,000 building fund drive.

BISHOP FRED P. CORSON, Philadelphia, has written a letter of welcome to Methodists across the country inviting them to come to the "City of Brotherly Love" June 26-28 for the denomination's World Convocation on Evangelism and the observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. An estimated 5,000 delegates, outside the Philadelphia area, will attend the convocation.

WESLEY CHURCH of Old Trap was opened Sunday, May 10, for the first service in the new building. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Wentz, who was in South Carolina engaged in the United Evangelistic Mission, Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, former pastor and now superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, was in charge. Although the new building has not been completed, facilities are such that the congregation can use it. For the past several years services have been held in the community building.

WORLD SERVICE receipts for April exceeded \$1,000,000 and set an all-time high for this next-to-the-last month of the fiscal year. Despite this increase recorded in April, it will still be necessary to receive \$2,448,978 during May if the full apportionment of \$9,660,000 is to be raised for the fiscal year, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance. Other benevolence receipts for April were as follows: World Service Specials, \$3,935.73; General Advance Fund, \$328,556.81; Week of Dedication, \$227,678.97; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$22,898.85. Receipts for administrative funds during April were as follows: Episcopal Fund, \$114,436.06; General Administration, \$34,368.75; Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$34,624.24.

RALPH STOODY, executive director, Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, reports in the section on Methodism prepared for the American Peoples Encyclopedia 1953 Yearbook that there are 9,180,428 members in 39,906 Methodist churches in the United States. The figure represents a gain of 114,701 for 1952. Statistics at year's end also showed that there were 25,491 ministers and a total enrollment in church schools of 6,141,284. Average attendance at church schools was 3,099,245. While 360,000 Negro members are included in the above figures there are three large independent Negro Methodist bodies: the African Methodist Episcopal, with 1,166,301 members in 5,878 churches; the African M. E. Zion, numbering 728,150 in 3,090 churches, and the Colored M. E. with 392,167 in 2,469 churches. Other smaller Methodist bodies include: Free Methodist, with 50,033 members in 1,201 churches; Wesleyan Methodist, 33,796 in 961 churches, and Primitive Methodist 12,000 members in 88 churches.

Laboratory School Scheduled for Pfeiffer College May 26 - 29

OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHER PREPARATION

On May 26-29 at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, leaders of boys and girls will have an opportunity to meet with experienced church school teachers, and help them to teach boys and girls. Please let us have your registration by May 22. Please send \$1.00 registration fee. Day students will pay \$1.00 registration fee and for individual meals.

The Daily Schedule

Tuesday, May 26

3:00 Registration
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Faculty Meeting
7:30 Assembly
8:00 Departmental Groups
9:30 Social Hour

Wednesday and Thursday, May 27, 28

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Departmental Groups
Each teacher will have a short devotional with her group.
9:00-10:15 Class with boys and girls
10:25 Evaluation
11:35 Theology for Leaders of Boys and Girls
12:45 Lunch
2:30-4:30 Departmental Groups
6:00 Dinner
7:30-9:30 Theology for leaders of boys and girls

Friday, May 29

The same schedule for Friday morning as for other mornings, closing with lunch.

Books

The Methodist Publishing House will have books for sale. This will be a good opportunity to buy books for children and for children's leaders.

Better Accommodations

New mattresses have been bought at Pfeiffer. This will be welcome news to many of us. The good food, however, has always made up for the worn mattresses.

Outstanding Faculty

We are fortunate to have for our instructors, Mrs. R. A. Barnes from Norfolk, Virginia, who will lead the nursery group;



Mrs. W. R. Reed

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Miss Kate Crowell, from First Methodist Church, Charlotte, for the Kindergarten Group; Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, from Atlanta, Georgia, for the Primary Group; Mrs. John C. Goode from Richmond, Virginia, for the Junior Group and Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard from Westminster, Maryland, to lead the Intermediate Group.

Group Graded Literature

The instructors will use the regular Sunday morning Church School materials, which is used in most of the churches. It will be Group Graded. The teaching techniques will be the same, however, for any church of any size.



Mrs. R. A. Barnes

All teachers are requested to make notes of questions they would like to talk to the instructors about. We want this school to help each person. Each instructor has had experience in teaching in both small and large churches, so bring your particular problems to them.

All workers are urged to bring their Bibles. All of the units will be Bible units. We hope that each teacher will learn to use the Bible with boys and girls so that they will have a desire to live in accordance with the purposes of God for their lives.

The Bible is a book through which God speaks to us. Come, let us learn how to make the Bible speak to the boys and girls of our conference. Never was its message more needed than now.

Cost of Laboratory School

The total cost is \$10.00. This includes meals, lodging with linens furnished, excellent teaching, and fellowship with other Christian workers. Churches may well afford to pay a teacher's expenses for the returns will be three-fold in the improvement in teaching.

Advantages of a Laboratory School

1. Experienced teachers teach children,



Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard

while inexperienced teachers observe and help.

2. There are periods of evaluation when workers may learn why a teacher used a certain method, or why children were given a chance to make decisions.

3. Workers have time to plan with the instructors.

4. There are opportunities to learn how to work with children. This is better than hearing about how to do it. People learn to do by doing.

5. There are opportunities to learn a variety of teaching methods, to learn to understand and how they learn.

6. The instructors show how to make the best use of the time, how to use the materials furnished by the church, and how to get pupil participation.

7. Counseling by experienced teachers who can answer questions and help solve teaching problems.

8. For new teachers apprentice service before taking over the full responsibilities for a class.

For the Sake of Children

All of us need to be more concerned about the children in our churches. We must learn how to help them to grow in the knowledge and faith of Jesus Christ. For the sake of children, for the welfare of the nation and the world, the church and the Christian Way of Life, Christian people must be stirred to unprecedented devotion and effort in the work of the Master. It is his voice that will not be silent: "Go . . . make disciples of all . . . teaching them."

Each Church Must Provide for Children

1. Consecrated teachers who understand them and who are themselves earnestly seeking to grow in Christian ways and to know more about the Christian faith.

2. Teachers trained to guide boys and girls into experiences that help them grow in Christian beliefs and practices.

3. Attractive, inviting rooms with space and equipment for their needs.

4. Adequate time for work, study, worship, and fellowship.

5. Teachers who will help them to be well rounded in their Christian knowledge and experience.

"Stop!" We care about our Children! We are going to the Laboratory School to learn better ways of caring for them. Come, meet us there!

REGISTRATIONS, PFEIFFER, May 23 and CAMP TEKOA, JUNE 3, NOW DU

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

District and Sub-District Meetings Held; New Society Formed; Mrs. Holt Memorialized

RALEIGH DISTRICT MEETS

"With more time for activities outside the home because of the many labor saving devices, we have more responsibilities, and one of these responsibilities is to help carry the Gospel around the world," Mrs. H. I. Glass, Conference president, told members of the Raleigh District WSCS at their annual meeting on May 5 at the Hayes Barton church, Raleigh.

Among other chief features of the program were an address by Mrs. N. P. Edens, Conference secretary of missionary education and service; election and installation of officers; a dedication service; reports of district officers; a memorial service led by Mrs. T. G. Stem, District secretary of spiritual life; an opening devotional message by Mrs. E. I. Terry, director of Christian Education of the host church; a talk by Mrs. Ira Shelley, representing the North Carolina Christian Advocate; and a solo, "Beside the Still Waters," by Mrs. Fred Hart.

Speaking on the topic "What Can One Woman Do?" Mrs. Glass cited as ten activities: to love beyond her own fireside into all the world; see people as people, and see the figures in the local WSCS; assume definite responsibilities for the women who unite with our churches in inviting them to become members of the WSCS; visit the sick and shut-ins; vote; increase her giving to missions; bring enthusiasm to her work; accept the program of work as it comes from the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and undergird the work with prayer. "The WSCS is a great channel through which women may work," she said. "It is not great because of numbers, but because of its program."

The dedication service was led by Mrs. M. M. Person, District president; and Mrs. P. C. Perdue, District secretary of promotion; with Mrs. Wharton Seapark, and Mrs. Travis Tomlinson, as soloists.

Mrs. Person was presented a life membership pin and certificate.

Newly elected officers to serve with the hold-over officers were Mrs. D. H. Suttin of Raleigh, secretary of student work; and Miss Corinna Sanders, of Raleigh, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds. Mrs. Glass was the installing officer. Mrs. Person and Mrs. Perdue were elected delegate and alternate respectively to the Assembly of the WDCS to be held in Milwaukee, Wisc., next May.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS

New Hanover

The spring meeting of New Hanover subdistrict WSCS was held on April 7 at Southport Methodist Church.

Featured on the program were an inspirational address by Mrs. W. I. McLamb, District president; a skit depicting the work of the WSCS presented by Mrs. J. D. Snow, Mrs. N. C. Magnuson, Mrs. J. C. Murdock, and Mrs. Hazel McKee; reports of presidents of the local WSCS; a demonstration of a model program planning meeting by the District officers; a devotional led by the pastor of the host church, Rev. N. R. Jones; and a group of three anthems by a mixed chorus.

Mrs. Thomas Hunter, sub-district leader, presided.

Hoke-Cumberland

Person Street church, Fayetteville, was the scene of the meeting of the Hoke-Cumberland sub-district WSCS on April 8.

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A skit emphasizing the recommended ways of program planning was presented by the district officers including Mrs. P. O. Lee, president; Mrs. Forrest Lockey, vice-president; Mrs. Mrs. H. W. Doub, secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. Upchurch, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. J. H. Buffaloe, status of women; Mrs. Jesse Gibson, literature and publications; and Mrs. S. H. Rosser, spiritual life. Mrs. Rosser gave the inspirational address on the topic "He Restoreth My Soul." Rev. J. E. Sponenburg, pastor of the host church, led the opening devotional. Mrs. Patsy Burris was soloist, and Miss Barbara Reynolds, organist.

Chatham-Lee

Members of the Chatham-Lee sub-district WSCS met at Asbury church on April 16.

Chief features of the program were a skit, "Together We Grow," presented by the District Officers; a meditation by Mrs. S. H. Rosser; and opening devotional led by Mrs. H. L. Owens; reports of presidents of local WSCS; and a solo, "In The Garden," by the Asbury choir. Mrs. L. M. Lutterloch, sub-district leader, presided.

Carteret

Mrs. Darden Eure of Morehead City was the inspirational speaker for the Carteret subdistrict at its meeting at Oak Grove church on April 24.

District officers reporting were Mrs. W. B. Rouse, spiritual life; Mrs. M. B. Andrews, missionary education and service; Mrs. Charlie Boyd, promotion; and Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, supply work; reports of presidents of local WSCS were also given. Rev. L. A. Lewis led the opening devotional.

HALL'S CREEK WSCS ORGANIZED

Ten charter members were present for the organizational meeting of the WSCS of Hall's Creek church on the Pasquotank charge in the Elizabeth City District, on April 28. Mrs. Julian Saunders, leader of the Pas-Cur-Cam subdistrict, has announced.

Mrs. Saunders presented the plans of work, and duties of each officer. Officers elected under the Modified Plan included Mrs. Olivet Brothers, president; Mrs. J. M. Matthews, vice president; Mrs. R. E. Barclift, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Curtis Cartwright, secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Christian social relations and local church activities.

Mrs. J. M. Matthews presided at the meeting. Rev. A. S. Lancaster is pastor of the Hall's Creek church.

MISSIONS AT MID-CENTURY

Even in the church many are uncertain about the future of its world mission. We must, however, face our task with hope, unity, and a new sense of mission. This was the observation of Rev. Charles W. Ranson, executive secretary of the International Missionary Council, in an address on "History—What Are We Here

For?" at the opening session of the Mid-Century Conference on Missions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., April 19-23. Mrs. N. P. Edens, Conference secretary of missionary education and service, reports.

Mrs. Edens, having represented the N. C. Conference WSCS at this history-making event, is sharing much of its program of reports of secretaries of fields of work, both home and foreign, reports of missionaries, addresses of other leaders in the missionary enterprise, some of which will be published on this page at a later date. The conference also included workshops, meditations, and a service of commitment.

Among others who addressed the conference were: Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president WDCS; M. Searle Bates, Union Theological Seminary, New York; Z. K. Matthews, professor, South Africa; M. S. Davage, president, Huston-Tilletson College, Austin, Texas; James K. Mathews, executive secretary, Division of World Missions, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. "Missions at Mid-Century—Unlimited Horizons," was discussed by Miss Elizabeth Lee, executive secretary for Latin America, WDCS; Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, executive secretary of Africa and Europe; Miss Thelma Heath, deaconess on Sabbatical leave; and Miss Charlotte Stevenson, worker in the defense area, Savannah River Project.

Reports from the fields, under the general subject "The Woman's Division at Work," were given by Mrs. Hugh Hall, work with Puerto Ricans, New York City; Miss Elinor Umezawa, work with the Orientals, Los Angeles, Calif.; Miss Bertha Starkey, evangelistic work, Fukuoka, Japan; Miss Laura Schleman, China-Malaya; Miss Eulalia Cook, rural work, Baguanos, Cuba; Miss Gertrude Becker, Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India; Eugene McClure, David and Margaret Home, LaVerne, Calif.; Miss Jennie Flood, West Virginia coal fields, Roderfield, W. Va.; Miss Mary Evans, Harris Memorial Training School, Manila, P. I.; Miss Mildred Athouse, Clara Swain Hospital, Bareilly, India.

"The Need for Workers," was presented by Miss Emma Burris, executive secretary, Miss Marjorie Minkler, Miss Catherine Parham, Miss Bertha Starkey. Misses Janet Surdam and Luella Koethet, missionaries from West China spoke on "Christ Is Sufficient." "Widening the Fellowship" was discussed by Mr. Kenneth Miller, Mrs. Alfred Nanez, Frederick Shippey, Miss Murial Day, Miss Lucille Colony, and Earl R. Brown, spoke on Interdenominational Work and Relationship." Participating in a discussion on "The Role of the Missionary" were M. O. Williams, Miss Alpharetta Leeper, and Miss Marguerite Twinem, all secretaries of missionary personnel.

MRS. HOLT MEMORIALIZED

A special contribution for missions has recently been sent by the North Carolina Conference WSCS, to be used as a memorial for the late Mrs. Josephine Thomas Holt, Mrs. H. A. Davis, conference treasurer, has announced. The Durham District WSCS has also memorialized Mrs. Holt by placing her name on the Conference Memorial Roll.

Mrs. Holt passed away at her home in Graham on April 27. She served as the first recording secretary of the N. C. Conference WSCS, 1940-1948, as chairman of the Conference Historical Committee, and interim editor of the N. C. Conference Woman's Page. She was recording secretary of the Durham District WSCS at the time of her death.

Twenty Finish High School; Smith Class Visits Campus; Awards to be Made

SCHOOL IS OUT

By the time this appears in print our elementary school, conducted here on the Home grounds, will have concluded its work for the present scholastic year. We have been very fortunate in having talented teachers to lead our youngsters in their learning processes. School life here with our boys and girls is not dreaded exactions. Mr. W. R. Edwards, a product of The Children's Home, is a mighty good leader of youngsters and a splendid director of our eleven faculty members. While our school is conducted here on the Home grounds in our own building, it is a unit of the Winston-Salem school system. It is expected that thirty-five boys and girls will complete the eighth grade and then be promoted to the ninth grade, the first year in the Richard J. Reynolds high school, located nearby.

JUNE GRADUATES

Our high school boys and girls will not complete their spring semester's work until the second of June, when twenty of our youngsters will be a part of the graduating exercises of the Richard J. Reynolds high school. Seven of our boys and thirteen of our girls are expecting to be among this year's graduates. The next year's class, the rising senior class, will have thirteen boys and eight girls.

BALL GAMES

We continue to have a lot of baseball here on our campus. Headed by the varsity boys, whose total wins hardly balance the total losses, come the varsity girls' soft ball games. The girls have lost only one game this season and bid fair to register the same good rating they have enjoyed during the past several years. The reserve boys and girls and the midget boys have had a right good record with their games. We think our ball games have been well directed and, therefore, greatly enjoyed by our youngsters.

A BUNCH OF JOY

The picture this week is that of Elizabeth Miller, ten years old and in the fourth grade. We have noted that Elizabeth, better known to us as "Beth," gets about as much joy out of living as any youngster we have. This young lassie is sponsored by the Young Woman's Class of Long's Chapel, Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Ernest H. Carver being the correspondent.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Winston-Salem district Conference was held today at Main Street Methodist Church, Kernersville. This scribe regretted that he could not remain with the conference throughout the day. The morning attendance more than filled the first floor of the church, a number of visitors having to go to the balcony. Dr. C. Excelle Rozzelle directed the proceedings of the conference in his usual good way. A number of visiting speakers presented their causes in such a way as to not trespass on other's time. Just before the time set apart for the morning sermon the conference adjourned at the suggestion of Rev. R. E. Bell, resident host, to the lawn near the church where bottles of Seven-Up were opened and enjoyed. The sermon of the morning was preached by Rev. Byron Shankle. Before the conference adjourned doubtless a resolution of appreciation for a three-year leadership of



A Front Row Helper

Dr. Rozzelle on the Winston-Salem district was presented and adopted. Dr. Rozzelle will join the faculty of High Point College at the beginning of the fall semester.

CHILD WELFARE GROUP

Some days ago we were delighted to have Dr. Raymond A. Smith, of Greensboro College, bring over a group of young women composing his child welfare class. For a number of years Dr. Smith has led in the emphasis placed by Greensboro College on training young women for directors of Christian education. He is doing just as successful work in the field of child welfare. We have recently received the following note from Dr. Smith: "I want to thank you on behalf of the class in child welfare for your kindness in showing us through The Children's Home. The students were greatly impressed with the superb job that is being done there. I believe any of them would like working in The Children's Home in any capacity."

POINT OF EMPHASIS

Our good friend, Mr. Sam M. Smith, superintendent and treasurer of the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, the Baptist child caring institution for South Carolina, is a careful discernor of the best ways of serving boys and girls as they are brought along through the congregated way of living. Recently he wrote as follows: "I am writing to thank you for the material in the current issue of the Chronicle. I am especially interested in your concept of the place of the cottage mother in the setting of The Children's Home. We have likewise come to the understanding that the success of our work depends upon the quality of service done on the cottage level. Securing the right people for the cottage staff, therefore, becomes our greatest responsibility. The Chronicle is always a welcome visitor

to my desk. Each time I feel as if I had a little visit with you, for your writings come as near representing your practice as anyone I know of."

A CHOICE FRIEND

Mr. I. F. Craven, better known to this scribe as "Fletch," is one of the finest friends The Children's Home family has. A recent communication from him reads as follows: "If you and Mrs. Woosley will use the enclosed \$75 check to buy new books, and/or replacements for worn out ones, on the Etta W. Craven book shelf it will be appreciated. The enclosed check brings total funds to \$700 which have gone to you for this little memorial, started six years ago. If additional funds are needed to keep the shelves properly supplied let us hear from you."

Our librarian informs us that the children find more joy in reading the books in the Craven section than any other books in the library.

TWO CHOICE AWARDS

Mr. Loy Witherspoon, now completing his second year in Duke Divinity School, writes as follows: "Ever since I left the Home I have thought of doing something to indicate my appreciation for what The Children's Home did for me. I finally settled upon an idea. In memory of two of my friends, who were also friends of The Children's Home, I want to establish an award for girls and an award for boys. I desire that these awards be known as Annie Laurie Lowrance Award for Girls and the James A. Gray Award for Boys. Therefore, it is with great humility and with a deep sense of gratitude for these friends and for my Home that I establish these awards. Enclosed is my check for \$20, a ten-dollar award for the selected girl and a ten-dollar award for the boy similarly selected. I desire that the determining factors in earning these awards should be based on outstanding qualities of character and service."

In setting up these awards, Mr. Witherspoon has had in mind the material help Mr. Gray provided for his four years of scholastic training. Miss Lowrance, who for many years was the principal of one of the elementary schools in Winston-Salem, was an outstanding spiritual influence on Mr. Witherspoon's development.

SEASONAL SATISFACTION

Our clothing department is working feverishly in an endeavor to get sufficient clothing to our boys and girls for the warm weather. Our procedure calls for a given number of new garments as well as a given number of used garments for each boy and each girl located here with us. Records are so well kept as to enable the clothing directors to provide choice clothing for the unattractive youngsters as well as the others.

THAT OLD PIPE

Just after having had our central kitchen carefully and beautifully painted it was noted that the pipe carrying smoke from the coal stove to the chimney had broken, and smoke and soot were doing their devastating work on the freshly painted ceiling and walls. The old pipe has given way to a new one and we are not figuring on further annoyance from the smoke and soot. In our central kitchen we are so geared up as to have some cooking done by electricity, some by steam and some other done on a coal stove.

Is Our Influence Good?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

I Corinthians 8: 7-13; 6: 18-20

A lesson on whether or not it is right to eat meat that has been offered to idols seems at first sight far removed from having any practical bearing on our present day problems, for we do not offer food in idol temples.

On closer study we find that like the Scripture in general it applies very closely to our present-day life, for we are constantly faced with the question of whether or not it is right to do certain things which might be harmful for other people, but which are not wrong for us.

Shall we insist on our personal liberty to do those things of which our conscience approves, while our example might lead others to violate their consciences and do what is harmful for them? Does the saying of Jesus, If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me, imply that we ought often to deny ourselves legitimate indulgences that might be morally dangerous to some brother who followed our example?

Paul says that we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. He means that we should not allow ourselves to be enslaved by the requirements that bigots are prone to put upon us. That would impede the progress of the gospel and repel people who would otherwise accept it. Indeed, Paul risked his life to proclaim that circumcision was not to be required of Gentile converts. At the same time he urged the most sympathetic consideration for the undeveloped consciences of Gentiles who had just turned away from idolatry.

Take a modern illustration. If in a small town there were one especially good restaurant where wine and beer were sold, it might be very harmful for a person desperately striving to overcome the drink habit to be led by our example to go there, although we, ourselves, were not at all tempted to indulge. Joining a lodge that allowed drinking parties might lead a young person to follow our example, and there to acquire the habit of social drinking. Suppose a very good tune had words set to it that were well known and positively irreligious. To sit down at the piano and play that good tune at a gathering of young people might do positive harm.

Sexual indulgence was not hotly condemned at Corinth. Indeed, it was associated with the worship of the goddess Venus whose temple was served by many priestesses who were harlots, and Paul feared that the Corinthian Christians might conclude that the freedom from the law which came through Christ allowed sexual freedom. That there was real danger here is shown by the fact that the church at Jerusalem, in its letter to the Gentile Christians allowing freedom from circumcision for Gentiles, insisted that they should abstain from unchastity (Acts 15: 28, 29). Sexual immorality, says Paul, is not to be condoned in any wise by proud intellectuals who deem themselves especially enlightened.

A Christian is a man in whom Christ dwells, and he is to be absolutely free from all that is vile. Jesus says that a man should even pluck out his eye, if it threatens to be the cause of leading him into adultery, and Paul knew that it is highly important as a preventive of the drunkenness that constantly leads to sexual vice, that men should be joyful

in the liberty of the gospel and in fulness of spiritual life. Be not drunken with wine, says he, but be filled with the Spirit, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with melody in your hearts to the Lord. Our prayer meetings should be more joyful than drinking parties.

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HAIRCUTS FOR SPARROWS

By Alfred I. Tooke

While I got a haircut recently, a new customer, having paid his bill, pulled a paper sack from his pocket and asked the barber, rather sheepishly: "Would you mind very much if I took my snippings with me?"

The barber looked slightly startled but managed a polite: "Why, not at all," and began to gather them up and at his evident puzzlement the customer said, "I suppose I should explain. You see, we recently bought a place on the city limits and moved there. There are still bushes around and all kinds of birds, just like where we were before. When the birds start nesting, they don't get much horse-hair any more for lining their nests, so my wife and I save all our hair snippings for them. You'd be surprised how soon a year's snippings disappear when nesting time comes around."

The barber said, "Oh, that's it," and looked much reliever. Then he vanished into a back room and returned with a sack full. "I like birds, too," he said. "Drop in any time and fill the sack again."

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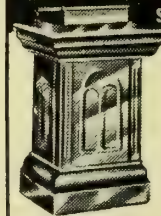
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The Week of Dedication is not a financial appeal. Falling as it does on the first week in Lent, it is a call to our churches for a deepening of their spiritual life and renewing their enthusiasm for the world mission of the church. At the end of the season a voluntary offering is received, which is the overflow of our spiritual enrichment and rededication to the expanding of the Kingdom. We cannot measure the spiritual results, but the financial results for the 1953 Week of Dedication, as reported by the pastors, are as follows:

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Resident Bishop

LOUISBURG COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCED

Commencement exercises at Louisburg College will be held on Friday, May 22, to Monday, May 25.

The commencement program is as follows: Friday, May 22, music recital; Saturday, May 23, breakfast for graduating classes and the alumni banquet with Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University as guest speaker; Sunday, May 24, Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Mark W. Lawrence of Queen Street Methodist church, Kinston; president's reception for graduating classes and parents; Monday, May 25, graduating exercises at which time Dr. Herbert J. Herring, vice-president of Duke University, will address the fifty graduates.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT SET AT LOUISBURG JUNE 6, 7

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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1953

to W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, Conference lay leader. Featured speaker for the occasion will be Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va. Registration begins at three p.m. Saturday, June 6, and the first session will be held that evening at six o'clock at the dinner hour. Adjournment will come soon after lunch Sunday.

"I hope the pastors and charge lay leaders will make every effort to have present a lay representative from each church in the conference," Mr. Smith urges. Delegates are asked to bring bed linen, towels and other personal items.

THE MEANING OF PENTECOST IN THE WORLD TODAY

(Continued from page four)

sending Filipino missionaries to Thailand and to Indonesia; the churches of Malaya are taking responsibility (with no help from anyone) to bring Christianity to the new villages which are being started for evacuees; the church in China has for years sent missionaries, Chinese and Western, to the tribes in the far interior. Incidentally, in many of the Chinese churches, Pentecost has been celebrated as Missions Sunday when hard-won money was given to carry out this project of their own under God. And let us not smile when we hear of a Christian chief of a South Sea Island whose "savage" inhabitants had learned to live at peace after they became Christian, when he heard of the miseries of World War II, asking "Do you think it would help if we sent a mission to Europe?"

It may not be too fanciful to find also a special meaning in the record that the people heard the disciples speaking "every man in his own tongue," so that they could understand what was being said. We are coming to see that it is not

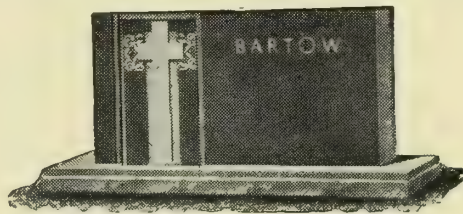
enough to proclaim the truth of Christianity as we see it, in our language and in our terms. We have to learn to present it so that those who hear can recognize and accept it as **their** truth—to learn to understand their circumstances, to see the world, including ourselves, as they see it; to offer, not our solutions for their problems, but our help to them as they work out their own solutions under the leading of God. For the promise of the Spirit is to all who believe, with none cut off, and none claiming a special share, by reason of geography or race or color.

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LAWNDALE IS HOST TO

GASTONIA DISTRICT

By C. Jerome Huneycutt

The Gastonia District Conference was held in the new Lawndale Methodist Church Tuesday, April 14, with approximately 450 persons present. The beautiful sanctuary where the conference was held is testimony to what a group of people can do with proper guidance and encouragement. One year ago the church had only \$2,000 on the building program. Today the congregation has property which is valued at approximately \$75,000 with an indebtedness of only about \$10,000. Members of the Lawndale church were encouraged to undertake the project through district special gifts from 39 charges of the district.

Rev. W. A. Rollins of Newton gave the conference sermon. Special music was furnished by the High Point College quartet.

It was recommended that one-third of the associate lay leaders be elected each year and serve a term of three years instead of two. The Hon. J. W. Osborne of Shelby was recommended as the new lay leader and the following persons as associates: Lloyd Wilson, Lawndale; Charles Windham, Gastonia; W. T. Horton, Belmont; B. S. Neil, Kings Mountain; B. J. Ransour, Lincolnton; M. N. Huss, Vale; Grier Beam, Cherryville; and W. A. Sigmon, Davidson. Ed. Stowe of Gastonia automatically becomes an associate for the ensuing year by act of his office this year. The following were recommended to serve on the District Board of Trustees:

B. C. Lineberger, Lincolnton; John R. Rankin, secretary-treasurer, Gastonia; George Howell, Shelby; O. M. Vernon, Mt. Holly; and J. R. Davis, Kings Mtn.

The conference granted renewal of local preacher's licenses to James McCoy Armstrong, Lander Lowell Bea, Fred Donald Beaty, Reginald James Cooke, Kelly Dixon, Donald L. Fisher, John Thomas King, Bayne W. Lefler, Jr., Harry Glenn Long, Jr., Donald Webster Miller, Ted Lewis Moore, William Homer Pheagin, Jr., Ben Franklin Stamey, Dan Pressley Stowe, R. P. P. Wilkinson and Boyce Huffstetler. Rev. Donald Fisher was recommended as an accepted supply pastor and the following were recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial: John Thomas King, Boyce Huffstetler, Ben F. Stamey, and Dan P. Stowe.

Dr. Ed Rice, who is to go to Pakistan this summer as a medical missionary, spoke to the conference and told of the great opportunities for Christian service among the Moslems that live in the area where he is to serve.

Mrs. Hillard Harrelson stated in her report of the work of the W.S.C.S., that a net gain of 233 members has been achieved during the past year. During the first half of the Conference year, the women of the district have sent to the treasurer more than \$14,000.

In the report of the district lay leader, Ed Stowe, it was pointed out that ministers' salaries in the district have increased from \$161,835 (1951-52) to \$190,740 (1952-53). At least six Methodist Men's clubs have been organized since conference.

During the past Conference year the

25,612 members in the district contributed \$35,266 to World Service. This is \$1.38 per member giving to this cause. The total per-member giving for all causes in the district last year was \$29.80. This year the district is asked to raise \$40,935 (or \$1.60 per member) for World Service.

The reports on all phases of the work of the district were encouraging. It was reported that 454 had been received into membership of the church by profession of faith and 415 received otherwise, making a total of 869.

The following figures are taken from the statistician's report which covers the first six months of this Conference year: pastors' salaries and other ministerial support, \$114,579; missions, \$43,029; Methodist Colleges \$11,471; raised for church and parsonage indebtedness, and improvement, \$356,731. Grand total of monies raised (not including woman's work and Sunday School) \$549,692.

The conference will be held at Boger City next year.



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(Story on page seven)

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A Thought for the Week

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO SING FOR

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. Psalm 96:1-4.

The Book of Psalms is a book of glad, triumphant songs. Now and then the writer was low in spirit, crushed and overwhelmed by burdens. But most of the time he rose above discouragement and gloom and sang. He could sing because he had so much to sing for.

You and I have so much to sing for, too. For one thing, we can sing because we live in such a beautiful world. Look out upon God's handiwork, behold the beauties of nature—exquisitely gorgeous flowers, tall, silent trees silhouetted magnificently against the landscape, laughing brooks, singing birds, majestic mountains, rolling hills, verdant plains, the rumbling sea. We dwell in the midst of indescribable beauty. How good God is!

Again, we can sing because we have loved ones and friends. Most of us are inclined to take for granted those closest to us. We do not realize how much they mean to us, how much they add to life, until we are separated from them or until we lose them. The loneliest, the most pathetic person is the one who is unloved and friendless. How good God is to give us loved ones and friends!

Furthermore, we can sing because we have work to do. God has given us work whereby we can earn a living and work which contributes to the welfare of our fellowman. All honest toil is worthy and important. Each of us counts in what we do, however menial or insignificant may seem our work. In the sight of God it is worthwhile. But our work does not stop with what we do to earn a living. We are partners with God in the building of his kingdom on earth. All work we do for him is important. We may not hold the highest office in the church. But we can work for him. And whatever we do faithfully he multiplies and blesses. How good God is to give us work to do!

Finally, we can sing because we are in God's care and keeping. We are not alone in a hard, friendless world. We are in the hands of a good and merciful God. He watches over us and protects us. He guides us each step of the way. And when life's pilgrimage is over he takes us home to be with him forever. How good God is!

Our Father, teach us to sing in gratitude and praise for all of life's blessings and may our singing bring us increased joy and victory. May nothing—no nothing—take away the glad, triumphant song in our hearts. Amen.

When you are too busy to pay the deserved attention to spiritual things, remember the words of Martin Luther: "I have so much to do today that I must spend several hours in prayers."—Stewart Harris, Unity.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE ART OF OWNING

We recognize the right to own property. We ought to learn the right way of owning it.

Our lives are tied up with material possessions. Everyone owns something. Even communism has not gone so far as to encourage community toothbrushes.

The relation of religion to business must be considered. Business without religion becomes sordid, and religion without business become divorced from daily living. God would teach us how to live in a world of things, owning our rightful share without being possessed by our possessions.

The art of owning begins in the feeling of gratitude. The thoughtful person sees that his possessions come from sources beyond his efforts. Strength of body and power of thought come from the Creator.

One of the most seemingly self-created acts we can imagine is a pianist's playing his own composition. The theme is his own. So is his skill. But who gave him that brain to dream, that hand to play?

Parents and teachers were essential to their training. The genius itself is a gift of the Creator. As for the instrument on which he plays, who can compute the lands from which the materials came, the workmen involved in making and transporting them?

Most of our property values derive from still more obvious contributions of other persons. With all respect to the native genius of John Jacob Astor, could that young man who began his career in New York City by peddling cakes, have pyramided by his own efforts the value of the farm which he bought on Manhattan Island for \$25,000 up to some \$500,000,000? No, it was the growth of the city as a whole which accounted for the phenomenal increase.

Let us give proper credit to American enterprise and efficiency. We Americans do not need much urging for that. But who endowed our forefathers with industry and foresight? Who inspired the framers of our government? Who gave the fertility to our fields and wealth to our mines?

We Americans should humbly see ourselves as stewards of vast power. We should remember that wealth and power can be safely entrusted only to those who use them for God's purposes.

After World War II, when General Eisenhower was being feted for his heroic achievements, he said, "Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends." Such humility should abide in the hearts of Americans forever.

When we realize how much our possessions cost in terms of life, then we get a better sense of their value. Herman Goering as Hitler's right-hand man plundered the lands he overran. He took what he pleased. The result was that his bizarre mansion became filled with an amazing collection of good art and cheap chromos.

Goering didn't know the value of the things he possessed. The ignorant collector buys baubles on the basis of vulgar display and market price. Like Oscar Wilde's cynic, he knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

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Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We thank Thee, O God, for the great variety of gifts from Thy hands every day we live and work, making every day different from the day before and from every other day. We are given new opportunities and responsibilities. We have every day, if we make the right approach, new insights, new perspectives, new hope, and new courage. There is new inspiration with every step we take toward solving the problems of the common road of life. We find new help in the touch of Thy hand, even as we grasp the hand of a caring, warm-hearted fellowman. We make new contacts with Thy people, form new friendships, enjoy wholesome fellowship where we have not found it before.

Therefore life is not a dull, monotonous grind of things, but a new adventure every day, as we do our adventuring with Thee; especially so as our adventuring takes us into a fuller understanding of Thy dear Son, our Saviour. In whose name we pray. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

We must see the value of what we own in terms of life. When the passengers on the sinking "Titanic" were ordered to the lifeboats, one woman passenger emptied her handbag of jewelry and filled it with oranges. There are times when oranges are worth more than diamonds.

When a man dies, we ask what he was worth. The answer is usually given in dollar estimates. But is that the real answer? What was Edison worth? Or Pasteur? Who remembers or cares what estates they left? The worth of such men to the world was immeasurable. Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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The Difference Between Littleness and Greatness

Retiring president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Joseph D. Grey of New Orleans, let it be known recently that Southern Baptists are cold to any invitation to affiliate with American Protestantism's cooperative body, the National Council of Churches. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Baptist body in Houston, Texas, Dr. Grey said: "Southern Baptists have a job to do for the Lord. They can best do it their own way . . . We are like a healthy, wealthy, attractive young lady, and these Lotharios are making eyes at us. We have not, cannot, and will not even drop our handkerchief to invite or encourage their attention."

That Southern Baptists have a job to do for the Lord none of us will question. That they can best do it their own way we shall not argue. But the tone and manner of Dr. Grey's speech struck is as being regrettable. There seem to be an air of self-righteousness and an attitude of looking down his nose toward other Protestant communions which we are sure the speaker did not mean to convey. At least, we know that this is not the attitude of most Baptists. Although they may be slow to affiliate with state and national church bodies, there are multiplied thousands of Baptist pastors and laymen who are ready to join on the local level with other churches in any movement for the common good.

Southern Baptists, of course, will decide whether or not it will be to their best interest to join with other Protestant denominations on state and national levels. But Baptists and Methodists and all Christians had better not forget that the enemies we fight today are powerful. Secularism is a terrible enemy with which all churches must reckon. Communism, which is secularism run berserk, is not divided into sects and groups. It has a worldwide, united approach. How can a divided church, each little branch going its own way, make an impact upon our world? To win in this present conflict all the forces of evil need to do is to keep the churches apart, keep them sniping at one another, competing with each other, looking down their noses at each other or ignoring each other.

Each denomination has a contribution to make. Can it make its best contribution by going its own separate way or by joining hands with kindred spirits in the colossal struggle before us? There are obviously many things which each church body can best do alone. There are other things which they can best do to-

gether. To know when it is best to work alone and when it is best to cooperate with others is the difference between denominational littleness and denominational greatness.

The first question concerning interdenominational cooperation we should be asking ourselves is not whether it serves the best interests of the denomination, but does it serve the best interests of the kingdom of God?

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Qualifications of a Good Minister of Christ

Any minister, regardless of his high qualifications and the genuineness of his call, has moments or hours or even days when the candle of inspiration burns low. Buffeted about by trials and disappointments, weighted down with little and sometimes irksome details, torn at time between selfish ambition and selfless devotion, he has a hard time keeping close to his high sense of calling. Therefore, he needs to be asking himself constantly: "Am I a good minister of Jesus Christ?"

Perhaps these words written by one of the great preachers of all time—Henry Ward Beecher—should be placed in some conspicuous place in every minister's study—or better still, memorized and stamped indelibly in the heart:

You should have good health; and a fair proportion of common sense, which is the only quality that I think is never increased by education; that is born in a man—or, if it is not, that is the end. But if . . . you have good sense and good vigorous health, and withal are of a good social disposition, you have the qualifications out of which a minister can be fashioned. There is one thing more. I do not think any man has a right to become a Christian minister who is not willing and thankful to be the least of God's servants and to labor in the humblest sphere. If you would come into the Christian ministry, hoping to preach such a sermon as Robert Hall would have preached, you are not fit to come in at all. If you have a deep sense of sweetness of the service of Christ; if the blood of redemption is really in your heart and in your blood; if you have tasted what gratitude really means, and what love means, and if heaven is such a reality to you that all that lies between youth and manhood is but a step toward heaven; if you think that the saving of a single soul would be worth the work of your whole life, you have a call, and a very loud call. A call to the ministry is along the line of humility and love and sympathy and good sense and natural aspirations toward God.

Any man—whether he is contemplating the ministry or has been preaching forty years—will do well to keep close to these words. Even in the dull, dead hours of discouragement they can inspire and ennoble him.

A Methodist College to Meet Every Need

Many of the young people who are graduating from North Carolina high schools this spring are making plans to enter college this fall. We hope our Methodist young people and their parents are giving serious consideration to our six Methodist colleges. We say this because we believe there is a Methodist college in North Carolina to meet almost any need or requirement.

Methodism, for example, has three splendid junior colleges, one of which may be just the school for many of our Methodist boys and girls. There is Brevard College located at Brevard in the western part of the state. A fine school, moderate in cost, providing a friendly, Christian atmosphere in which to work, this school offers many advantages. Brevard College is supported by the Western North Carolina Conference. There is Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Woman's Society of Christian Service in both of our Conferences. Located in the middle of the state, the Pfeiffer campus is one of the loveliest to be found anywhere. Then there is Louisburg College located further east. It has distinct advantages to offer students of limited means. Louisburg College is owned by the North Carolina Conference.

Methodism has two splendid four year colleges, both of which are located in the middle of the state and supported by our two Conferences. High Point College is making remarkable strides in its physical facilities and in its academic and spiritual attainments. Co-educational, it has a variety of courses that will fit young people for almost every field. Greensboro College is a choice college for young women. With high academic standing and with a distinctly Christian atmosphere, Greensboro College offers the best to its students.

Then there is Duke University which offers distinct advantages to those who prefer the large university in an atmosphere in which religion and education are compatible and work together harmoniously. Duke is related to both of our Conferences.

North Carolina Methodism is fortunate in the variety of its institutions of higher learning. We believe that our church-related colleges are making a contribution for good far out of proportion to their size. We do not believe that any young person makes a mistake in choosing a college that offers sound scholarship in an atmosphere where the Master Teacher is the chief guide.

Each Year at Duke . . .

NEARLY 1,000 STUDENTS STUDY BIBLE

Some surveys have shown that young people today don't live so intimately with the Bible as their great-grandfathers did—which might be expected—but, perhaps more shocking, that some of them are ignorant of even the best-known Bible stories.

The prospect that Americans might be losing touch with the Bible, and therefore with the very core of Western civilization, has caused thinking and rethinking among educators within the last 15 years.

Their decision was to put the English Bible into the curriculum of many of the nation's best colleges.

Duke University, however, was one top-ranking institution that did not initiate a course in the Bible during the recent period. The reason was simple: The Duke Department of Religion, which began life along with the Trinity College that grew into the University, has been teaching the Bible for about 100 years.

Although the Duke Divinity School is what most people think of in connection with Duke University's religious program, the Department of Religion plays an equally important role by working with nearly 1000 students every year.

All Duke undergraduates must take at least six hours in religion, just as they must complete freshman composition, a foreign language, and other courses considered to be the minimum cultural equipment of educated Americans. Most of them meet the requirement by studying the Bible.

Enrollment in the Department of Religion does not depend upon those pulled in by the rope of graduation requirements, and many students choose to take more than six hours. But the Duke faculty and administration over the years have stuck to the belief that requiring some

By Joan Emma



Dr. H. E. Myers, above, is Chairman of the Department of Religion at Duke

Biblical study is sound.

All faculty evaluating committees and an overwhelming majority of students polled at various times have reported that college students who shy at the word "religion" appreciate what they learn in religion classes, once they are there.

For example, a medical student, aware that he was a "big-city" product without firm religious roots, described his reaction to his first Bible course this way: "Somehow, in the daily grind of classes, read-

ing assignments, and tests, the prophets, poets, and saints had something very worthwhile to say to me."

A science major said: "I am grateful I had the opportunity to find that Bible study can be interesting and devoid of denominational prejudice," adding that while he had not affiliated with a church, "my own life perspective has been influenced by the Bible."

This student had put his finger on one of the strongest attractions of Bible study at Duke University. Based upon scholarship alone, it is acceptable to people of all religious beliefs—just as the Sunday morning worship services in Duke Chapel are for all members of the University community and interdenominational.

Dr. Myers Is Chairman

Dr. H. E. Myers, chairman of the Department of Religion, says that Jewish boys who knew that they were going to become rabbis have reported benefiting from the Duke Bible classes. And a Roman Catholic put it this way: "Duke University did not violate my rights as a Catholic in requiring me to take Bible courses. No religion professor at Duke has ever tried to dissuade me from my faith. In fact, I find that they know Catholicism as well as I and have a sincere appreciation for its traditions and doctrines."

Perhaps it is the "historical" method that is most misunderstood by the beginning Bible student, but it is often what he appreciates most after he has completed the course. Just as the child gives up his belief in Santa Claus for a mature concept of the reality of goodness, the student is led to see that the Bible was not written at one sitting but is a record of divine revelation to and through human history.



GROUP PREPARING FOR FULL-TIME RELIGIOUS WORK

Although the bulk of its work is with all of the undergraduate student body, the Duke Department of Religion furnishes a "major" to about 100 students each year who intend to become ministers or in some other way to enter religious vocations. Above are members of Kappa Chi Preministerial Fraternity and their guests, coeds who are preparing for full-time religious work. . . .

The historical approach simply means that readers try to understand the Bible by studying typical human conditions when the events occurred and the narratives were written.

To the early Israelites, for example, the word "holy" did not mean what it means today. Their God was holy, as was the Ark in which they kept his Commandments. But this holiness inspired fear more than anything else among bewildered human beings, who were forbidden to touch the Ark.

Such fearfulness does not agree with some later Hebraic ideas of God as mercy and love and, of course, is opposed to the present Christian conception of God's holiness as the power that draws men to him in loving obedience. But the fact is that men did withdraw in fear and trembling from the early Hebrew God, and Duke Bible students learn why when they realize that God was seen largely in spectacular action of the elements, such as fire and earthquake.

Similar mental adventures are the core of the Bible courses at Duke University. By explaining apparent contradictions—one student reported that he had previously found God to be "out of character" in some books of the Bible—they make the Bible live, with deeper understanding for the 20th-century civilization built upon it.

Students in the class of Dr. James L. Price, instructor in religion, are examining their text, "Gospel Parallels," in order to learn about the life and teachings of Jesus. Where Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell the same incident in a slightly different way, the accounts are placed in parallel columns on the page. Footnotes refer the students to 14 Greek manuscripts of the Gospels and to seven Latin, Syriac, and other versions.



In the Rare Book Room of the Duke University Library, Dr. Reames H. Sales, instructor in religion, shows three students the Duke New Testament, first item in the valuable collection of Greek manuscripts acquired by the University. Bought from the "Monastery of the Twenty Palm Trees" in 1931, the manuscript is one of only 50 known today which contain all 27 books of the New Testament, and probably was written down around 1200. Left to right, the students are De Armon Hunter of Greensboro; Thomas Taylor, Cleveland, O.; and Richard Hanner, Asheville.



COME-PREPARE-WITNESS

Following Pentecost the followers of Jesus, "... came out boldly to win the world for Christ."* Time and again great Christian spirits, individuals and groups, have set out resolutely to bring the world to Christ. Every upsurge of people filled with such determination has brought the church to a higher level of spiritual achievement.

Methodism was born in such a release of power through John Wesley. The Methodist Church has grown out of a continuous response of persons to the high call of Christ. That response has climbed to great peaks of experience, and then descended into the valleys of lethargy. Each "peak" experience has represented a little higher climb than that which went before.

That time is coming again. Movements in the life of the church show the definite restlessness of the eternal urgency to spread abroad the wonderful Gospel of Christ. Unification, The Crusade for Christ, the Advance for Christ and His Church have all been a part of this spirit that is welling up in the hearts of the people called Methodists.

Evangelism, that desire to "present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept him as their Saviour, and to serve him as their King in the fellowship of the church,"** has been proclaimed the first task of the church.

The evidence on every hand reveals a church that is about to shake off the fetters of self-satisfaction and indifference

to the needs of men for Christ. The desire to let the Gospel loose in the world with new and fresh enthusiasm is the growing desire of The Methodist Church.

To Come Out Boldly for Jesus

The World Convocation on Evangelism at Philadelphia, June 26-28, is outgrowth of the church's impelling desire to come out boldly and declare Jesus Christ as the answer to the confusing day in which the world finds itself. The leaders and representatives of the church will be "all together in one place" (Acts 2:1) for the purpose of letting God become alive in the heart of the church.

From around the world Methodists will come to Philadelphia to prepare their hearts to be receptive to the Holy Spirit, that they may go out in the power of God to give a new witness to the reality of and need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Methodist Church, from where it begins in the homes of its members, through the local church, the general church, the church as a world fellowship, will be carefully examined.

What sort of witness is the individual member giving?

What is the witness of the Christian home?

How eager is the local church to tell the story of Jesus to all who need to hear it?

Can the denomination, speaking with one voice for Christ, win men to Him with the Gospel?

Just how real is the world fellowship of Christians as a factor in the hope of the world for a day of peace tomorrow?

To Observe Wesley's Birth

Yes, there is a birthday involved—the 250th birthday of John Wesley. Observance of the day will serve to stir in the memory of Methodism the two fundamental tenets of the early Methodist church as voiced by John Wesley, "You have nothing to do but save souls" and "The world is my parish."

The World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism is planned with the great hope that God will stir the hearts of the thousands who are present in such a way that as they are altogether in one place, there will be a witness that will permeate the life of the whole church. The need for Christ will become so real that Methodism might become to the whole world what John Wesley became to all England.

Long we have said, "The Methodists are one people." Now we will give our testimony to that fact—not that Methodists are just one people—but that they have one voice, one hope and one message for all the world—Christ, the only begotten Son of the Living God. He is the Saviour of the day, for each person, for each home, for each community, state and nation. "Christ Can Change the World."

At Philadelphia June 26-28 the Methodists will be one people indeed.

* Halford E. Luccock, "Recapturing Pentecost," p. 7.

**"The Archbishop's Committee of Inquiry on the Evangelistic Work of the Church," quoted by Bryan Green, "The Practice of Evangelism," p. 6.

Five Methodist Missionaries Return from Communist Prison Camp

Five Methodist missionaries, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Chicago businessman, interned in a communist prison camp in North Korea for almost three years, touched American soil and freedom at Idlewild Airport, New York City, on Wednesday, May 13. They had been liberated by the Chinese communist forces "at the good offices of the Soviet government"—reported to be a part of the wider "peace offensive" by the new leaders of Russia.

The returning missionaries—looking well despite their harrowing years—were given heroes' welcome at Idlewild by friends, staff members of the Board of Missions, relatives, the press, and a section of the general public. In fact, they were somewhat bewildered by the unaccustomed greeting: the demands of newsreel and radio and camera operators for them to pose in this and that position; to say something into the "mike"; and to answer a host of questions in a press interview.

The Methodist missionaries, all of whom were captured on June 25, 1950, when the North Koreans first made their dash into Songdo (Kaesung) and southward, were: Miss Helen Rosser, R. N., of Macon, Georgia; Miss Nellie Dyer of Conway, Arkansas; Miss Bertha A. Smith of Marshall, Missouri; Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers of Weatherford, Texas, whose wife is now in Langdale, Alabama; Rev. A. Kristian Jensen of New Cumberland, Pa., whose wife, son, and daughter are now living in Madison, N. J.

With these Methodist missionaries—in prison camp and in the long flight to America—were Rev. William R. Booth, of New York, a Maryknoll Father; and Louis L. Dans, a Chicago businessman.

When the Methodist group were captured, it chanced that Dr. Jensen was visiting in Songdo, but his wife remained in Seoul. It chanced also that Mr. Zellers' wife—whose station was in Songdo—was visiting in Seoul. So neither wife was captured and both were later evacuated to the United States. Mrs. Jensen and her son and daughter were at the airport

to meet "Kris" when the giant Pan-American liner arrived. Illness prevented Mrs. Zellers from meeting her husband in New York. Miss Rosser was met by a sister; and Father Booth by his aged mother.

One sad note of the homecoming—though there are no known relatives to mourn—was the absence of a sixth Methodist missionary who was captured at the same time as the others in Songdo. He was Dr. Ernst Kisch, an Austrian citizen. Dr. Kisch was in charge of the Methodist Songdo Hospital when the city was overrun by the communists. His fellow-workers say he died in prison camp just a year after his arrest. Malnutrition is ascribed as the cause. Dr. Kisch, an Austrian Jew, had been in Dachau camp in Germany during World War II because of his nationality, had escaped from there to China where he joined the Methodist mission as a physician; had been forced out of China by the communist invasion there; had been assigned to Korea by the Board of Missions and was in Songdo only three weeks when capture came. Earlier confinement, it is said, had weakened his body so that he could not stand the hardships and shortage of food in his second imprisonment.

After their "round" with photographers and reporters, four of the returning missionaries were taken by the staff of the Board of Missions to the Prince George Hotel, New York City, and will later be sent to their respective homes on furlough. Dr. Jensen went to Madison, N. J., with his family.

Someone spoke of the arrival of the missionaries at Idlewild as a kind of "resurrection from the dead." Unheard from during two and a half years, friends and relatives feared that the missionaries could not stand the strain of long imprisonment—if they had not actually been put to death. They reported, however, that, though food had been meager and very poor most of the time, no actual physical violence had been done to them. And last August—when first thought of releasing them appears to have occurred

to their captors—"they began to feed us up—plenty of food though often not the kind we should have had."

All arrived in relatively good physical condition. Their prison clothes—what they had worn when captured, now reduced to tatters—had been replaced by better, even though generally ill-fitting clothes, furnished by their captors. They had made the long journey across Manchuria and Siberia to Moscow by railroad "but never felt certain of safety until they were out of communist territory." The Russians sent them by plane from Moscow to Berlin and Frankfurt—where Methodist friends assisted them—and then the U.S. Department of State sent them to New York via Amsterdam and Glasgow. They arrived without passports or luggage or money—but friends ministered to their needs en route.

When they were first arrested, say the returnees, they were treated as military prisoners (America being at war with North Koreans) and treatment was harsher than in more recent months. Medicine was lacking, though Miss Rosser, a nurse, could minister to some of their needs: Dr. Kisch, who was with them, was not permitted to care for the ill, and was himself ill. Perhaps the worst time came when the whole camp had to trek over a hundred miles to a new location when U.N. forces got too close. On that march, they say, two civilians and about one hundred Korean and American soldiers died from the hardships.

Attempts were made in camp, they said, to indoctrinate the prisoners with communist propaganda, but this all failed. "However, it did give us some amusement and helped relieve the monotony," one said.

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OXNAM ADVOCATES ADMINISTRATIVE HELP FOR BISHOPS

Methodist bishops need to be freed from routine duties in order to have time to "think through" major problems and programs of the church.

That is the belief of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C., as expressed in his address April 22 to Methodist ministers attending a seminar in the national capital.

"The Council of Bishops, which in large measure determines the strategy of the church, is composed of men who are denied the time essential to reflection . . . the church must provide sufficient administrative help to enable its policy-forming leaders to think through contemporary issues," Bishop Oxnam said.

He did not define "sufficient help," but intimated that "bright young men" could relieve the bishops of much administrative detail relating to the annual conferences of their respective episcopal areas. His statement came five days ahead of the bishops' annual meeting in Omaha, Neb.

American Methodists must also decide their future relationship to kindred bodies in other countries, Bishop Oxnam told the group.

"The church must come to decision upon the question, 'Shall we maintain a world fellowship of Methodists or lose our Methodist identity in foreign nations by joining national churches?'" he said in reference to church unions, such as the "united church" in Japan, Canada and a similar merger being considered in North India.

In the conflict of ideologies, Christianity is much more likely to be stronger when it thinks, as Christians must, in world terms rather than in the lesser terms of political units," Bishop Oxnam declared.



METHODIST MISSIONARIES RETURN FROM COMMUNIST PRISON CAMP

Left to right: Rev. Lawrence A. Zellers, Miss Helen Rosser, Miss Bertha A. Smith, Rev. Anders Kristian Jensen, Miss Nellie Dyer, and Mr. Louis L. Dans.

Christian Convocation, Pastors' School

June 2-5 to Offer Varied Program

The annual Christian Convocation and Pastors' School on the Duke campus is always a major event for church leaders in North Carolina. The date for the 1953 session is June 2-5.

The faculty includes some of the leading teachers and church officials of the nation. Six full length courses will be offered. They are:

1. **"Our Message to This Age,"** by Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston University.

2. **"The Modern Search for the Original Bible,"** by Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, Professor of New Testament, Duke University.

3. **"Interpreting the Bible to Youth,"** by Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, Professor of Old Testament, Westminster Theological Seminary.

4. **"The Vacation Church School,"** by Mrs. Edith Willis Reed, Director of Children's Work, Western North Carolina Conference.

5. **"The Ministry and Social Problems,"** by Dr. Herbert E. Stotts, Professor of Sociology of Religion and Town and Country Work, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

6. **"The Church in the Asia of Today,"** by Dr. Edmund D. Soper, of Evanston, Illinois, former Dean of the Divinity School, Duke University.

The James A. Gray Lectures will be given by Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, former Dean of the Chapel of the University of Chicago, the theme being, "Your Whole Duty as a Minister." The Convocation preacher will be Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, of the Philadelphia Area of the Methodist Church.

Three special lecturers will give four lectures each on topics of vital interest. These are:

1. **"The Minister As Pastor,"** by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Bishop Harrell's individual topics are:

1. The Soul of a Pastor
2. The Pastor as Shepherd
3. The Pastor as Administrator
4. The Pastor and his Problems

2. **"The Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service,"** by Mrs. E. L. Hillman, of Durham, and member of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

3. **"The Church and the Press,"** by Mr. Holt McPherson.

Mr. McPherson's individual topics are:

1. Bridge of Understanding
 2. The Five W's
 3. Opportunity Unlimited
 4. Alert to the News
- Special features for afternoon and evening hours will be:

1. "Workshop on Preaching," led by Bishop Corson, who is also the Convocation Preacher.

2. "The Stewardship Emphasis in the Methodist Church," a discussion led by Bishop Harrell.

3. Carillon Recitals

Mr. Anton Brees, world-famed Carillonneur of Lake Wales, Florida, will give a

short carillon recital each evening. These recitals will be at 7:45 Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at 9:00 on Thursday evening. For the concert on Thursday evening, Mr. Brees will play numbers requested by the visitors.

4. The Convocation Communion Service, Bishops Corson and Harrell, celebrants.

Morning worship will be conducted daily in York Chapel and the leaders will be Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Main Street church, Gastonia; Dr. E. B. Fisher, pastor of Duke Memorial church, Durham; and Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School.

In connection with the Convocation, the annual Alumni Luncheon of the Duke Divinity School will be held in the banquet room of the Union, Wednesday, June 3, at one P.M. The program will be in charge of Rev. V. E. Queen, superintendent of the Wilmington District. The speaker will be Dr. Edmund D. Soper.

Recreation will be enjoyed by most of those in attendance. Provision will be made for various athletic games, golf, croquet, swimming, etc. The recreation hours are limited to the afternoon.

The cost of the Convocation will be small. A registration fee of \$2.00 will be charged which will cover the cost of administering the Convocation. Rooms will be furnished free by Duke University, except for those who will require linen, towels, etc. There will be a limited number of rooms for married couples and these are requested to write in advance to make a reservation. Meals will be served in the University Cafeteria at a reasonable price. The College store will be open for drinks, sandwiches, etc.

The Convocation is being directed by Dean James Cannon of the Divinity School and Dr. W. A. Kale, dean of the Pastors' School. Associated with them is the Duke Convocation Committee and the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Pastors' School.

ATTENTION: PASTORS AND BOARD CHAIRMEN

An interesting and helpful program has been arranged for the Pastor's School which begins on Tuesday, June 2, at Duke University in Durham. Much planning has gone into the School for this year and with the opportunities afforded through the James A. Gray Lectures and the Christian Convocation, it should attract many of our preachers.

Pastors, we invite you in the name of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conference Board of Managers to come to Duke and spend these four days and three nights! Chairmen of Official Boards, we suggest that you urge your preacher to attend this year's Pastors' School, and if possible, have your church defray part or all of the expenses.

From Tuesday to Friday of next week let's be at the Pastors' School on the Duke Campus!

Wilson O. Weldon, Chairman
Board of Managers
N. C. Pastors' School

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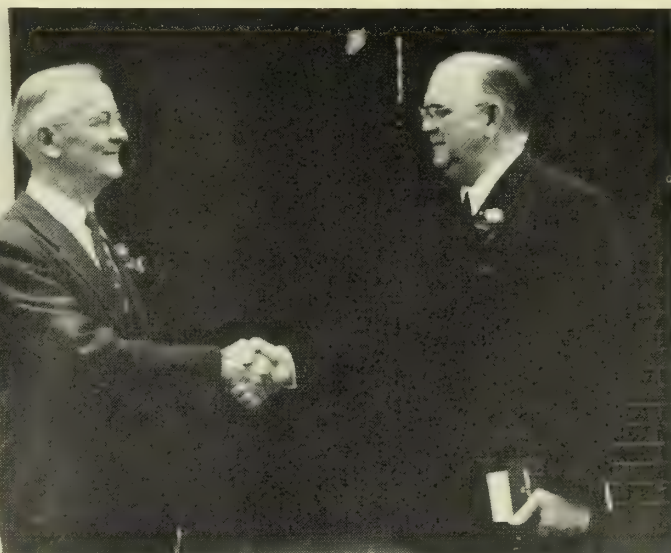
SCRIPTURES IN 1,059 LANGUAGES

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,509 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1952, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society.

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published, 197; languages in which a complete Testament has been published, 257; languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published 605; total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published, 1,059.

The whole Bible was published for the first time in Kololo and Mikir, languages of Africa and of India. The American Bible society added to its list of languages, two dialects spoken in Mexico—Huasteco and Zapateco del Istmo.

There are some ninety additional languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.



Bishop Paul Neff Garber, right, after the dedication services on May 3, expresses thanks to Charles F. Cowell for his gift of the Cowell Memorial Chapel of First church, Washington, N. C. The Cowell Memorial Chapel is the gift of Mr. Cowell in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cowell, and his brother, Captain Horace Cowell, who was killed in France in World War I. Mr. Cowell is chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Methodist Church, and a member of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the North Carolina Conference.

A Statement of Persons Received into the
METHODIST CHURCHES of the CHARLOTTE AREA
 since the last session of the Annual Conference

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

	Received Prior to U.E.M.			Commitments During U.E.M.			Grand Total
	Vows	Transfer	Total	Vows	Transfer	Total	
Anderson	211	204	415	179	99	278	693
Charleston	366	171	537	273	373	646	1183
Columbia	252	359	611	405	317	722	1333
Florence-Kingstree	132	260	392	410	253	663	1055
Greenville	233	240	473	276	214	490	963
Greenwood	87	189	276	379	280	659	935
Marion	200	115	315	247	115	362	677
Orangeburg	283	227	510	236	259	495	1005
Rock Hill	201	245	446	443	192	535	981
Spartanburg	357	231	588	249	171	420	1008
Sumter	236	203	439	213	168	381	820
	2558	2444	5002	3310	2441	5651	10,653

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

	Received Prior to U.E.M.			Commitments During U.E.M.			Grand Total
	Vows	Transfer	Total	Vows	Transfer	Total	
Asheville	302	390	692	454	234	688	1380
Charlotte	611	860	1471	419	577	996	2467
Gastonia	454	415	869	486	268	754	1623
Greensboro	612	691	1303	577	430	1007	2310
Marion	211	116	327	295	130	425	752
Salisbury	487	331	818	418	251	669	1487
Statesville	430	321	751	536	202	738	1489
Thomasville	367	268	635	421	209	630	1265
Waynesville	162	185	347	339	122	461	808
Winston-Salem	339	284	623	332	282	614	1237
W. N. C. Conf. Total:	3975	3861	7836	4277	2705	6982	14,818
S. C. Conf. Total:	2558	2444	5002	3310	2441	5651	10,653
Grand Total	6533	6305	12,838	7587	5146	12,633	25,471

**HIGH POINT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM**

Commencement at High Point College, which will begin at 8 o'clock Thursday afternoon, May 28, with a music recital in Roberts Hall, will extend into the evening of June 1. The traditional Oratorical and Essayist Contest is scheduled for Friday evening, May 29, in Hauser Auditorium, after which all seniors attend "open house" at the President's home. Saturday evening at 6:15 will mark a commencement innovation when Miss Ernestine Fields of the HPC Music Department gives a program on the newly installed tower bells of Roberts Hall. The annual alumni dinner follows at 6:45 in the college cafeteria.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Miss Fields will offer a program of sacred numbers from the tower bells, and at 11 o'clock the Baccalaureate ceremonies will take place at the First Methodist Church, High Point. Rev. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, will preach the sermon. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock the senior class will hold vesper services in Roberts Hall.

Activities for the closing day, Monday, June 1, will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a faculty tea. From 4:30 to 5:00, Miss Fields will again be at the chimes. A band concert by the High Point College band under the direction of Dr. Lew J. Lewis will follow.

For the third consecutive year, final exercises are scheduled to take place on the College campus in front of Roberts Hall, with the program beginning at five p.m. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, who has served in several official capacities on the Board of Education at Nashville and is a member of the executive committee of the University Senate, will deliver the graduating address; and Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, High Point College president, will confer the degrees and make awards.

**BREVARD COLLEGE SUMMER
SCHOOL TO BEGIN JUNE 8**

Plans are being completed for the eighteenth Brevard College summer term to get underway on June 8, President Robert H. Stamey, has announced.

The six-weeks' program of study for the summer term is being set up with the idea of attempting to meet the individual desires and needs of each student.

Mr. Stamey explains that those who wish to spend six weeks in intensive study so they can accelerate their normal college program will find that this can be done with a high degree of satisfaction because of the invigorating mountain climate, the proximity of a well appointed library and the individual attention which is available to every student.

On the other hand, President Stamey says, if one has had a long cherished ambition to paint, study music, or take some

The new seven-room parsonage of the Norlina charge has been recently completed and is now being occupied by the pastor, Rev. Sidney Boone, and family. Built at a cost of \$18,000, including furnishings, the minister's home has two baths and a central hot air heating system. The building committee consisted of Jim Hundley, R. L. Traylor, Clyde Edwards, Ollie Knight, Charles Cole, Albert Perkinson, Van Coleman, Boyd White and George Robinson. The parsonage committee in charge of furnishings were: Mrs. W. A. Delbridge, Mrs. Van Coleman, Mrs. W. A.

other course and combine this with a need for relaxation in which it will be possible to find a long-sought-for-time to read, listen to the music of the masters, or enjoy some of the varied attractions of Western North Carolina, this is also on the summer school menu.

Fees for the summer school term are as follows: tuition and general fees, \$75; tuition in excess of six hours, \$10; tuition per semester hour if less than six hours taken, \$15; room (private), \$35; room (two in room), \$25 and minimum charge for board, \$70.

Further information and literature may be secured by writing Director of Admissions, Brevard College, Brevard, N. C.

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**BRIDGETON METHODISTS OPEN
NEW BUILDING**

Around one hundred members and friends of the Bridgeton Methodist Church gathered in the new educational and recreational building recently for a most enjoyable buffet supper celebrating the opening of the new building, a brick-veneer two-story building which has been built during the past year at a cost of around \$20,000.

Rev. H. K. King, superintendent of the New Bern district, gave the invocation and Rev. R. M. Gradeless, pastor, welcomed the members and guests and introduced the officials of the church.

The church has plans for beautifying the main edifice in the near future. The plans call for brick-veneer the outside of the building and remodeling and redecorating the interior. The church has a membership of 111, and Mr. Gradeless paid tribute to each member for having given of his time and means in the building program.

**METHODIST WORLD
CONVOCATION**

Registration for the Philadelphia World Convocation already exceeds 2,000. Indications are that several thousand more will register. Look forward to great fellowship, outstanding program, extraordinary celebration of 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birth. Philadelphia expects 67,000 capacity attendance Franklin Field Sunday afternoon with Fred Waring and 5,000 voice choir leading singing.

Committee of Fifty,
Joseph H. Edge, Registrar



Paschall. The home is equipped with practically all new furniture.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

FIRST CHURCH, Lincolnton, contributed \$600 for the Week of Dedication.

J. WILDER HALL of Union, S. C., brother of Rev. L. M. Hall of Red Springs, died recently following a period of illness that extended over several months.

ACTON CHURCH, Asheville District, received 30 new members as a result of the United Evangelistic Mission. Church school attendance has been increasing, with 151 present on Sunday, May 17.

LONGVIEW GARDENS CHURCH, Raleigh, which has been organized during the present Conference year, received around 100 persons as charter members between March 29 and May 24.

THE MEN'S CLUB of Central church, Shelby, recently heard Mrs. Edmond L. Rice speak on missions in Pakistan. Central church had adopted \$1,800 support for the Rices under the leadership of Rev. James G. Huggins, Jr.

BROAD STREET CHURCH, Statesville, is raising \$3,000 for the work of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rice who leave in July for Pakistan. This project was personalized recently when Dr. Rice visited Broad Street church.

THE LARGEST Week of Dedication Offering in Methodism this year was made by Galloway Memorial Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi, with \$3,600. This is the fourth successive year that this church has lead in the Week of Dedication Offering.

FIRST CHURCH, High Point, recently had a "missionary revival" in its Week of Missions Program. This was opened by a sermon on missionary needs by the Conference missionary secretary, Rev. Horace R. McSwain. The week was concluded with three days sharing by Dr. George W. Harley, "The Good Witch of Ganta." On Sunday at the Vesper service the church presented Dr. Harley a check for over \$1,700 for his medical work in Ganta. Dr. Kenneth Goodson, pastor, was in charge of the program.

REV. JOHN S. OAKLEY, pastor of the Denton circuit, writes: "Shouts of victory were heard around the altar of First Methodist Church, Denton, May 3-14. Several nights the altar was crowded with seekers. On one night a dozen came to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. During the meeting 46 came confessing their sins." As a result of the meeting, which was led by Dr. John R. Church, evangelist, and Rev. Wilbur Groce, song leader, many new members will be received into First church and other churches on the charge.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, author-evangelist, has concluded his spring engagements in Alabama and Florida and returned to his home in Atlanta. His new address is 466 Clifton Road, N. E. For several years Dr. Holcomb has specialized in One-Day, Week-End Revivals, based on the grace of God. He is also the author of the Sam Jones' books, which have been extensively advertised in the North Carolina Christian Advocate and may be ordered through The Sam Jones Foundation, Emory University, Georgia. The profits from these books go to the new lectureship on Rural Evangelism.



MRS. SAMUEL A. MAXWELL, who has been director of youth work at Asbury church, Durham, during the present Conference year, on June 1 will join the staff of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., in the department of student admissions, according to an announcement by Dr. B. Joseph Martin, president of Wesleyan College.

CENTRAL CHURCH, Monroe, on Easter Sunday contributed almost \$2,300 for Mission Specials to be divided between a local mission church, Benton Heights, and a Foreign Special at Fort National, Algeria, North Africa, which the church has supported for the last four years. Leading in this venture was Rev. A. J. Cox, pastor.

ARDMORE CHURCH Winston-Salem, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Walter West, has advanced from the \$1000 Mission Special carried in the last quadrennium to a Special, amounting to \$3,800 for Dr. George W. Harley's support. Ardmore now carries on its bulletin: Missionaries Abroad, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Harley, Ganta Mission, Liberia.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Gastonia, has had Missions "Come Alive" in recent weeks as it has entered a program of raising \$5,000 for supplies for Dr. Edmond L. Rice's work in Pakistan. The Rices are members of Main Street. This Special is in addition to the church's regular Advance Mission Specials. On Easter Sunday Main Street church is in a fund raising campaign for a new church that will cost more than half a million dollars.

CREEDMOOR METHODIST CHURCH on Sunday, May 19, dedicated a new organ which was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson by their daughters and families. Rev. W. G. Farrar, pastor, was in charge of the impressive service. This is the second organ given to a church on the Creedmoor charge this year. Mrs. Alyce Kirkland of Oxford presented an organ to the Banks church in April in memory of her husband, Loren P. Kirkland, and her uncle, Philo White. Mrs. Kirkland is director of the Banks choir.

FIRST CHURCH, Hickory, Young Adults Class, would like to receive pictures of former pastors of that church. Pictures of the following are sought: R. L. Abernethy, J. H. C. McKenny, Augustus R. Bennick, James M. Cline, J. S. Nelson, J. P. Hughs, R. R. Doggett, F. M. Davis, W. T. McClellion, D. C. Stunson, J. C. Hartsell, J. D. Carpenter, C. M. Anderson, P. L. Herman, G. W. Callihan, J. E. Bristoe, T. P. Bonner, R. G. Barrett, C. G. Little, F. A. Boone, W. M. Bagby, J. H. Weaver, L. T. Mann, H. H. Jordan. Relatives or friends having pictures of any of the above are asked to contact First Methodist Church, Hickory.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Goldsboro, received 42 new members as a result of the U.E.M., with additional members to be received later.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Smithfield, has received 72 new members since the beginning of the Conference year, a gain of 10% for this period.

REV. AND MRS. DAVID M. LEWIS of Swan Quarter announce the birth of their second son, Samuel Floyd, May 8, 1953, in the Tayloe Hospital, Washington, N. C.

JAMESTOWN METHODIST CHURCH has received 32 new members during the present Conference year, ten of whom came on profession of faith.

REV. REID WALL, superintendent of the Home For The Aged in Charlotte, was the guest preacher on Sunday, May 17, at Pleasant Grove church on the Crouse charge. Rev. W. C. Crummett is pastor.

DALLAS METHODIST MEN'S CLUB received its charter recently, with Gordon L. Goodson of Boger City the speaker. Officers installed were: Paul Kiser, president; Jimmy Hayes, vice-president; Stephen Estes, secretary; and Max Holland, treasurer.

WEST END CHURCH, Gastonia, has paid out for the conference year. Plans are being drawn by a local architect for a new educational building and sanctuary which are expected to be underway in the near future. Fifty additions have been made to the church this Conference year.

DR. HERBERT E. STOTTS, professor of Town and Country Church Work in Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, will teach one of the courses in the Duke Convocation, June 2-5. Dr. Stotts is the national president of Methodist Rural Fellowship. He is a very able rural sociologist and has recently produced a survey handbook that is widely used over the church and in many seminaries.

THE MEREDITH SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES will be held at Meredith College, Raleigh, June 15-19. Some of the leaders are: Dr. Roland H. Bainton of Yale University; Dr. Ernest C. Colwell of Emory University; Dr. Cuthbert G. Rutember of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, recently adopted a \$4,800 Mission Special for Dr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Rice who will soon go to United Christian Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan. Myers Park formerly supported the Rices in China. This is in addition to other Specials carried by Myers Park, which already supports Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Pederson with a \$4,800 Special in Malaya, contributes significantly to the Charlotte City Mission Society, gives \$1,000 to help support a worker at Duncan Memorial church, Charlotte, and is entering a project to help build a new church in Charlotte. The Commission on Education this year raised more than \$1,200 for a truck for Dr. George W. Harley in Liberia as a project in the two months study of Africa in the Church School. Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor, is giving splendid leadership in this emphasis on missions.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY

North Carolina Conference

June 14, 1953

Purpose

—To stress the values of Christian higher education.

—To receive an offering for the Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

—(Send offering to Wayne G. Starnes, Treas., 1503 Carolina Ave., Durham, N. C.)



Dean James Cannon and the four National Methodist Seminary Scholarship holders of Duke Divinity School. Standing, left to right: Daniel Mortimer Schores, Jr., Overland, Missouri; Eben Taylor, Charleston, South Carolina; Robert Edward Lee, Richmond, Virginia. Seated, left to right: Dean James Cannon; Mrs. Carol Jean Fagan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Materials

—Service of Worship

—Offering envelope

—Poster

—Methodist Student Day folder

—Methodist Scholarship folder

—Student Loan Fund Folder

(Order from Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.)

The four students shown in this picture have been the 1952-53 holders of the National Methodist Scholarships awarded in the Duke Divinity School of Duke University.

Mrs. Carol Jean Fagan is a native of Milwaukee, Wis. She is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University and before entering the Divinity School, she was director of youth work at Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas. Her husband, Donald Earl Fagan, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and is a candidate for the degree of Master of Religious Education. She was a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth, Oslo, Norway.

Robert Edward Lee is a native of Richmond, Va. He is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College, where he won many honors. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1949-50. He is a member of the Virginia Annual Conference and has been active in the cabinet of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of that conference. He served as Pharmacist's Mate in the United States Navy during World War II.

Daniel Mortimer Schores, Jr., is a native of Overland, Mo., and is a graduate of Central College. Mr. Schores is married and is the father of one child. He is now serving the Wayne Circuit in the North Carolina Conference, but plans to return to Missouri. He is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the June Commencement.

Eben Taylor is a native of Charleston, S. C. He graduated from Wofford College **Summa Cum Laude** and was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He is married to a graduate of the Divinity School, the former Martha Mallery. The Taylors have one child and have been appointed to the Aldersgate Charge in Charleston for work to begin after graduation in June. Mr. Taylor is a member of the South Carolina Conference and has been associate minister of the Andrews-Fletcher charge in the Durham District of the North Carolina Conference.

All four of these students have made high scholastic records in the Divinity School and much is expected of them in the service of The Methodist Church, especially in its educational aspect.

A Real MYF Opportunity Is at Stake!

YOUTH ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

(for youth and adult leaders)

June 8-13

Louisburg College

- Better ways to program planning
- Learn about new resources
- Deepened Christian growth

Tho' well-planned now, this assembly cannot be held without more delegates. Register your delegates now; don't make us cancel. Cost \$16.

Remember Also . . .

YOUTH ASSEMBLIES (for high school age youth)

Get registration forms from your pastor or from the Conference Board of Education office, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Register Now for Young Adult Assembly,

Camp Don-Lee, June 12-14, 1953

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Salisbury, Winston, Marion Groups Meet; Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Sherrill Attend Mission Meet

SALISBURY DISTRICT HAS OFFICERS' TRAINING ON DISTRICT LEVEL

Officers' Training was lifted up as an important need in the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the three sub-districts of the Salisbury District, May 12, all three meeting on the same day. Given on a sub-district level, there is less formality and more women attend. A total of 225 attended the three meetings, representing 60 societies. District and sub-district officers led in the training.

The morning was given over to departmental grouping, with emphasis on the duties of presidents and promotion secretaries, who are responsible for the total program of the society. There was a question and answer period around the lunch table and local officers were requested to come prepared to ask questions about the work. This proved a very successful way of getting information across to local officers.

OFFICERS' TRAINING ON LOCAL LEVEL

Officers' Training on the local level is being conducted in the Mount Airy area of the Winston-Salem District, Central, Mount Airy, and Salem having been held recently. Both were highly successful, with few absences among officers.

CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS AT BUCK HILL FALLS

Mrs. H. G. Allen, conference secretary of missionary education, and Mrs. Ralph Sherrill of Statesville, representing the district secretaries of missionary education, attended a Conference on Missions at Buck Hill Falls in April and are more diligent than ever in urging local societies to have more mission studies especially among youth groups that they may learn of the urgent needs all over the world and offer their services in helping to meet these needs.

In a letter to local secretaries of missionary education, Mrs. Allen says: "I have just returned from a Conference on Missions where I was shocked into the realization of the need for recruits on the mission fields. What is done in securing new workers in the next five years will determine the future of the work. The large number of retirements within the next few years means the situation will become critical unless remedied on a large scale.

"What can we do about it? We can send our secretaries of Youth and Student Work as well as secretaries of Missionary Education and others to our Schools of Missions at Greensboro College August 31-September 4 where there will be classes, clinics, and workshops that will show the women the needs and how they can prepare themselves to answer that call.

"Some societies have local funds they could use to help pay the small cost of \$13, plus transportation, for each person attending the school. Some women can pay all of part of their own expenses. Women, let's attend that School! Let's don't be lukewarm Christians when there is so much need for action.

Mrs. Allen urges that reservations for his School of Missions be sent in early to Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Road, Greensboro, N. C.

She also urges every society to send in report of all the studies they have had this year.

Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference

MRS. E. L. BALLARD, Editor
RFD No. 6
MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

THERE'S A JOB FOR MRS. MEMBER OF THE WSCS

What Mrs. Member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Hometown, U.S.A., believes the Christian Gospel to be, and what she does about it, will determine the fate of millions of the earth's people and hundreds of millions yet unborn.

If she believes her Christian "witness" consists in the rounds of respectable conformity to a Sunday by Sunday ritual, and if its active expression is only within the walls of her local church and is unrelated to human hungers across the world, then the Christian church will become less and less a leavening force in the world. Other isms will rise to fill the vacuum.

But if she searches the scriptures again, learns that Christ ordained his church to be a "mission to others," and consecrates her energy and gifts to that deeper and wider service—then the church will become alive and draw new allegiance to the banner of Christ.

This was the call that sounded for Mrs. Member, W.S.C.S., at Buck Hill Falls, April 19-23, when 250 women missionary education secretaries from all parts of America met to "re-appraise their task at mid-century." Under the guidance of a committee chaired by Mrs. Alan K. Laing, of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, they (1) examined the background of world tensions, problems, and hungers against which missions are now carried on; (2) explored their own present program in the light of this background, and suggested new emphases and adjustments of their work; (3) and re-interpreted world missions in relation to the ecumenical church, cooperation, unity.

Perhaps one of the greatest concerns of the conference was to find new, and speedy, and effective methods to get Mrs. Member of the W.S.C.S.—there in Hometown, U.S.A.—the findings and decisions of great national and international Christian gatherings, so that she can quickly become a trained member of the "new" or "advance" undertaking.

MARION DISTRICT MEETING

The Marion District meeting was held in Boone April 18, with the president, Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, presiding. Featured speakers were Mrs. J. W. Harbison, who spoke on "The Glory," Miss Una Edwards, conference treasurer, who conducted the noontime devotions, and Miss Geraldine Surratt, rural worker in that district. Others were Marvin Culbreth, director of Wesley Fellowship at A.S.T.C., who led the opening worship, and Bobby Snead, president of the Wesley Fellowship, who spoke on the subject "Our Methodist Young People in College." A musical program followed by the Wesley Fellowship choir.

Mrs. Milt Greer had charge of the memorial service and Miss Sara Lynn Dowling sang "Prayer Perfect." The Pledge Service was conducted by the district treasurer, Mrs. Iva Lovelace, assisted

by sub-district chairmen, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Mrs. V. A. Morton, Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Shackford and Mrs. Robert Barron.

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Mrs. L. V. Scott, Counselor, announces that the North Carolina School of Christian Workers (colored), which our women help to sponsor through the department of Christian Social Relations, will be held at Hanes Institutional C.M.E. Church, Winston-Salem, July 6-11, 1953. Each year societies and individuals give money to pay the expenses of Negro young people, laymen and ministers, to have this Christian training. This year the expenses will be \$1.00 for registration and \$10.00 for room and board, and a small amount for book money.

Mrs. L. V. Scott, district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, gives a great deal of time, thought and prayers to this worthy project of inter-racial cooperation. Money may be sent to Mrs. Scott, 2359 Okalina Avenue, Winston-Salem.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS STUDY

Mrs. L. V. Scott, district secretary, has conducted two highly successful studies in Home Missions and Human Rights recently, one at Burkhead church, for all the Winston-Salem Methodist churches, and one in Central church, Mount Airy. She was assisted in these studies by her husband, who explained in an interesting and challenging manner the Bill of Rights.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service will be held at Lake Junaluska June 24-July 2, 1953. Registration starts at noon June 24, classes will begin the morning of June 25, and the school will close with lunch July 2.

REPORTS

Officers in local societies are urged to send in immediately fourth quarter and annual reports of the work they have accomplished, blanks for which they will find in their report books. This is important and urgent.

Mrs. E. E. Laughlin of Freeport, Ill., district promotion secretary, who has had 100% reporting for many quarters has written the following:

On September first I had just thirty-two Reports, out of eighty, so what did I do? Got out my pen and started to write To forty-eight women, and it took me all night!

A week passed by—twenty-seven came in. Then to the other twenty I wrote once again.

Now its the twelfth, and seventeen still are out,

I must write to them again without a doubt.

On the thirteenth came six, on the fourteenth four

Now what'll I do to get some more!

Get busy on the phone, call the other seven.

I know "Long Distance" wishes we were all up in heaven.

The fifteenth has arrived, not a single one missing

And I'm so tired, and sitting here wishing That woman who do not send in reports on time

Will be district Promotion Secretaries some time!

Miss Ferree Honored; Barretts Begin Campus Posts; Annuals Presented

OPEN RECEPTION FOR "MISS MARY"

Miss Mary Ferree, or "Miss Mary," as she is affectionately known to us and to several hundred of her former pupils, was honored by our school faculty with an open reception on Wednesday evening, March 20, at the Burwell building on our campus. She was so honored due to her retirement from the State Public School System, and a lifetime of service to the youth of the Orphanage and the State.

Receiving at the front door were Superintendent and Mrs. Forrest D. Hedden, and Miss Monnie McDonald, faculty member; Jesse O. Sanderson, superintendent of Raleigh School, and Mrs. Sanderson received at the dining room door. Introducing the receiving group were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holland. Presiding at the gift table were Mr. and Mrs. John Gilkey. Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown presided at the register. Serving coffee and punch were the following close friends of Miss Mary: Miss Hattie Parrott, Miss Mamie Jenkins, Miss Nan Lacy and Miss Blanche Holt. Those assisting in serving were Miss Mary Ward Shearin, Miss Martha Lou Stevenson and two senior girls, Frances Ellis and Alice Mason. Rendering music during the evening was Mrs. Louise Wilson.

Receiving with Miss Mary were Rev. A. S. Barnes, former superintendent of our Home, and Mrs. Barnes, and Robert D. Martin. Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Blaine M. Madison.

The faculty presented a corsage and silver compote to Miss Mary, and a special certificate of appreciation was presented to her by Mr. Sanderson on behalf of the board of trustees of the Raleigh Public Schools.

HAMBURGERS DELUXE

The staff, housemothers and teachers spent a happy evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Hedden on Thursday, May 21.

The men served as cooks, and better hamburgers have yet to be made. One called for another, and this kept on for hours. Everything that goes with hamburgers was served, and to top this off some of that delicious cake made by Miss Lizzie Sanders was served.

BARRETTS JOIN STAFF

We are happy to welcome to our home, Rev. Troy J. Barrett, who last year was pastor of Broadway charge, but because of his health has had to leave the pulpit for the time being.

Mr. Barrett comes to us as director of recreation and religious activities. His wife, Robbie, will join our family in June as housemother to the boys in the Cole building.

We feel most fortunate in securing the services of these two very capable people, and we sincerely hope that their stay on our campus will be a happy one.

1953 ANNUALS PRESENTED

The Annual staff took the wrappings off the 1953 annuals last week, and presented to the student body The Raiders "Echo." The name for the yearbook had been chosen in a contest held during the fall and kept secret until the arrival of the books. Patricia Chinnis received a free annual for submitting the winning title. It was dedicated to Mrs. Marguerite

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Gilkey, English teacher and senior class advisor.

This annual is the second one to be published on our campus, the first being last year. We are especially delighted that it is possible for the memories of our school and our home to be preserved in this manner.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Class night exercises will be held on the evening of June 1, at 7:30 in our school auditorium. Theme for the evening will be "Hi-Flyers," with the setting at an airport, and the time the present. Betty Carraway is the historian; Peggy Patton will offer the class prophecy, and Robert Taylor and Hazel Newton will read the class last will and testament.

Valedictorian's address will be delivered by Patricia Chinnis, and the salutatorian's address will be presented by Frances Ellis. Chief marshal will be Jerry Hunt. Other marshals are to be Elsie Pridgen, Tommy Albright and Betsy Blake.

Other phases of commencement exercises for our seventeen seniors are: Trustees Day on June 2, and graduation at Memorial auditorium on June 3, at 8:00 p.m. At ten o'clock on Tuesday morning trustees will be honor guests at a special awards and recognition ceremony for the seniors.

TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADERS FETED

Kappa Phi Kappa, education fraternity at State College, entertained the tenth and eleventh grades on May 23 in Pullen Park.

The first phase of this evening of entertainment was delicious hotdogs with all the trimmings.

Following the eats, our group then enjoyed an old fashioned square dance with music furnished by a State College square dance band.

JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS

The junior class bid the seniors bon voyage at the Junior-Senior Banquet held at the Methodist Orphanage dining hall Friday night, May 15. The juniors received their guests along a sandy shoreline sprinkled with shells and led them abroad a festive ocean liner. Silver stars shone upon the banquet tables on deck. The tables and port holes were decorated with gardenias, snapdragons and roses. Jack Price, president of the junior class, gave a toast to the seniors, and Frank Daniels, president of the senior class gave the response. The guests were entertained by the crew.

Betsy Blake and Donald Griffin, pantomimed "Cruising Down the River"; Betsy Blake gave a ballet interpretation of "Beyond the Blue Horizon"; Dickie Maultsby sang "Some Enchanted Evening," and the waitresses performed a sailor's hornpipe. Miss Jean Martin, a student at Meredith, and Mrs. Louise Wilson, a member of the faculty, directed the dances. Mrs. Richard Ebert, junior class advisor, had charge of the banquet. Waitresses were:

Barbara Ann Sears, Joanne Albright, Sara Smith, Betty Jean Sutton and Betsy Blake. Among off-campus guests were Superintendent and Mrs. Jesse O. Sanderson.

COUNCIL SETS UP STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

The Methodist Church's Joint Stewardship Council has adopted an eight-point statement of basic principles to govern a stewardship program, has okayed patterns for training conferences, and has set a committee to work on materials beamed especially at the local church.

Following the group's last meeting in Indianapolis on April 21 each member was instructed to prepare his own personal definition of "tithing" and bring it to the next meeting.

The eight-point program follows:

1. The program should be one of churchwide cultivation as a continuing process rather than a promotional campaign. Cultivation should be the key word.

2. It should be suggestive rather than mandatory, voluntarily accepted and adapted by Areas and Annual Conferences in accordance with their needs.

3. It should emphasize our Christian stewardship of possessions, lifting up the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Methodists.

4. The tithe should be taught as a means of grace rather than a legalistic procedure or a means of raising money.

5. The method of calculating the tithe and the manner of its distribution should be a matter of individual conscience. Tithing must be a covenant between the individual person and God.

6. The regular connectional channels should be used as largely as possible in achieving results.

7. Exemplary leadership is positively necessary on all levels.

8. We should lift up this emphasis on Christian tithing as an opportunity for pastors and laymen to work together in the interest of God's Kingdom.

Promotion of the stewardship emphasis in an annual conference is to be entrusted to a group which combines the Conference Board of Lay Activities and the Conference Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the Council decided.

The former group includes the conference lay leaders, district and associate lay leaders and district superintendents.

The other group in the annual conference includes the following: conference lay leader (see above); conference missionary secretary; executive secretary of the conference board of education; a representative of the cabinet (superintendents are already members of first group); conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and one representative of each of these conference boards—missions, education evangelism, and lay activities—and a representative of a church-related college in the conference.

A COPY FOR THE ASKING. Preachers and teachers who are emphasizing Methodist history during the week before the 250th birthday of John Wesley will find helpful and suggestive an article on "The Methodists" by David L. Taylor.

Originally appearing in **The National Council Outlook**, reprints have been made available. A single copy will be mailed without charge on postcard request to the nearest office of Methodist Information: 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11; 74 Rugb St., Chicago 11; Box 871, Nashville 11; Tenn.

What Is the Key to Our Ministry?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

I Corinthians 13

The gospel came as a powerful stimulus to the emotions of the Corinthians. Its proclamation that the heart of the Creator of heaven and earth was revealed by Jesus who submitted out of love for sinful men to be crucified. This proclamation was so new and so wonderful that like a Niagara it flooded the minds of those who believed it, and many of them broke out in incoherent ejaculations of praise which seemed to the hearers as though they were speaking in unknown tongues. And naturally men longed for these floods of joyous emotion and were tempted when they came to deem themselves more spiritual than the rest of the brotherhood.

But Paul with his deep insight told them that emotional outbursts were of little value unless those who experienced them were able so to control their utterances that they would be helpful to other members of the church, and they should tion just as a blacksmith takes the hot tion just as a blacksmith takes the hot iron and beats it into usable form (I Corinthians 14: 1-19).

Other disciples at Corinth received by direct inspiration flashing new insights into truth. But says Paul, brilliant intellectual insights are useless unless one learns to relate the new truth to the practical needs of his fellow Christians. Paul would say today to a Master of Arts in a university that distinction is useless unless he has become a master of the art of helping people out of the tangle of their lives.

Some people seem to be gifted with wonderful executive ability, but alas, they cause constant friction in the church. And do we not know housekeepers who make martyrs of themselves to keep everything immaculate, but who are a great trial to those who live with them?

All of us need a great accession of love, and while university privileges and certain types of mental brilliancy are beyond the reach of the masses, yet by contemplating Christ, the great Teacher, we can all receive power to love God and our fellow men, power that enables us to suffer long and be kind, to overcome the temptations to envy and boasting, and grace never to give up in our zealous efforts to help people, although the immediate results seem most discouraging. In Christ there is an inexhaustible power to love those who do not love us, and to persist in our effort to bring blessings to people who seem to be hopeless cases.

From its very nature prophecy tends to go out of date, for a true prophecy is always a word of God perfectly adapted to a given situation, and expressed in language that is impressing and illuminating. But as conditions are always changing, and the meaning of words is changing, the prophecy needs to be changed, and also the words and illustrations. Paul says, Now we see as in a mirror dimly. The metal mirror of those days did not give a clear reflection, but the modern mirrors do. Hence today Paul would have used a different figure of speech.

Moreover God is all the time flooding his faithful ones with revelations that cast added light on the old truth. When Paul said, As for prophecies they shall be done away he was not remotely suggesting that he did not have an assured contact

with spiritual reality. Indeed he meant that his sense of the unseen was so awe-inspiring that he was sure that the truth was bigger than he had fully grasped.

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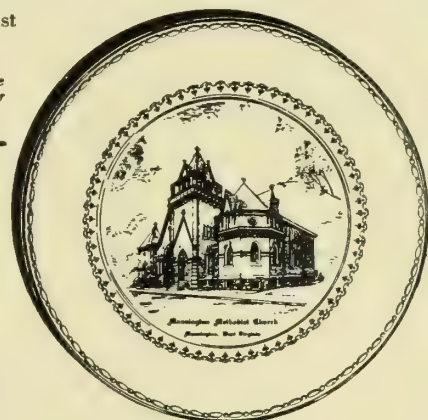
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A RAINY MAYDAY

By Etta W. Schlichter

Mayday! And rain, rain, rain! How disappointed everybody was! Every year the children in the lovely little New England town would make pretty baskets of birch bark.

Then on the day before Mayday they would go to the woods for trailing arbutus, or Mayflowers, as they called them, and fill the baskets with the fragrant blossoms.

Then they would have a procession with a little May queen to lead it, and would visit people they loved and give them the basket of flowers.

But this year it was just too bad. The baskets were all ready, but it had rained for nearly a week and they couldn't get to the woods to find the flowers.

What should they do?

Jack and Molly and Bertha and Jamie and little Sue could hardly stand it. All the pretty baskets they had worked so hard to make just wasted because there were no flowers.

Jack and Molly were brother and sister, and Bertha and Jamie were their cousins, and Sue was the dear little girl who lived next door. Now they were all in Jack's and Molly's house.

"Suppose we have a new kind of Mayday," said Jack's and Molly's mother, Mrs. Dean.

Mrs. Dean had a picture book in her hand—a seed catalog with dozens and dozens of colored pictures of pretty flowers.

"How would you like," said Mrs. Dean, "to put packages of seeds of these pretty flowers into your baskets and give them instead of the Mayflowers? Then they could be planted in the gardens and called the Mayday flowers."

"Let's each pick out the kind of seeds we want," suggested Bertha.

"I'll choose this sunflower," said Jamie. "It's a fine flower and, besides, the chickens like the seeds."

"Yes, Jamie," said Bertha, "but you're not getting the seeds for yourself. They're to put in your basket to give away to folks."

"Okay," said Jamie. "I'll give my basket to old Mrs. Harris. She's a poor woman and she has chickens. I'm sure she'll like sunflower seeds."

"I'm going to give my basket to Mamie," said Molly, "because she can't walk since she's been sick. We can plant her seeds for her where she can look out the window and see her Mayday flowers. I wish I could find a blue flower. Mamie likes blue."

"I'm sure you can," said Mrs. Dean. And sure enough, here was a picture of a lovely blue cornflower.

"I'll take cornflower seeds," said Molly. "What do you want, Jack?" asked Bertha.

"Ladies first," grinned Jack, who wanted time to think.

"I'm going to take my basket to my teacher," said Bertha, "and I believe she'd like these pinks, so I'm going to take pinks."

"What will you have Sue?" asked Mrs. Dean.

"This," said Sue, pointing to a bunch of very bright Sweet-Williams. "For my muvver."

"Something red for me," said Jack. "Here you are! Poppies. Poppies for me." "I guess they're for Rosa," said Bertha, "because she always wears a red dress." "You don't know who they're for," said Jack, blushing.

The children got their pennies, and since Jack was the oldest, he put on his slicker and went to the store for the seeds. They came in the nicest little packages, with a lovely colored picture on each one, so you could see just how the flowers would look.

In the afternoon it stopped raining and the children put the seed packages in their May baskets and made their gifts.

Next morning, when the sun was bright and warm, they went to see the planting.

And soon the little plants came up, and after a while they bloomed. And for a long time that summer the children and their friends had five little Mayday gardens to watch, where cornflowers and sunflowers, pinks and sweet-Williams and gorgeous scarlet poppies grew—and all because it had rained on Mayday—Virginia Methodist Advocate

YOUR HANDS

By C. C. Benton

There are more than one thousand references to the human hand in the Bible. It is one of the most useful members of the body. But there are some people who, apparently, could get along without hands. They seldom use the ones they have except as ornaments. Hands are a nuisance to some public speakers. They don't know what to do with them while they are talking. Lovers are fond of "holding hands"—that is, before they are married. There are many different kinds of hands. No two are exactly alike. There are warm hands, cold hands, clammy hands, delicate hands, calloused hands, wrinkled hands and "dishpan hands." But the most important thing about our hands is what we can do with them. Here are four things one can do with his hands: (1) FOLD THEM in idleness. And that is what too many people are doing. (2) CLINCH THEM in selfishness and greed. (3) WRING THEM in confusion and fear. That is the manner in which some people face their problems. (4) STRETCH THEM FORTH in useful service. In the healing of the man with the "withered hand" Jesus suggests that no hand should be idle. Solomon says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." The Apostle Paul speaks of "lifting holy hands in prayer." But that is not enough. We must be willing to stretch them forth in deeds of mercy and thereby help answer our prayers.

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In Memoriam

MRS. GLENNIE STRINGER

WINSTON-SALEM—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Winston-Salem District, wish to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of our dear friend and co-worker Mrs. Glennie Stringer, who died on January 8, 1953.

She lived a good life, always interested in the affairs of the church, and helped to establish our church in its very earliest existence.

Glennie, as she was very affectionately called, was loved and respected by all who knew her. Her illness seemed to strengthen her faith in God, and her courage was an inspiration to others.

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy.

That a copy of this obituary be sent to the family, a copy placed in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Mrs. Beryl Grubbs
Mrs. R. W. Clinard
Mrs. Floyd Spach
Committee

MRS. DELLA LEE WOOD

ESSEX—We the members of Hollister Church and Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to pay tribute to one of our most faithful and loyal members, Mrs. Della Lee Wood, who passed away on February 4, 1953, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Alston. She was a regular attendant of the W.S.C.S. and all other church services as long as her health would permit. Funeral services were held on February 5, at Hollister church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Sherman, assisted by Rev. C. H. Mewborn, a former pastor. Interment was in Harris Chapel cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

We feel deeply our loss and extend to the family our deepest sympathy. We commend them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Miss Kathleen Shearin
Mrs. J. J. Williams

MRS. HATTIE EUGENIA KEARNS

FARMER—We the members of the W.S.C.S. of Salem Methodist Church wish to express our sincere love and appreciation for the lovely Christian character and loyal service of our beloved member, Mrs. Hattie Eugenia Kearns, who was led away by an unseen host to a more beautiful life on March 31, 1953. "Miss Geanie," as she was affectionately called, gave her unselfish devotion to her home, her church, and community. Her presence will long be remembered and cherished in the lives of those who knew her best. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones and pray God's blessings upon them.

Funeral services for "Miss Geanie" were held at Salem Church on April 2 and burial was in the church cemetery.

The W.S.C.S. of Salem Church
Farmer Charge

MRS. WALTER L. TUCKER

MOUNT HOLLY—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, would like to express our deep sympathy, and pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our devoted Charter members, Mrs. W. L. Tucker who passed away on January 19, 1953.

Mrs. Tucker was one of the first officers. She served as treasurer for more than fourteen years when the Society was first organized many years ago.

She possessed the combined qualities of leadership, integrity, perseverance, and humility.

It was never the headlines she sought, but the inner heart pleasure that came to her through her efforts for her church, her family, and community. She was always eager to help and never in a spirit of selfishness.

We should like to have a copy of this sent to her six sons, George, Jack, Shuford, Frank, Jim and John, and her only daughter, Mae, a copy published in the Christian Advocate, and a copy entered into the records of our local society.

Mrs. Frank L. Rankin
Home Circle Chairman

OTIS CAMPBELL

GREENSBORO—In the early morning of March 22, 1953, Otis Campbell, a charter member of Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, was called to his eternal home.

We, the members of Calvary Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of Otis Campbell.

We recognize the sterling character of Otis Campbell and wish to publicly and officially acknowledge our great debt to him for the wise counsel that he has given us and the great amount of time he has devoted to our church. He was for many years a member of the Board of Trustees and for several years its chairman. We know that the official position held in our church by Otis Campbell must be filled out in doing so we are cognizant of the fact that his place in our hearts and thoughts can not ever be filled.

Otis Campbell worked hard and faithful with others in organizing the Calvary Methodist Church, and he maintained this devotion throughout the

years. He was of great value in the planning and building of our new educational building now being enjoyed by all at Calvary church. His knowledge and good judgment caused all of us to look at him for advice in the growth of our church. His devotion in all matters affecting Calvary Methodist Church will be greatly missed for many years to come.

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of these expressions be entered in the minutes of the official Board of Calvary Methodist Church, and that a copy be delivered to the wife of Otis Campbell, and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Rev. E. C. Price, Pastor
Dailey Mansfield
John R. Bulla

W. M. DAVIS

HICKORY—We, the members of the Board of Stewards of the Highland Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved brother, W. M. Davis, who was called to his heavenly reward on November 17, 1952.

"Uncle Will," as Mr. Davis was often called by those who worked with him in the church and at his place of business, was a charter member of the Highland Methodist Church. He served as church treasurer for more than 25 years, was a member of the board of trustees, and a member of the board of stewards until declining health forced him to be placed on the "honorary" list. Mr. Davis was ever loyal in the giving of his time, his means, and his service in the work of the church and the advancement of the cause of God's Kingdom.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, the former Lillie Jones, two daughters, Mrs. Gaither M. Killian of Hickory and Mrs. Charles E. Berry of Connelly Springs.

Though "Uncle Will" has passed on to his reward, his influence in the church and community lives on.

We request that a copy of this letter be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a copy be sent to the family, and that a copy be kept in our records.

Howard Little, Chairman
Board of Stewards
Highland Methodist Church

MRS. JENNIE BOSHAMER BRENT

WADESBORO—It is with a feeling of deep sorrow and gratitude that we, the members of The Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church of Wadesboro, pay tribute to the memory of our beloved friend and co-worker, Jennie Boshamer Brent—sorrow because we have lost her for awhile; gratitude for the privilege of knowing and working with her through the years.

Miss Jennie B, as she was affectionately called, was faithful to all the activities of her church by her presence, her prayers and her tithes.

Until bad health overtook her, her life was busily and happily spent in the training of young minds, and today there are countless young men and women, boys and girls who truly can say, "Her price is far above rubies," and arise to call her blessed.

Her life of service and devotion came to a close at the Methodist Home in Charlotte, where she spent her last five years.

Truly her life was an example before others, that makes us want to follow in her footsteps of Christian living.

It is our desire that a copy of this tribute be recorded in the minutes of The Woman's Society, and a copy each sent to the Christian Advocate and to her family.

Mrs. Thomas Stanback
Mrs. W. N. Jeans
Miss Pauline Pinkston
Committee

MRS. W. C. JOHNSON

HAMLET—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, recorded with sorrow the death of our beautiful Christian Character and beloved member Mrs. W. C. Johnson, who passed away January 13, 1953.

Her deep devotion to her friends was exemplified by her sharing most generously her beautiful flowers that she took great pride in growing.

While we miss her presence, we know that the impress of her life will be among us. In expressing our appreciation, we offer these resolutions.

That we keep in our hearts the memory of her loving kindness. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our Society.

Mrs. J. J. Boyette
Mrs. A. A. Covington

HORACE SISK

FAYETTEVILLE—On February 24, 1953, death took from our church and community Horace Sisk, 68, distinguished public educator, active civic worker, loyal and effective Sunday school and church official; and notably withal, a Christian gentleman and frank, sincere friend. Professor Sisk was in critical condition during the four weeks following several severe heart attacks.

Whereas the Board of Stewards of Hay Street Methodist Church takes official cognizance of the passing of Horace Sisk, it also realizes keenly his work and our sense of loss as he passes from our official group. He leaves a praiseworthy record of faithful and uplifting service among us, both as Sunday school superintendent for many years and as

active member of the present Official Board; and

Whereas we not only lament his going from us, but we also commend his Christian virtues and godly service to the membership of our congregation and to the citizens of this community as worthy of daily emulation; therefore

Be it resolved by the Official Board of Hay Street Methodist church in regular session assembled that we express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family of Horace Sisk, a copy be published in The North Carolina Christian Advocate, and that these resolutions be entered upon the permanent records of the Official Board of Hay Street Methodist Church.

G. C. Davidson
Mrs. T. H. Huske
Mary S. Hall
For the Board of Stewards
Hay Street Methodist Church

MRS. EUNICE SMITH TYSINGER

THOMASVILLE—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Eunice Tysinger, who left us on February 16, 1953.

She was vice president of our society and was loyal and devoted in the true sense of the word. In her home she was a loving wife and a devoted mother. She was a happy Christian, the kind of person God wants his children to be. Her willingness to serve will ever be remembered and will be an inspiration to those of us who are left to carry on the work she loved so much. Mrs. Jack Grayson has fittingly written these words:

God placed her in earth's garden for a little while, He endowed her with beauty and a tender smile. God said to her, "Now bloom that all the world may see

My great love for all mankind manifested in thee." She took God's command and bloomed faithful and true,

And showed Christ to others, her life's journey through.

Her loyalty and devotion to Him did not fail, Though the storm of ill health, her life did assail. God then looked down with a smile on His face, and said,

"You've proved yourself worthy of a nobler place." We'll miss her dear face and her Christ-like love, But we know that she's blooming in God's garden above.

May her life be a challenge to us each day, And may we bloom for the Master each step of our way.

Though we miss her, may we cherish her memory and may we realize that someday we shall be together again, in that land where there is no parting nor sadness.

Woman's Society of Christian Service
Trinity Methodist Church

MRS. ANNIE TURNER OWEN

LEAKSVILLE—On March 17, 1953, Mrs. Annie Turner Owen passed away at the home of her son, T. R. Owen of Leaksville, whom she was visiting.

Mrs. Owen was a member of a prominent Idrell family and was widely known and greatly loved. She was one of the oldest members of the Leaksville Methodist Church. For the past four years she resided at the Methodist Home in Charlotte.

A brief service was conducted at Fair's Funeral Home in Leaksville, with the main service being held at Wright's Funeral Home, Salisbury. The service was conducted by her pastor, Dr. E. P. Billups, assisted by Rev. Jim Burkitt, a grandson.

She is survived by three sons, T. R. Owen of Leaksville; O. R. Owen of New York City; H. R. Owen of Greensboro; one daughter, Mrs. F. P. Burkitt, of Charlotte; one brother, Henry C. Turner, of Guilford College; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

E. P. Billups

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LAKE JUNALUSKA SUMMER PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The 1953 summer program at Lake Junaluska, N. C., The Methodist Church's southeastern assembly grounds, will open June 1 and continue through September 4.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark, program chairman, said the summer agenda will feature 14 weeks of South-wide conferences, training schools, Christian education seminars, music concerts, Bible classes, preaching by eminent evangelists and numerous special events.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Lake Junaluska assembly, founded by laymen in 1913 as the southern center of Methodist summer programs. Churches of nine states support the assembly. Edwin L. Jones and Bishop Costen J. Harrell, both of Charlotte, N. C., are president and vice president, respectively.

Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent, said that last year's record attendance of 30,000 included visitors from every state and several foreign countries. A new 10-family efficiency apartment building has just been completed, he said, and a \$50,000 children's building is under construction.

A special event this year, Dr. Clark said, will be the July 2-4 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Sponsored by the World Methodist Council and Methodist Historical Societies, the three-day program will feature a host of lay and clerical leaders from across the country, as well as four eminent British Methodists.

The third annual Candler Camp Meeting, sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, is scheduled for July 5-12. Guest evangelists will be Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Howard P. Powell, Raleigh, N. C., and Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn.

Other program highlights are as follows:

June 9-16, Southeastern Student Conference; June 17-21, Western North Carolina Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild; June 18-July 4, youth assemblies; June 24-July 1, Southeastern School of Missions.

July 2-4, Wesley Commemoration; July 5-12, Candler Camp Meeting; July 14-16, World Order Crusade; July 16-19, Young Adults' Sunday School Workshop; July 16-22, Southeastern Missionary Conference; July 22-29, Youth Workshop; July 23-26, Annual Laymen's Conference; July 28-29, Methodist Co-ordinating Council; July 28-August 2, Music Week; July 30-August 2, Convocation of Religious Education Directors.

August 3-7, Southeastern Conference of District Superintendents and Pastors; August 3-14, Southeastern Church Leadership School; August 15, Queen Junaluska Coronation; August 16-23, Ministers' Week; August 16-21, Institute for Children's Homes Officials; August 18-21, Town and Country Conference; August 25-30, Family Life Conference; September 2-4, Methodist World Service Council.

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COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE BIBLE

The Christian church will survive the Communists in China, declared Dr. Ralph Mortensen, who directed the combined work in China of the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland. Dr. Mortensen, who has devoted 35 years to missionary work in the Orient, spoke at a press conference in the

New York City headquarters of the American Bible Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen were among the last Americans allowed to leave Shanghai. They had been restrained within the city limits of Shanghai under strict surveillance for two years and a day, without explanation, by the Communists, before they were given permission to leave China.

The Mortensens predicted eventual revolt by the people against their Communist masters. They said the Communist anti-American propaganda was a failure, that while the people gave lip service to the Communists, they secretly remained unchanged.

Dr. Mortensen said his chief quarrel with the Communist regime was on moral grounds. "The Communist totalitarian state in China demands man's highest loyalty, usurping the place of God," he said. Even if there was a slight improvement in material things, such as the building of large dams, improved railway services, he said, this did not compensate in his mind for the loss of moral law.

The Communists were more averse to missionaries than to western business men, he said, for they feared their teachings would change the thoughts of the Chinese people.

The Bible Societies, he said, had prepared themselves with ample stocks of Bibles prior to the coming of the Communists.

"Before the Chinese Communists came into power," he reported, "the Bible House in Shanghai feverishly stock-piled all the main popular types of Bibles, New Testaments, and separate books of the Bible. As early as 1948, a missionary plane, which we named 'The St. Paul' was chartered to transport tons of Scriptures

to build up the stocks of all outlying sub-agencies throughout China." These stocks, he reported, were at the time of his departure being distributed from Bible Society sub-agencies in Mukden, Tientsin, Peking, Tsinan, Sian, Lanchow, Chungking, Kunming, Hankow, Foochow and Canton, as well as from the headquarters agency in Shanghai.

He estimated that enough Bibles were in China to take care of the needs of the people for the next three years.

Dr. Mortensen reported that there had been no ukase against Bible reading and preaching in Christian churches, so long as the ministers refrained from making any comment in their sermons which could be construed by the Communists as being "political."

A churchman, he declared, was ever in peril. He cited the case of a Chinese Bible Society secretary in the interior, who, largely due to false charges, has been under arrest for two years, and no word from him has ever come through. Also, he reported, two former members of the Board of Directors of the China Bible Society have been given similar treatment, with no word about their fate ever received. He stated it was his belief that the Christian church in China would go underground, if it becomes necessary to do so.

I can imagine that many busy people must sometimes wish they dared exhibit in their home or office the good advice, 'Don't spend your leisure time with those who have none,' but Joseph Roux in his "Meditations of a Parish Priest" rather puts the shoe on the other foot, when he says, 'God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home'.

—Ida Church



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Kinston Methodism Establishes New Churches

Shown above (top picture) are a group of officials of Queen Street church, (right) and Westminster church (left) on the Westminster church site. The second scene is the site of the second church which is planned for next Conference Year. Pastor Mark W. Lawrence (right) of Queen Street church, chats with H. J. Hearn (left) and J. E. Thomas, superintendent and Official Board chairman, respectively, of Queen Street church. (Story on page four) (Leffew-Whitaker photo)

A Thought for the Week

APPLY CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN OUR WORK

This brief meditation was given by one of the employees of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Raymond J. Welch, at our weekly devotional period held each Monday at 11:50-12:00 o'clock. We believe our readers will agree that it is a good thought for the week.

About 1803 Ludwig Beethoven said: "I am not satisfied with my works up to the present time. From today I mean to take a new road." And the great composer wrote such music as the people had never heard. If each of us were to resolve from today on to take a new road, applying that resolution to the practice of brotherhood in our daily work, our lives would be more abundant. When we walk in old familiar ways too long, we often find ourselves limping along in a rut, rather than striding forward.

Failures are few among people who have found a work they like enough to do well. We invest our lives in our work; why not invest love in our work also? Like your work, like the materials with which you work, like the people with whom you work, like the place where you work. We have the tools with which to work, the materials in the form of a shapeless mass, and the rules to go by, when they are rightly applied we can produce a desirable product. In helping to produce the Advocate we are engaged in a work that brings good tidings of great joy. We have a lifetime in which to do our job, but if we misuse the tools, misuse the materials and misapply ourselves, the responsibility is ours. We will either be helped or hindered as we go about our daily tasks. The result will be either a stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "Your daily duties are a part of your religious life just as much as your devotions." Micah summed up the matter thus: "He has showed you, O man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Someone has said: "The greatest joy in life is to live well, to laugh often, to love much, to gain the respect of other people, to win the love of little children, to fill one's niche and to accomplish one's tasks; to leave the world a little better than one finds it—whether it be on improved flower, an inspired poem, or to have done something which helped the other fellow along his way—to look for the best in others—to do the best one can in his work—to make one's life an inspiration and one's memory a benediction." This, it seems, would describe an achievement which we all would like to work towards in our daily lives together.

Our Heavenly Father we thank Thee for the matchless power and wonderful love of Jesus Christ which may be demonstrated through us. Take away even our smallest fault, our dullness, our irritations, our conflicts and fill us with thy radiant power that we may draw to us wonderful opportunities and may meet them effectively. Grant us the experience of drawing others to us that we may help them to live more vital, happier, more satisfactory lives. And in so doing, may we, too, have a deep and marvelous happiness. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY

Do any of us feel strong enough to stand alone against the future? Are we not feeling about us for all our human supports? The lives of our children never seemed so dear as now. The eyes of the nation are focused on Washington for guidance and protection.

And when were we so haunted with the feeling that all these human helps are not enough?

What are some of the emergencies which confront us? Suppose another all-out war should come. Some phases of our life are already on a war basis. Thousands of young men have been taken from their regular activities. To have one's plans interrupted, to live without definite goals—that creates a situation in which most boys need more than their own strength to maintain their standards. To help youth hold its ideals when its hopes have been dashed, to keep young people from being bitter, is a task confronting the Church and the American people.

It is sometimes argued that war brings out the idealism of men. It does in some, but it also unleashes greed. To keep the spirit of sacrifice in a time when greed tempts us—that is the challenge all of us must face.

How about another emergency? Suppose all-out peace should come? Would we be ready for that? Back in 1914 when the British foreign minister told the House of Commons that war was declared, he said that the nations of Europe had plenty of machinery for war, but none for peace.

Are we prepared for peace? We have set up a United Nations organization and other machinery for peace. I believe in these. But if we are to pin our hopes on such agencies we must change the spirit which underlies international law. Nothing less than a new spirit of cooperation and consecration can stabilize the stormy sea of society.

And here comes the challenge of religion. Suppose worst comes to worst for you or me. Are we equal to it?

In the story of "Robinson Crusoe" you may remember that soon after the hero was cast ashore, he was taken desperately sick. Groping about, he opened a chest which had been tossed on the beach beside him. His hand touched two things, a bottle of medicine and a Bible. Like most other human beings, he took the medicine first and then opened the Bible.

The passage to which the Book opened was the fiftieth Psalm, the fifteenth verse: "Call on me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify my name." That was an epochal experience in the career of Robinson Crusoe.

It has been said, "No man has more religion than he can command in an emergency." Iron will can carry a man unflinching through trouble. But to come through our emergencies "more than conquerors," as Paul said, to wring from suffering a stronger faith and a sweeter temper—that requires grace.

Some years ago I heard a lawyer say that his feeling about God was very much like an experience of his boyhood. His

father took him as a little lad on a visit to New York City. In order to keep from getting lost in the crowds he held to his father's fingers. But after a while his legs grew tired and his grip on his father's fingers began to slip.

He looked up into his parent's face and said, "Father, you'll have to take hold of my hand. I can't hold on much longer."

Isn't that about the situation we are in now? We have been trying to hold to our ideals and hopes through two world wars and a continuing cold war. Our grips are beginning to slip. Our own strength is not equal to the emergencies which may come. We need a God who can take hold of us. And that is the kind of God we have—if we will put our hands in His. (Copyright 1953, GENERAL FEATURES CORP.)

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh
Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred
Where the children played at will.

And, when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And, though many the years have been,
Even now, I can hear my mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say goodbye to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play,

When we step out into that Other Land
Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, as we did of old,
"Are all the children in?"

—Author Unknown

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Tackle the Disease of Boredom With Christian Faith

Boredom, according to the director for cancer research at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., is the most prevalent disease in America. Speaking at a church conference on the problems of aging, Dr. E. V. Cowdry, who is also president of the International Association of Gerontology, stated that boredom is a malady of young and old alike. Its cure? Let Dr. Cowdry give his views. "The cure is not gambling, drink, trashy novels, drugs or more war. It can be relieved by constructive and socially useful activity."

Well, constructive and socially useful activity is important, for boredom often comes from inactivity. Putting a man to work is frequently the best medicine to prescribe. But activity is not enough. One needs a deep faith, a satisfying philosophy of life, a devotion to something bigger than himself. The soul needs to worship, needs daily reading of the Bible and inspirational literature, constant communion with God. These drive out gloom and despair and boredom. The person who keeps in close contact with Christ will keep his spirit high. The person who works faithfully at the business of being a Christian will have little time to get bored.

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A Magazine Resists the Liquor Advertisers

Churchmen generally will applaud the stand of Forbes McKay, president and general manager of *Farm and Ranch Magazine*, for steadfastly refusing to lift the ban on liquor advertising in that periodical. A reiteration of this Nashville publication's stand was made, Mr. McKay said, because considerable pressure was being brought by liquor interests to secure advertising space in the 84-year old magazine. One order for \$50,000 in liquor advertising has been repeatedly turned down. "The matter comes up periodically," the magazine head stated, "and tremendous sums of money are involved. *Farm and Ranch* magazine believes its readers would not, under any circumstances, like to have children exposed to the type of advertising copy which is being printed to persuade young people to use alcoholic beverages."

We believe Mr. McKay is right. We only wish that some other national and local publications had as much respect for the American home. But because they do not, the home must find some way to protect its youth from the evils of lurid and attractive liquor advertis-

ing. One way to begin is to support those which refuse to carry any form of advertising that promotes beverage alcohol.

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Give the Preachers Time to Visit the People

"Have Methodist pastors stopped visiting their members?" asked a woman of her minister a few Sundays ago as she shook hands with him following the morning worship service. The preacher sensed a note of anger tinged with bitterness in her voice.

The minister was embarrassed. He was aware that she was fully justified in her question; she had good reasons for being irked. He had not visited in her home. Other Methodist pastors before him evidently had failed to visit often enough.

But let's look at this situation a little more critically. The question this good Methodist asked is a question that multiplied thousands of our laymen are asking. "Why doesn't the pastor come to see us?" "Why can't we get a preacher who will go into the homes of the people?" You can hear it on every hand: "These modern Methodist preachers don't visit like the old-fashioned preachers did."

Why doesn't the Methodist preacher visit today? Well, many do visit. The average pastor visits far more than his people realize. The conscientious minister looks after the sick in home and in hospital. He spends a good deal of time with people in trouble. He visits prospective members. He tries to care for his shut-ins. We know of one pastor of five rural churches who made 2118 pastoral calls last year.

Yet we know the average preacher does not do enough visiting. He doesn't do it, for one reason, because the church won't let him. He is no longer a simple shepherd of the flock. He is the administrator of a great enterprise. He is the head of a vast, complicated organization that requires great blocks of his time in promotional activities. He is responsible for a complex and intricate program that comes down to him from General Conference, from the Council of Bishops, from Methodism's myriad boards and agencies, from the Jurisdictional Conference, from the Annual Conference and from a hundred and one good causes. He is reader—that is, he is supposed to be—of thousands of mimeographed letters, pamphlets, booklets, brochures, books and magazines that tell him how to execute the program of the church. He is a constant traveler to sub-district, district, conference, area, jurisdictional and church-wide meetings that

aim at telling him how to do the job in the local church and how to keep his spirit high. The only rub is that when he gets through with all the church has for him to do there isn't much time left—unless he reneges somewhere down the line between meetings—for pastoral visiting.

We believe that one of Methodism's chief ailments lies at this point. Bishops' schedules are filled with engagements outside of their areas. They can't give pastoral oversight to their areas. District superintendents are engaged in so many promotional activities that they can't give intimate guidance and spiritual help to the pastors and laymen who are the leaders in the local church. Pastors are so busy with programs and machinery that the souls of the people are neglected.

Of course, these things we are doing—most of them, at least—are important. Many of them must be carried on. These times make big demands. But we know this: In more ways than one the hungry sheep are not being fed. Our people need more pastoral care. They do not necessarily need more social visiting from their pastor. But they do need a lot more spiritual visiting which they are not getting and which under the present setup they can hardly expect to get. This we need to do: Cut down on some of those things that take a pastor away from his people and leave him time to do the work in the local parish.

One thing we remember perhaps more vividly than anything else about the little country church of our childhood and youth: The regular quarterly visits of Methodist preachers. We can see them now, riding up to the little farm home in a rickety buggy drawn by a tired horse. They were more austere and less affable than Methodist preachers are today. Sometimes we tried to seek refuge under the house or in the barn. But come time for their departure, four blushing, confused, dirty children were called out of hiding and brought in to kneel while a good man of God lifted Dad and Mother and their flock to the throne of Grace. Never shall we forget the time when one of those preachers, finishing his prayer, took a red-headed, freckled face boy by the hand and said: "Son, some day you may be a Methodist preacher."

Of course, life today is more complex. The program of the church is more complex, too. It may be that our generation is more worldly wise. But deep down, we believe, Methodist hearts still look up and long for spiritual succor through a visit from their pastor. Let's give him a chance to put visiting in the center of his ministry.

KINSTON METHODISM ESTABLISHES NEW CHURCHES

Down in Kinston Methodism is taking long strides ahead. You sense it as you talk with the alert pastors, Rev. Mark Lawrence of Queen Street church and Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., of the new Westminster congregation. You feel it as you talk to the friendly, enthusiastic laymen. You are fully aware of it as you visit the two congregations on Sunday morning and take part in the Church School or worship services. You feel it in the air.

What is the cause of this new life in Kinston Methodism? Well, perhaps there are many causes. For one thing, Kinston is in the midst of an industrial, economic and population boom. The coming of Du Pont's extensive Dacron plant as well as the establishment of dozens of other enterprises in the community within recent years have brought thousands of new people and millions of new dollars into the Kinston area. The city, which had 15,388 people in 1940 and 18,336 in 1950, now has an estimated population of more than 25,000. Construction which amounted to around \$200,000 annually in pre-war years in 1952 totaled \$3,433,130 for 33 new commercial buildings, 288 new dwellings and 158 renovations. Kinston's 463 industries and businesses employ 12,475 people and pay them an average of \$350,000 weekly. Progress is in the air. On the economic front Kinston is moving forward.

Methodism Heads the Procession

But Methodism in Kinston has not got its inspiration merely from the economic boom. We know of Methodist churches in some growing communities that have stubbornly resisted progress in the church. For some people the church seems to be the one place where they can resist change, sit on the lid, keep back development and new life. Not so in Kinston. The Methodist Church is at the head of the procession, leading not only the churches but meeting the challenge of a growing, bustling city—in short, going out where the people are. In a little over a year the Methodists have got one new church well on the way and have purchased a lot for another congregation. Moreover, they are now eyeing locations for two or three more churches for some future date.

A New Day for Methodism

That leads us back to the question: From whence comes this new life in

Kinston Methodism? Laymen will tell you that much of this new spirit is due to the affable, enthusiastic, hard-working pastor, Mark Lawrence. The pastor will tell you that the laymen are responsible—and he means it. To the casual observer both would be given credit. But the spark that put new life both into pastor and people is the church extension program. When Pastor Lawrence in October 1951 presented to the Official Board the proposition of establishing a new church in Kinston and the Board voted to do it with the new Conference year and put \$1,200 in the budget for the prospective pastor's salary a new day for Kinston Methodism was on the way. The congregation got the spirit of the new enterprise and has backed it enthusiastically from the beginning. Queen Street members have put \$40,000 into the new Westminster church and they are prepared to continue their support when construction on the first unit gets underway this summer. One discerning layman of Queen Street said: "This has done us more good than it has Westminster."

Queen Street Continues to Grow

With this generous layman we are almost in agreement. Queen Street continues to grow. Over 400 new members have been received in the two and one half years Mr. Lawrence has been pastor, with 170 of that number coming in during the present Conference year. Metho-

dism in Kinston has increased 9% during the present conference year. Church and Church School attendance continue to climb. The budget has increased \$5,000 each year for the past three years. The congregation wound up last year's program with a \$3,500 surplus. The 1,645 members this year have a budget of \$68,000. Mission specials, though still low, are up this year \$500 over last year for a total of \$1,800. The church operates a kindergarten and first grade with three full-time teachers and 92 pupils.

Queen Street church has two sons who are now Methodist preachers—Dr. G. Ray Jordan of the Candler School of Theology faculty and Rev. Warren Petteway, pastor of Asbury church, Durham. In addition, Owen Fitzgerald and Claude Barrett, Jr., are ministerial students at Duke; George DuBose, Jr., just discharged from the Air Force, will continue his education this fall and expects to become a foreign missionary; Robert Foster has been licensed to preach and will perhaps take an appointment around Kinston this fall. Queen Street also has two young ladies in full-time Christian service—Elizabeth Hogan, who is serving her own church as director of Christian Education, and Ruth Hooker, who holds a similar position at First church, Morehead City.

Westminster Gets Started

There is nothing spectacular about the way Westminster church got started. A committee, consisting of Felix Harvey, Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, John Hood and H. J. Hearn, made a survey and reported the need of at least two new Methodist churches. District Superintendent Hiram K. King was requested to appoint a pastor to the new church and Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Miller of Laurinburg, received the assignment. Mrs. L. B. Jenkins gave the first \$10,000 and the congregation gave an additional \$20,000. A lot was purchased for \$10,000 early in this Conference year. Seven members from each of the two congregations went out and raised money for the lot. The Woman's Society and the Circles have been most generous in their support of the church extension program.



Queen Street Church, Kinston



Mrs. C. F. West is president of the Queen Street WSCS. The Church School, with H. J. Hearn superintendent, has also been generous in its support. All classes have received offerings for Westminster and one junior girl, Phyllis Pate, brought 500 pennies as her gift. Last year when Dr. Floyd Wooten died Mrs. Wooten requested that no flowers be sent, but that anyone wishing to honor Dr. Wooten's memory could do so by making a contribution to Westminster. More than \$1,000 came in this way.

J. E. Thomas is the present chairman of the Queen Street Board and E. A. Langle was chairman at the time Westminster was started.

The second lot, costing \$7,300, was purchased this year with financial aid from the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Westminster Grows

Queen Street church can be justly proud of the church it has sponsored. Jimmy Miller, Westminster's pastor, lost no time in getting started in northwest Kinston. The first service was held Sunday, December 9, 1951. Charter Sunday was March 23, 1952 with 46 charter members joining on that occasion. The church reported 69 members at the end of the Conference year. The budget this year is \$2,738 and the members, mostly young adults and small children, have given \$5,000 to the building fund.

Westminster is fully organized. Its Church School has 94 enrolled with 50 in average attendance. Its Woman's Society has 36 members. Morning worship services average 60. A Sunday Evening Fellowship is flourishing. All services are held in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Recreational Building in West Kinston. During the U.E.M. 22 new members were received and the church now has a membership of 124.

The church, which is made up of young families many of whom perhaps would not have been active at Queen Street, has

The congregation of Westminster church at worship and the first unit of the new church building, construction on which will begin soon.



a fine attitude toward the mother church. Both pastor and people appreciate deeply the generous support of Queen Street's pastor and people. The group has around \$45,000 on the \$75,000 building program which will be launched in the early summer. When the new building is completed, there is every evidence that the new church will grow by leaps and bounds.

The Kinston story is far from complete. Church extension is just beginning. But if the same enthusiastic, contagious spirit is maintained there is every reason to be-

lieve that Methodism in this growing, hospitable community will stay at the head of the procession. The third church will evidently become a reality next Conference year. In future years as additional Methodist churches are needed a generous, far-seeing Methodist people will rise up to meet the challenge. In this way they not only will help others, but will experience greater manifestations of spiritual life and victory for themselves, for only in Christian sharing can we experience the real joy of Christian living.

REPORT ON VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

By L. A. Watts

We arrived in New York City Monday, May 11, in the morning. We immediately went to The Sloan House YMCA, 356 W. 34th Street, where we were to spend each night. This beautiful building is in downtown New York, and has nearly all the conveniences of a modern hotel.

On Tuesday morning at nine thirty, by appointment, we went to the United Nations Building, located on First Avenue, running from 42nd Street to 48th Street. The building runs parallel with First Avenue on one side and East River on the East side. It is one of the most beautiful structures in the world. Walker K. Harrison, United States, gathered together architects from all over the world to design and construct this building. It is the symbol of what people of many nationalities can do when they consent to work together toward a definite goal.

There were forty people invited to be in our group. The seminars were arranged by Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace. They came largely from North Carolina with some from Maryland, District of Columbia, and Illinois. There were three Negroes in the group—two of them Methodist preachers from North Carolina, and the other was President of the Woman's Society in a Maryland

Methodist Church. Their presence did not seem to excite any one, neither did it offend.

The first thing we did was to tour the buildings. There are three of them—The General Assembly Building, The Security Council Building, and the office building which is called the Secretariat because all the various committees of the United Nations have offices in this building. It was a long walk, even though we often used elevators and escalators, and it was not permissible for us to see all of each building.

Before the tour began, two friends and I were looking around and we found the entrance to the floor of the General Assembly. We went in and viewed the building from this point, including the speakers stand, and the desk of the Secretary General of the Assembly. Later we were told that this was one of the many "restricted areas" of the buildings. We had gone, not knowing, into the entrance used by the delegates to the Assembly.

I shall never forget the operations of my mind and emotions, as I stood there in the General Assembly Room; for I thought, "Here will gather the delegates from sixty nations from time to time, once each year in September, and here the destiny of the world, and the destinies of

many nations, will be created for the next thousand of years." If the delegates from all over the world are willing to work together as did the architects in creating this beautiful building, they will create a world of far greater beauty, and human life in all parts of the world will reach its highest levels of living; for nations will here learn to "beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

I think this thought came to me over and over again; "We must not let the United Nations break up in confusion. It must live in the mind and heart of mankind. Brotherly love must prevail among nations. The one goal, aim, and purpose of The United Nations must be reached no matter what the cost."

During Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the group went from one conference to another, each of them being led by some person connected with the United Nations Organization. We had Dr. Ben Cohn, Chile, Assistant Secretary General; Mrs. Marion Read, Public Relations, Liaison Division, UN; Leo Mattes, Yugoslavian delegate; Rodman, Yugoslavian ambassador; Francis Carpenter, United Press at UN; Mr. Eichelberger, Executive Secretary American Associa-

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Junaluska Event Set; Graham Church to Build; CROP Praised; Building Boom in South

JUNALUSKA TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Methodists of nine southeastern states are being invited to the June 28 "birthday party" of the Lake Junaluska, N. C., Methodist Assembly, the denomination's summer program headquarters in the South for 40 years.

The executive committee of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council has approved a voluntary "birthday offering" on that date by local churches. The special offering will go to the "Greater Junaluska Development Program," aimed at expansion and improvement of the assembly grounds used by more than 30,000 persons every summer.

A special program also will be held June 28 at Lake Junaluska, it was announced by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, program chairman. He said that one of Methodism's most renowned preachers, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit, will be the featured speaker at two services in the lakeside auditorium.

Led by Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the Lake Junaluska board of trustees, and Dr. H. G. Allen, assembly superintendent, the Methodist "summer capital" has enjoyed its greatest growth in the last four years.

The 40th anniversary gift offerings of churches and individuals will be used to provide additional housing and recreational equipment, and for improvements to buildings and new facilities related to the church's vast summer program of religious education and leadership training.

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GRAHAM METHODISTS TO BEGIN BUILDING PROGRAM SOON

Graham Methodists are expected to begin construction this summer on the first two units of their new church, according to the pastor, Rev. J. H. Lanning. To cost around \$250,000, the new structure to be erected now will consist of a fellowship hall and temporary sanctuary that will seat 500 and the educational unit and chapel. The main sanctuary will be built at a later date.

To be located on a large lot covering several acres on Main Street, the structure will be of glass and Wake stone. The educational unit will consist of two stories and the temporary sanctuary will be furnished with movable seats, making the space also available for social and fellowship purposes. The building will likely be equipped with radiant hot water heating. Harold Wagoner of Philadelphia is the architect for the building which will be of modern design in every respect.

The church is the result of a merger between the former Methodist Protestant Church and the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Services have been held since the merger in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, the other building having been sold. The fast-growing congregation, which now numbers 950, found its facilities inadequate and plans have been underway several years for the new building. Around \$40,000 was raised during the five-year pastorate of Rev. O. L. Hathaway and plans have been continued under Mr. Lanning, who is in his second year.

The building planning and steering committee consists of Talton M. Johnson, chairman; Mrs. A. R. Wilson, secretary; Dr. C. S. Crissman, L. H. Gunter, Mrs. E. H. Gilliam, Dr. W. C. Goley, L. T. Jarmon,

Mrs. C. A. Cates and I. I. Henderson. The building fund committee includes L. T. Jarmon, chairman; Holt Henderson, secretary; Fred Isley and Mrs. Zollie Foster. Charles A. Thompson is treasurer of the building fund.

A campaign for additional funds is under way now.

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EDWARDS COMMENDS CHRISTIAN RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina CROP Committee (Christian Rural Overseas Program) May 14 in Raleigh Dan K. Edwards, a Durham attorney, praised the Marshall Plan for its work even though it was impersonal and could not be seen by the people. Mr. Edwards declared emphatically that "food and clothing relief does far more than any governmental agency can do. Gifts such as these by the churches and their people to other peoples touch them spiritually and mentally. Gifts coming directly from the people on our farms is a warm, thoughtful thing. This the peoples of Europe and the world can see and appreciate." He went on to say, "Not only does such giving relieve human suffering, bring them new courage, but it has given millions of them new hope and a new desire for freedom." Mr. Edwards commended CROP for its work in this field. In the last five years CROP has distributed relief supplies in Europe, the Middle East and Asia valued at some fifteen million dollars.

L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture and State CROP chairman, presided at the meeting. Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, executive director, North Carolina Council of Churches, one of the sponsors of N. C. CROP, reported on plans for the collection of 100,000 pounds of used clothing this year beginning in June in addition to the food collection in the fall.

Mr. Key reported receipts, food shipments and contributed services in excess of \$30,000 for last year. Significant shipments included 27,000 pounds of powdered milk to Korea and 7,200 pounds of peanut butter to Athens, Greece, and Istanbul, Turkey. The sum of \$10,800 was turned

over to the national director to aid in the shipment and handling costs of much needed food to the hunger areas of the world. Some 4,000 agricultural and church leaders volunteered help in last year's program. Twenty ministers and laymen have been selected and will be trained soon to organize and supervise sixty North Carolina counties next fall in the commodity collection. Mr. Key also reported the completion of the Executive Board and State Committee membership with very few changes.

The N. C. CROP Committee adopted a 1953 commodity goal of 40 traincar loads valued at \$60,000. Wheat, corn, rye, oats, peanuts, cotton and soybeans will be sought by the county committees in the annual canvas from farm to farm.

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NEW CONGREGATIONS BEING ORGANIZED IN SOUTHEAST

The Methodist Church is organizing new congregations in the southeast at the rate of one a week, according to the Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga.

In a report to the council he said this record has been maintained in 85 of the 143 Methodist districts in nine southeastern states since July 1, 1952.

However, the need for more pastors has increased at the rate of four a week during that same period, he said. In addition to 50 new congregations, the shortage of ministers has increased due to the division of church circuits into 132 new pastoral charges or parishes, the Rev. Mr. Sells reported.

He said, further, that 40 new church buildings have been constructed since last July, and that 184 additional churches are already planned in the southeast by 1956.

The more than 12,000 Methodist churches in the nine-state jurisdiction united in a simultaneous evangelistic mission in April and May which netted 80,167 commitments. They will also participate next fall in The Methodist Church's national campaign to win 250,000 new members.

Plans for the fall program will be announced at the world-wide Methodist convocation on evangelism June 26-28 in Philadelphia, celebrating the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism.

The Methodist Men's Club of Faith church in the Gastonia District received its charter Saturday evening, May 16, at a supper meeting. Officers are: Robert Beauchamp, president; Cecil Rogers, vice-president; W. C. Withers, Jr., secretary; and O. M. Cloninger, treasurer. Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., is pastor of the church. In the picture here Robert Beauchamp (left) is shown receiving the charter from J. Ed Stowe, Gastonia District lay leader. There are at present



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Whittier Rites Held; Speakers for Convocation on Evangelism Announced

WHITTIER CHURCH DEDICATED MAY 29

Whittier Methodist Church, in the Waynesville District, was dedicated at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, May 31, by Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville District. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. R. L. Young, North Wilksboro. The pastor, M. B. Lee, was in charge of the service. Picnic style dinner was served in the dining room. At the afternoon session former pastors and friends spoke and was concluded with a dedication service and the receiving of new members into the church.

According to available records the Whittier Methodist Church was organized about 1880 and a little church was built on the hill overlooking the town of Whittier. This location proved inaccessible. Through the efforts of J. W. Styles, Sunday School superintendent, and Rev. Ebenezer Myers, pastor, the building was torn down and a new one erected near the railroad. That building served the Methodist people of Whittier and the surrounding community for fifty years.

In the report to the second quarterly conference on May 6, 1943, the pastor, W. E. Andrews stated: "Far into the future we see a fine new church building for Whittier and we have started the ball rolling by asking all who are interested to contribute a small sum of money each month to the building fund. Our first month is not quite over and we have over \$45. May God help us in this great undertaking."

The actual building program was launched in 1946 under the leadership of Rev. Russell L. Young. The lot was donated for the church by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Varner. The building committee consisted of W. G. Stallcup, chairman; Mrs. W. G. Stallcup, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Williams, secretary; Mrs. Hazel Revis, assistant secretary; Miss Thelma Moody; Mrs. J. U. Gibbs; Mrs. Harriet Jenkins; and T. T. Varner.

The old church by the railroad was sold and that amount placed in the building fund. Help came from the Conference Board of Church Extension and the Duke Endowment. Then in 1947 a loan from the Board of Church Extension was granted.

Later another halt came in the work. On January 16, 1949, it was voted to sell the parsonage and use the funds for the church building. The second floor of the educational building of the church was made into an apartment to serve as a parsonage.

On April 3, 1949, the church had its formal opening.

Exactly ten years from the time the building fund started the new church was built and paid for. The total cost of the building was \$30,968. The seating capacity of the sanctuary is about 300. On the first floor is the sanctuary, four class rooms, kitchen, dining room and rest room. The second floor of the educational building, now being used as the parsonage, consists of three bedrooms, living room, study, kitchen, and bath. The floors in all the building are polished hardwood. The entire building is heated by gas and the water is furnished by a deep well with electric pump.

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GREENSBORO COLLEGE ALUMNAE LUNCHEON

A luncheon for all alumnae and former students of Greensboro College and Davenport College who are attending the Western North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Lake Junaluska, N. C., either as delegates or visitors, is to be held at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 1953, at Lambuth Inn.

Tickets to this luncheon will be \$1.25. Alumnae and former students who plan to attend the Conference, alumnae and former students in the vicinity who may not be attending the Conference yet who would like to attend the luncheon, present students and their parents who may be in the vicinity at that time, as well as friends

of the college are urged to make their reservations for the Greensboro College luncheon as soon as possible, at least by June 10th. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. Robert M. Reed, Apt. 209, 61 Church St., Asheville, N. C.

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ELEVEN CHURCHMEN TO SPEAK AT PHILADELPHIA MEET

Eleven eminent churchmen of the United States and England will be featured speakers at The Methodist Church's world-wide convocation on evangelism, June 26-28, in Philadelphia.

To be attended by 5,000 delegates from outside the Philadelphia area, the gigantic meeting will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism.

The convocation also will signal the start of a national evangelistic campaign by 40,000 Methodist churches to win 250,000 new members in the next six months. The Methodist Church of England and other countries have also declared 1953 a "special year of evangelism."

Convocation session will be held in Philadelphia's famed Convention Hall, climaxed by a mass rally June 28 at Franklin Field. In addition to lay and clerical delegates from every state, it is expected that 60,000 other Methodists of Philadelphia and nearby cities will attend the outdoor rally.

The convocation chairman is Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, president of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. He is also chairman of the "Committee of Fifty" authorized by the Methodist Church's 1952 General Conference to supervise American phases of this year's world-wide evangelistic mission.

The vice chairman is Bishop Fred P. Corson, resident bishop of the Philadelphia area and host to the convocation.

Among the principal speakers will be four other widely-known Methodist bishops—William C. Martin, Dallas, Tex., president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and also president of the Methodist Council of Bishops; G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., and Ivan Lee Holt, St. Louis, chairman of the World Methodist Council's executive committee.

The chief lay speaker will be Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism. Another speaker from Nashville will be Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, eminent theologian and professor of Vanderbilt University.

Representing the missions field will be Dr. E. Stanley Jones, author and lecturer who has served 35 years as a missionary to India.

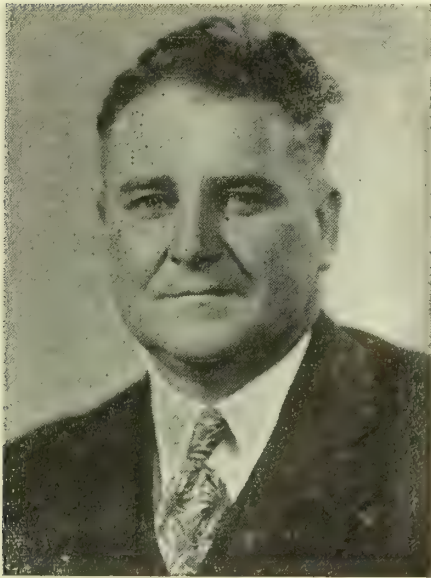
Four British Methodist leaders coming to Philadelphia to address the convocation are: Dr. E. Benson Perkins, former president of the British Methodist Conference and a secretary of the World Methodist Council; Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, church historian and minister of the Birmingham Central Mission; Dr. Dorothy Farrar, head of the Deaconess College at Ilkley, England, and Dr. Harold Roberts, Richmond College of London University, and vice president of the World Methodist Council.

A widely-known Methodist layman of the entertainment world, Fred Waring, orchestra leader, will direct a massed choir at the Franklin Field rally. At that time convocation officials expect to receive 1,000 new members into the church as the first step toward the denomination's 250,000 goal.



Whittier Methodist Church

High Point College Honors Three at Commencement June 1



Rev. Chancie DeShield Barclift, pastor of Trinity church, Durham, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. A native of Durant's Neck, N. C., Dr. Barclift attended Asbury College and Duke University. He received his A.B. degree from Duke in 1927 and had his theological training in the Duke Divinity School 1927-30. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1925, was ordained deacon in 1927 and elder in 1929. His pastorates include East Roxboro-Longhurst, 1926-30; Leasburg, 1930-31; North Gates, 1931-35; Durham Circuit, 1935-38; Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, 1938-45; First church, Henderson, 1945-48; superintendent Wilmington District, 1948-52. Since November 1952 he has been pastor of Trinity church, Durham. He is a member of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance. He was chairman of a special committee which recommended the present United College Appeal program for the North Carolina Conference. He was a delegate last year to both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He is the son of Collona DeShield and Margaret Goodman Barclift. He married the former Thelma Inez Cole of Hamlet and to this union have been born two daughters, Margaret Louise (Mrs. Fred Barnes Hight) and Thelma Cole.



Rev. Clay Madison, pastor of Central church, Concord, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. A native of Union Grove, N. C., Dr. Madison received his A.B. degree from High Point College and continued his theological training at the University of Chicago Divinity School and at the Duke University Divinity School. His pastorates include Lebanon church, High Point, 1931-32; First church, High Point, 1934-41; First church, Waynesville, 1941-45; First church, Hickory, 1945-49; and Central church, Concord, where he is in his fourth year. He is a member of the High Point College Board of Trustees, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Conference Claimants and is president of the Conference Board of Evangelism. He was chosen by the Board of Missions in 1947 to attend the Centennial Conference on Methodist Missions held at Foochow, China. He has been a delegate to the last two Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences. He is the son of Thomas J. and Minnie White Madison. He married the former Alma Martin of Williamston, S. C. and to this union have been born two children, David and Florence.



Rev. Cecil Wayne Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Literature degree. A native of Mississippi, Dr. Robbins received his A.B. degree from Birmingham-Southern College and his B.D. from Duke University Divinity School. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1932, was ordained deacon in 1934 and elder in 1936. Pastorates served include Mamers, 1932-34; Jenkins Memorial, Raleigh, 1934-37; Fremont, 1937-41; Mount Olive, 1941-45; Warrenton, 1945-49. Since February 1949 he has been editor and manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. He is a member of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification and the Conference Board of Education and is chairman of a committee to recommend a long range program for the North Carolina Conference. He was a delegate to both the 1952 General and Jurisdictional Conferences and was editor of the Daily Advocate for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robbins of Shannondale, Miss., and is married to the former Eloise Harris Sorrell of Chapel Hill, and they have one son, William Robert.

AMBASSADOR FROM INDIA TO SPEAK AT CAROLINA INSTITUTE

Ambassador G. L. Mehta of India will give the opening address at the 20th annual Carolina Institute of International Relations at Guilford College on Sunday evening, June 7, David Andrews, institute director has announced. Theme for this year will be "Spotlight on World Conflict Areas."

Other faculty leaders for the Institute this year are: D. Hiden Ramsey of the Asheville **Citizen-Times**; Frank W. Rounds, recently returned from 18 months with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; Amiya Charkarty of the University of Calcutta, India, a close associate of Gandhi and Tagore; Rev. A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; and Rev. Stuart Morris, secretary of the Peace-Pledge Union of England. Mrs. Samuel R. Levering of Ararat, Virginia, will be Institute dean.

The general public is invited to attend all sessions of the Institute, both day-time and evening, for a small admission charge. Inquiries for further information should be addressed to David Andrews, AFSC, 336 Church Street, Greensboro, N. C.

REPORT ON VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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tion of UN Organization; Mr. William Agar, UN, Division of Programs; Mr. Goldsmith, Technical Assistant Division, UN; Miss Mary Politser, US Mission to UN; Mr. Charle Cook, US Mission to UN; Dr. Roy Blough, Director Department of Economic Affairs, UN; Mr. Harry Zinder, delegate from Israel; Mr. Godfrey Henry Jansen, delegate from India.

I think these are some of the important principles which were apparent in all the conferences.

1. The United Nations is not, and never will be, a super government, dominating the governments of the nations of the world.

2. The United Nations is a place where each member nation may bring its problems-economic, political, health, educational, and otherwise, and discuss them freely to receive the assistance of other governments and the United Nations, or some affiliate organization.

3. The United Nations does not make laws, but adopts resolutions, and invites the volunteer cooperation of all member nations.

4. The United Nations focuses the attention of the world to the troubled spots of the world to the end that assistance may be given, and solutions found.

5. The United Nations, by virtue of its charter and Bill of Human Rights, has a right to live, and must live, to the end that war, and its devastating results may be averted.

METHODIST STUDENT DAY

By Bishop Paul Neff Garber

John Wesley, the founder of our Methodism, was convinced that lofty spiritual life was incompatible with ignorance. It was that reason that caused Wesley twelve months after his heart had been "strangely warmed" to lay the cornerstone at Kingswood, England, for the first Methodist educational institution in the world. Once when Wesley was asked what would happen to Methodism after his death, he answered: "That will depend on the education and religious instruction of the children of Methodism."

We American Methodists in 1953 can feel that we are true followers of John Wesley in this important field for we now have in The Methodist Church more than one hundred educational institutions. Several hundred thousand of our choice young people are enrolled in our Methodist schools.

Other generations of Methodists founded and nurtured these colleges and universities. It is the sacred obligation of our present generation to continue and expand our noble Methodist heritage in this field of high education.

The observance of Methodist Student Day on Sunday, June 14, is one way in which we modern Methodists can show our appreciation and support of the work of Methodist higher education. Let us emphasize on Methodist Student Day the importance of our schools in the life of Methodism. Let us be liberal in our offering on Methodist Student Day so that a larger service can be rendered in providing scholarships and loans to our young people enrolled in our Methodist educational institutions.

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EVANGELISTIC MISSION REACHES MULTITUDE

By Harry Denman

The entire Southeastern Jurisdiction has completed a United Evangelistic Mission. During the Mission 47,114 made commitments to Christ and united with The Methodist Church; 34,087 transferred their memberships to The Methodist Church where they are living. This makes a total of 81,201 persons who made decisions in this evangelistic mission.

The success of this movement was due to the united efforts of bishops, superintendents, pastors, laymen, laywomen, youth and editors. Thousands were engaged in prayer, while 63,478 laymen and youth participated in teams going two by two to the homes of the people. When two laymen entered a home it became a tabernacle and the room where they sat and witnessed for Christ became a Counselling room.

Great Pentecost-Aldersgate mass meetings were held on May 24 throughout the Jurisdiction.

The College of Bishops, under the chairmanship of Bishop Roy H. Short, gave consecrated leadership to this great movement. The impact of press, radio, television, billboards, car signs, and newspaper supplements was used to witness for Christ and the Church.

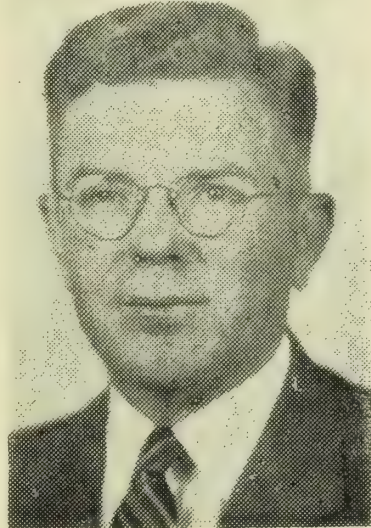
All of this is part of the world-wide mission of evangelism. We believe that a mighty evangelistic movement has begun in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. We hope that thousands of preachers and laymen will come to Philadelphia, June 26-28, to share with leaders from the United States and the world the great victories of the

Mission in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

This Mission was victorious because the urban churches continued evangelism after Easter. No doubt the rural churches will hold revivals in July and August. The people who were won for Christ perhaps would not have been won this year. Laymen and youth learned to witness for Christ. They are anxious to continue. Evangelistic and witnessing groups should be organized in every charge. Sunday evangelistic services should be held in every church.

We praise our living Christ for the evangelistic victories of the Southeastern Jurisdictional United Evangelistic Mission.

WINTON METHODIST CHURCH on Sunday, May 10, dedicated a lovely Communion table in memory of Mrs. Helen Matthews Knox who died June 15, 1952, following a long life of Christian service which included 46 years as president of the WSCS and many years as teacher or officer of the Church School. Rev. J. M. Joliff, pastor, was in charge of the service.



Rev. William Lemuel Clegg, pastor of Front Street church, Burlington, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Elon College at Commencement exercises held Monday, May 25. A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Clegg received his A.B. degree from Duke University in 1924 and completed his work in the Duke Divinity School in 1929. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference in 1924 and has served as pastor of the following charges: Aulander, 1924-27; Garner, 1927-30; Maxton, 1930-35; Bethel, 1935-38; Asbury church, Durham, 1938-42; superintendent Elizabeth City District, 1942-44, Fayetteville District, 1944-48; Front Street church, Burlington, 1948-. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1932 and in 1948, and to Jurisdictional Conferences in 1944, 1948 and 1952. He was a delegate to Methodism's Ecumenical Conference in 1947 when it met at Springfield, Mass., and again in 1950 when it met at Oxford, England. Mr. Clegg is co-author of the Ministers Retirement Fund of the North Carolina Conference and served as its financial secretary 1937-45. He is the son of the late M. B. Clegg, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Louise Hoyle Clegg. He is married to the former Dorothy Woolley Kanoy, and they have two children, Dorothy Louise and David Pierce.

News in Brief

BISHOP GLEN R. PHILLIPS of Denver, Colorado, was the visiting preacher Sunday morning, May 24, at the Bethel Methodist Church.

REV. AND MRS. M. A. LEWIS, Route 1, Winston-Salem, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 17. Around 300 called during the afternoon and evening.

ATLANTIC METHODIST CHURCH on Sunday, June 7, will have an all-day program beginning with the regular worship service at eleven a.m. followed by dinner on the church grounds and an afternoon program.

REV. B. REID WALL, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Home, Charlotte, has been invited to address the North Mississippi Annual Conference June 4, as the guest speaker of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH on the Rougemont charge had homecoming recently with William D. Poe, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, speaker for the morning service and the pastor, Rev. Walton N. Bass, bringing the message at the afternoon service. Milton E. Bass of Jacksonville furnished accordian music at the afternoon service.

C. FELIX HARVEY, III, member of Queen Street church, Kinston, has been selected as North Carolina's outstanding young business man of 1953 by the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce at its annual convention held in Asheville recently. Mr. Harvey is a steward and trustee at Queen Street church, a trustee of High Point College and is a member of the Commission on Chaplains of The Methodist Church.

DUKE'S CHAPEL CHURCH of Durham, will have homecoming Sunday, June 14. Rev. F. D. Hedden of Raleigh, a former pastor, will preach at the morning hour. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour and there will be a short afternoon program. Former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited to be present for this occasion.

HARRISON CHURCH in the Charlotte District will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 7. All former members and friends are invited to the morning service and picnic lunch. Harrison church is the oldest Methodist church in Mecklenburg County, having been formed in 1785. Having completed the payment for a new organ, the congregation has undertaken a building program involving the construction of a Christian Fellowship Building with provisions for dining and recreational facilities, Sunday School rooms, Boy Scout room, and womens' lounge and rest rooms.

DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, executive secretary of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, is gradually recovering from severe injuries he sustained in an auto collision last December. Recently, he underwent surgery at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, following extended hospitalization and medical treatment in Seneca, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. Dr. Nease was superintendent of the Charlotte district prior to assuming the jurisdictional post last October 1. During Dr. Nease's convalescence his administrative duties are being handled by the council's other executive secretary, the Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta.

Tekoa to Have Seven Camping Sessions; Summer Youth, Young Adult Programs Set

REGISTRATIONS FOR TEKOA

Plans for Camp Tekoa include seven camping sessions beginning with June 3-9. The first two sessions are filled and registration for these sessions is closed. The third session, June 17-23, still has a few vacancies for both boys and girls. The two ten day sessions, June 23-July 3, and July 6-15, and the week's camp for July 16-22 are filling rapidly, but several more boys and girls can be accepted for these. Registrations for the Greensboro District Week, July 23-29 are being sent to Miss Lorene Weaver, 1409 Northfield, Greensboro, N. C.

CHARGE QUOTAS FOR TEKOA

Each charge can send six delegates—3 boys and 3 girls—to Tekoa. Two weeks before each camp session begins, the additional intermediate boys and girls who have applied and have been placed on the waiting list are accepted in the order of which their applications reached the Board of Education office until the camp session is filled. In case of cancellation, a boy may be substituted for a boy or a girl for a girl from the local church. If a substitution is not made, please notify the registrar, Miss Marion Craig, Box 32, Hendersonville, so some youth on the waiting list may have the opportunity to attend Tekoa.

ASSEMBLY REGISTRATIONS

Four delegates from each charge to one of the Senior Assemblies was set as a quota. Additional young people who send in registration cards are placed on the waiting list. June 1 marks the dead line for the places to be saved for the four selected delegates. After this date, youth will be registered as their cards are received by the registrar until all district quotas and the assemblies are filled. Since there are two Senior Assemblies this year, a larger number of additional delegates can be accepted.

OLDER YOUTH

There is no quota for Older Youth Assembly, so all youth who have finished high school may register until all places are filled. In addition to this quota, twenty five adult counselors may register for this weekend assembly. This is a wonderful

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training opportunity for a new counselor.

ASSEMBLY LEADERS

A fine group of persons will be in charge of various activities in the assemblies at Junaluska this summer. Miss Marion Craig, Conference Director, Robert H. Stamey, Gilreath G. Adams and R. Delbert Byrum along with the conference youth officers have been selecting the personnel and developing the plans since Christmas. Miss Ethel Martin, Centenary, Winston Salem and Mrs. R. Delbert Byrum will serve as head counselors. Charles P. Bowles and J. Claude Evans are speakers for the first two as-



Charles P. Bowles

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP CAMP TEKOA, JULY 3-5

Phoebe Barnhardt, Salem College and Concord; Sarah Leak, Charlotte; Leona Morgan, Salisbury; and Anna Katherine Dobson, Winston. A number of young people also serve as commission chairmen. An adult adviser works in each commission area.

Our conference meeting for young adults will be held at Camp Tekoa again this year. Three full days of instruction, inspiration and fellowship have been planned for presidents and teachers of young adult classes, district and sub-district workers and other leaders of young adults. Julian Lindsey, Conference President; Hawley Lynn, Conference Director of Adult Work, Columbia, S. C.; and Dr. Archie Acey, Danville, Va., will be the key leaders for this occasion.

We can accommodate forty men and forty women at Camp Tekoa. It is hoped that representatives will be in attendance from every district. We must, however, accept persons, as their registrations are received until all places are taken. Registration cards have been sent to all pastors.

Associated with Julian Lindsey and the conference office in conducting this workshop are the following district directors: John Hamilton, Matthews; Thad McDonald, Black Mountain; Joe Shackford, Boone; Cecil Heckard, Granite Falls; W. B. A. Culp, Cramerton; J. W. Braxton, Elkin; Glen Lanier, Thomasville; Don A. Payne, Junaluska; and A. Mitchell Faulkner, Concord. For further information or for registration cards speak to any of the district directors or write the conference office.

JURISDICTIONAL YOUNG ADULTS JUNALUSKA, July 16-19

Conference presidents, district and sub-district officers of young adult groups are invited to participate in a four-day workshop session dealing with the conference and district program for young adults. While this is a rather restricted group, it is hoped that a number of persons from our conference will be in attendance. For further information speak to any of the district directors listed above or write the conference office.

After June 1, send camp registrations to Miss Marion Craig, Box 32, Hendersonville, N. C.



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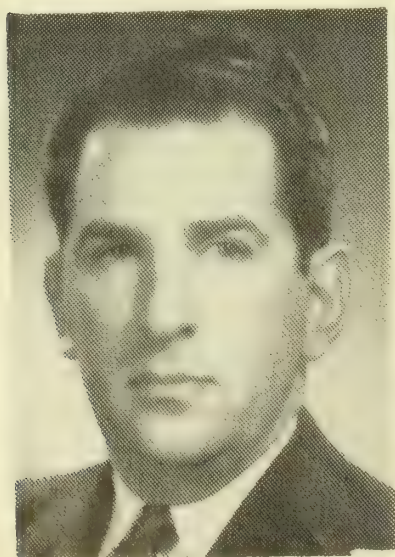
semblies. Douglas Corriher, Haywood Street, Asheville, is the speaker for the third assembly.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

District directors are key persons in our youth program. They attend sub-district meeting during the year, counsel with local church groups, assist in selecting assembly personnel, and take care of considerable correspondence. Persons filling these offices now are Miss Hollyce Highfill, Miles McLean, Worth Sweet, Miss Pat Rothrock, Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Miss Elise Crawford, Miss Martha Witherspoon, Miss Virginia Jarrett, and William A. Rock. Both the workers in the conference office and the young people throughout the conference look to these directors for counsel and leadership. The service they render is indispensable to the program of youth work.

YOUTH OFFICERS

The young officers carry a large share of the responsibility in planning and in administering youth work. Officers for this year are Donald Beatly, Duke and Belmont; Sidney Gordon, Greensboro;



Julian Lindsey

New Society Formed; 2 District, 3 Subdistrict Meets Held; School of Missions

LAH'S CHAPEL WSCS ORGANIZED

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service has recently been organized at Lah's Chapel church on the Louisburg circuit, Mrs. P. C. Perdue, Raleigh District promotion secretary, has announced.

Officers elected were Mrs. M. R. Wilson, president; Mrs. Bobbie Peoples, vice president; Mrs. Albert Cash, secretary; Mrs. Robert Ashley, Jr., spiritual life; Mrs. J. B. Cook, Sr., missionary education and service; Mrs. Joe Wester, Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. Roger P. Marshall, literature and publications. The address of each officer is Rt. 1, Louisburg.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT MEETS

First church, Washington, was host for the 13th annual meeting of the Elizabeth City District WSCS on May 14.

Mrs. H. I. Glass of Durham, conference president, and Mrs. N. P. Edens, Parkton, conference secretary of missionary education and service, were the inspirational speakers.

Mrs. M. B. Gillam, district secretary of spiritual life, conducted the memorial service, which closed with a solo by Mrs. W. L. Ashby.

Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, promotion secretary, presented the secretaries of the various lines of work. Each in her turn painted objects in "The Master's Garden," a means of giving her report.

Mrs. Glass installed the officers for the new conference year. These are: Mrs. N. L. Mixon, president; Mrs. R. C. Speight, vice president; Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, promotion secretary; Mrs. Leland Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. D. E. Earhart, recording secretary; Mrs. Sam Morgan, CSR and LA; Mrs. M. B. Gillam, spiritual life; Mrs. Eddie Harrell, supply work; Mrs. Mabel Collier, youth work; Mrs. Arnold Daniels, children's work; Mrs. Dallas Tlett, status of women; Mrs. M. O. Fletcher, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Wilford Wise, missionary education and service; Mrs. D. M. Bridgeman, literature and publications; Mrs. Allen Wontz, student work; Mrs. Sam Pegram, missionary personnel.

NEW BERN DISTRICT WSCS MEETS

The annual meeting of the New Bern District WSCS was held at Queen Street church, Kinston, on May 13.

Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, spoke on the topic "What Can One Woman Do?" Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of missionary education and service, delivered an address on "Missions a Mid-Century."

Mrs. J. E. Peterson led the opening meditation, using the subject "Witnessing Christ Unto the Uttermost Part of the World."

The district secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. M. R. Pipkin, conducted a service of remembrance for the thirty members who have been lost by death during the current conference year.

New officers installed included Mrs. L. C. Lawrence, New Bern, treasurer; Mrs. James Miller, Jr., Kinston, youth work; Mrs. Stanley Mann, Newport, children's work; Mrs. W. E. Sauls, Eureka, literature and publications.

SUB-DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mrs. Carson Jennings was principal speaker for the meeting of the Durham

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Sub-District WSCS, held at St. Paul's church, Durham, on May 3.

Other features of the program included a talk on the goals for the current quadrennium by Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary; an opening meditation led by Mrs. B. B. Slaughter; a solo, "Come Unto Him," Mrs. Sid Yates; and reports of presidents of the local WSCS.

Mrs. T. E. Cross, president of the host society, welcomed the guests. Mrs. C. L. Gardner of Carr Memorial WSCS, responded.

Mrs. Wilmer T. Smith was elected sub-district leader. Mrs. A. H. Borland presided.

Person

Mt. Zion church on the Mt. Tirzah charge was host to the spring meeting of Person sub-district WSCS on May 3.

Reports of the fourteen societies and one Wesleyan Service Guild represented were given. Rev. L. A. Aiken, pastor of the host church, led the devotional.

A baby life membership in the WSCS was presented to Nancy Lee Newell. Adult life memberships were presented to Mrs. Harvin Harris, Mrs. B. B. Bullock, Mrs. S. T. Wrenn, and Mrs. Mary Long.

Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, sub-district leader, presided.

District officers present were Mrs. John R. Poe, promotion secretary; Mrs. R. E. Crumpton, youth work; Mrs. Charles Gates, missionary education and service. Mrs. J. A. Warren, conference secretary of CSR and LCA, was also present.

Chatham

The Chatham sub-district WSCS held its spring meeting at the Pittsboro Methodist Church on April 26.

The program featured a demonstration of two types of program planning by the Pittsboro and Brown's Chapel Societies; a talk on the work of the WSCS, Mrs. G. B. Robbins, Durham district president; and a devotional led by Mrs. C. M. Lindsay of the Pittsboro WSCS. Rev. Brooks Patten, pastor of the host church, welcomed the guests.

A baby life membership was presented to Janice Cook Farrell, in memory of a deceased member, Mrs. Florence Farrell. Adult life memberships were presented to Mrs. Roscoe Farrell, Mrs. Flonnie Poythress, and Mrs. Lula Smith. Mrs. Grady Norwood, sub-district leader, presided.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The program for the annual School of Missions and Christian Service for the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, scheduled to be held at Lake Junaluska, June 24-July 2, has been announced. The program will include courses of instruction, workshops, clinics, and platform hours.

Classes and their instructors will be Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Dr.

Clifford Earle; Jeremiah, Dr. W. T. Shelton; Spanish Speaking Americans, Miss Thelma Heath, Mrs. A. Nanez; The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Dr. Gloria Wysner, Miss Lucille Colony. The four workshops, Christian Youth and Vocations, Educational Opportunities in the WSCS in the Local Church, the Circle—Its Purpose and Program and The WSCS in the Total Program of the Church, will be conducted by Miss Marguerite Twinem, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Long, Mrs. E. L. Hillman, and Mrs. W. H. Ratliff. The clinics and their leaders will include Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Margaret Bender; Missionary Education and Service, Miss Elizabeth Stinson; Missionary Personnel, Miss Marguerite Twinem; Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. W. Bunch; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. George Dismukes. Leaders for the clinics for presidents, secretaries of student work, and youth work are to be announced. The platform hours will place emphasis upon the missionary endeavor of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and provide an opportunity for the women attending the school to know the resource people in the school, and to share in their experiences. Among the speakers for the platform hours will be Dr. Charles S. Johnson, and Dr. J. K. Matthews. Both messages on Sunday will be brought by Dr. Walter Gum.

The North Carolina Conference officers expected to attend are Mrs. H. I. Glass, Mrs. H. L. McLeod, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. J. A. Warren, Mrs. C. M. Allen, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Mrs. J. C. Burwell, Mrs. H. R. Odom, and Miss Elsie Parker. Also attending will be Miss Elizabeth Gooding, Clinton; Mrs. James H. Miller, Jr., Kinston; and Mrs. Frank Spruill, Dunn.

OFFICERS' TRAINING DAY HELD

"Each local WSCS is one link in a chain of 730,000 WSCS in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and what we do in the local church either strengthens or weakens the chain," Mrs. H. A. Davis, conference treasurer, told members of the Executive committee of the WSCS of Edenton Street church at their Officers' Training Day on May 21.

Meeting in the fellowship hall of the church, the group also heard a devotional led by Mrs. A. C. Jones, newly installed secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. T. A. Collins, Raleigh District secretary of children's work; Mrs. C. T. Johnson, district secretary of supply work; Mrs. J. Warren Smith and Mrs. A. Wray White.

Mrs. Davis outlined the organization of The Methodist Church, and explained the relation of the WSCS to its total program, called attention to the quadrennial goals of the WSCS, and emphasized the duties of each officer. Pointing out that 500,000 women in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are not members of the WSCS, Mrs. Davis challenged that these women shall be given every opportunity to enlist in the work.

Mrs. Jones cited St. Paul as the first great missionary, and made a plea that each officer of the WSCS of her church feel, as did Paul, that she has a plan and a purpose, and that she be dedicated to her task to lead the women of the church into a more deeply consciousness of the needs of the world, and their responsibilities and privileges in the work of the WSCS. "We cannot love our fellowman unless we love God, but when we do that we will be able to do what Jesus came to show us to do," she said.

Mrs. James E. Hillman, new president, presided.

Many Former Members Return; Per Capita Costs Are Low; Winston Paper Features Home

FAMILY TIES

This is the time of the year when we receive many invitations and announcements. Some of the youngsters who were formerly members of our family and who were placed back into rehabilitated homes are now sending announcements to us telling about their high school graduation, or their marriage, or especially the information that the first child in the family has arrived. Yesterday it so happened that one of our hopefuls had just come by after a four-year sojourn in military service. While he was discussing old times another lad joined the company. He was from Baltimore. Before we got through "howdy-doing" a couple of boys drove over from High Point College, where they are doing well. As the returnees discussed matters of interest a big bunch of high schools boys on their way home from the examinations that they had just finished joined the group. A fellow had a sort of feeling as he stood with our young manhood that, after all, there is a tie that binds our youngsters together as they commemorate the experiences that have made them worth while.

UP AND ABOUT

Now that our elementary school has closed and the high school boys and girls are taking their last examinations, it is apparent that the habits of our family will have to be changed a bit. The youngsters want to know when the next moving day is, remembering as they do that when school is out and a number of members of our family will be going to live elsewhere a number of youngsters will be moving up from one building to another, where they will be making the adjustments necessary to becoming a member of another family. These youngsters are alerted to their assigned working tasks. During June and July there will be a lot of work here. When August comes there will be a lot of youngsters going elsewhere. Today the family is up and about the job of having a lot of fun and helping the Home.

BENZINE BUGGIES

It is remarkable how quickly some of our boys who have secured jobs desire to buy a car and ride about in it as far as the gas can furnish the vim for getting somewhere. Curtis came in this morning with an old-time Chevrolet that refused to start every time it stopped. However, when pushed off the car responded to the driver's desire. After a while Curtis will have learned that a benzine buggy will cost him a lot of money. But for awhile he can have a lot of fun going places.

FARMER FRIEND

Buck graduated last June and immediately got a good paying job with the Government project down near Augusta, Georgia. Buck saved enough money to invest \$85 in an old car. He had more than \$85 dollars worth of fun trying to make the thing carry him somewhere. It is recorded that on his way back from Richmond he got to running a little too fast and the engine bounced right out of the hood over the side of the road. Of course Buck didn't get hurt. He's too tough to be hurt. Well, the story goes that winsome Buck made a trade with a farmer who was plowing beside the road that he would turn over the remains of

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his car for enough money to ride the bus home. Word is to the effect that this young man is again making some mighty good money this summer; but come winter, he will doubtless put it in pinto beans, or kraut, or something that will make him strong.

SEEING THINGS THROUGH

The lad whose picture appears on this page is Elbert Rickman, eleven years old and just promoted to the sixth grade. Elbert came to us late last summer, timid but desirous of living in security. Soon it was discovered that the lad who wanted to get up his lessons needed glasses, and he got them, and with their aid he could see things a good deal better. Elbert says little, works hard and is an accepted member of our family. He is sponsored by the Wesleyan Class in the Ramseur congregation, Vaughn H. Dorsett being the correspondent.

COMPARATIVE VALUES

We have recently received a communication from Mr. Marshall I. Pickens, of The Duke Endowment, listing a lot of facts having to do with the administration of the six larger child caring institutions in North Carolina. The exhibit is so listed as to show, through comparative figures, what was spent during the year of 1952 on fourteen measuring values. Among other things the daily per capita cost is listed. The Children's Home daily per capita cost is again less than any of the other five larger North Carolina Child caring institutions, it being 2.1111. The

next low cost is listed at 2.1788. Our total annual expenditure for the past year amounted to \$320,882. Our total average enrollment for the entire year is listed at 415.3 youngsters. It may be interesting to our friends to know how the total annual per capita cost has been listed for the past fourteen years as follows: 1938, .8587; 1939, .8554; 1940, .9278; 1941, .8882; 1942, .8881; 1943, 1.0162; 1944, 1.0879; 1945, 1.0837; 1946, 1.2210; 1947, 1.3641; 1948, 1.7125; 1949, 1.6944; 1950, 1.8019; 1951, 1.9256; 1952, 2.1111.

"HE'S LIKE MY DADDY"

Chester S. Davis, feature writer for the Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem's Sunday morning newspaper, starts a full page story about The Children's Home family as follows: "It was early afternoon when we walked into the baby cottage. It was quiet but you could hear the whispers and the smothered giggles that are a part of the pretending of nap time.

"The little girls continued their pretending as we passed the room. But curiosity got the best of the boys. We peeked in on them and then hastily stepped back as three five-year-olds burst through the door. Unlike most 'frying pan size' youngsters, these boys were not shy in meeting visitors. They rushed up to us like delighted puppies, staring at us with round eyes and reaching out to take our hands. One of the youngsters looked at me for a long moment and said, 'He's like my Daddy.'

"That boy never knew his father. But he had an image in his mind that he called 'Daddy' and he yearned for someone to take the place of that image. It helped him down inside to nestle beside a stranger, feel a hand run through his hair and to look at his friends and say, 'He's like my Daddy.'"

RECOUNTS BEGINNINGS

After calling attention to the fact that George Whitfield started the first orphanage in America near Savannah over two hundred years ago, Mr. Davis lists the following historical items: "In North Carolina the Masons opened their orphanage at Oxford in 1876. In 1885 J. H. Miller established the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. It was followed by the Episcopal Orphanage in Charlotte (1887), the Catholic Home in Raleigh (1889), the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs (1891) and the Methodist—Eastern North Carolina Conference—Orphanage in Raleigh (1899).

"In 1904 the Methodists in the forty four western counties of the state—there are now some 240,000 of them—began to talk of establishing an orphanage of their own. In 1907, 'The Children's Home of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Inc.' was incorporated.

"The towns of Hickory, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Rutherfordton and Winston bid for the new orphanage. Winston's bid—a pledge of \$15,000 in cash and an option on a 165-acre tract of land—was accepted by a vote of eight to four. In 1908 the trustees of The Children's Home purchased the 165 acres of land. In May, 1908, they paid \$12,500 for the plant—12 acres and five wooden barracks abandoned twelve years before—of the David Military School which adjoined the purchase already made. On September 1, 1909, eleven-year old Carrie Bowers was admitted to the Home. By the end of the year there were 86 boys and girls living in the old wooden buildings."

What Are the Rewards of Stewardship?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Jesus said, Give, and it will be given you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give is the measure you will get back (Luke 6:38). Jesus himself was the most generous man that ever lived. He freely gave of his time and vitality, without asking any pay from the multitude of sick that he healed. And yet once he exclaimed, The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And not only that, but the high priests and the Pharisees hounded him to death.

But on the very eve of his crucifixion Jesus said to his disciples, These things have I spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full (John 15:11.) There was a wonderful richness of life in the Lord Jesus that made it manifest to all that he had found inexhaustible sources of comfort and hope in addition to that great joy that always comes to those who are helping their fellow men in the midst of their troubles. Just in proportion as a man generously gives his fellow men he is given increasing power to help them, and has rich joy from giving this added help. And more and more he learns the deep meaning in the words of Jesus, It is more blessed to give than to receive. While Jesus never owned a house of his own there is no indication that he ever lacked a place in which to lodge, or long lacked needed food. And while he never used his supernatural power to supply his own physical needs (Matthew 4:1-6) God did give him power to multiply the loaves and fishes and feed the hungry multitude, which must have thrilled him with great joy. Paul was bravely promoting a movement among the Gentile churches to send help to the persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. And he was not only succeeding but was finally able to send offerings to these suffering Christians such as only a rich man could give. A man who is generous with what he has is often given unusual power to inspire others to give. Think of the great sums William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, inspired people to give to his institutions in England for the uplift of the poor. His book, *In Darkest England and The Way Out*, was wonderfully used to rally the nation to great philanthropic generosity. But Paul was not only anxious to get help from the Gentile churches for the suffering and persecuted Christians in Jerusalem, but he was also very anxious that the Gentile churches should not feel that he was imposing exactions on them. He wished their gifts to be as spontaneous as the pouring out of the costly perfume of the Saviour's head in the house of Simon the Leper (Matthew 26:6, 7). God loves a cheerful giver, and we should remember that when we help the poor they are apt to break out in praises to our God, and pray fervently for us. Moreover every man is moved to honor the gospel which overflows in such loving service.

Paul shrewdly roused the Corinthians to generosity by telling them that he had told the Macedonian Christians that they were eager and ready to give. One admires Paul for his insistence that not he himself but delegates from the churches should carry their offering so that no

gossip could suggest that he was taking any of the money for himself.

As Paul realized that through Christ's sacrificial gift of himself the churches were thus being bound together, and were on the way to becoming a great world family. He exclaimed, Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!



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MARIANNE MAKES A NEW FRIEND

Marianne was sitting in the schoolyard and feeling very sorry for herself. Her lunch box was open but she just couldn't eat. All the other children were gathered in little groups laughing and talking together, but she was alone.

Marianne wanted to go home. Mother had said it would be hard starting at a new school so close to the end of the term, but it just couldn't be helped. Daddy's company had given him some very important work to do in New York, and of course Mother and Marianne came East with him. How she wished she were back in Philadelphia with her old friends! As she watched a group of merry children on the other side of the lunch room, she bit her lip and tried not to cry. Just then one of the girls slipped away from the crowd and came toward her. She was smiling and pretty and had long blonde hair.

"Hello," she called out. "My name is Lucy Greenspan. You're the new girl in my class, aren't you? What's your name?"

"I'm Marianne Dowling and I just moved here last week, into that house over there," Marianne pointed to the hotel apartment house at the end of the block.

"Wonderful!" exclaimed Lucy. "See that little private house right next to it? That's where I live. We can play together. Won't that be fun!"

Marianne was so choked up she couldn't answer. She could feel the tears streaming down her cheeks but Lucy didn't seem to notice. She chatted merrily on. Suddenly her eye fell on Marianne's lunch box. "Why, you haven't touched a thing!" Then she opened her own lunch and handed it to Marianne. "Here, have a blintz," pointing to something wrapped in wax paper.

"A what?" Marianne asked.

"A blintz—it's a sort of cheesecake. Mother makes whole batches of them this time of the year because it's Shevouth—that's the Jewish holiday when we eat honeycakes and lots of milk and cheesecakes like this."

"It's delicious," Marianne swallowed quickly. "But what did you say your holiday was called?"

"Shevouth," returned Lucy. "It's pretty important, because thousands of years ago, at this time, God called Moses to Him at the top of a mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments."

"Oh," said Marianne, "I learned about that in Sunday school—how the Jews received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai and then passed them along to the rest of the world."

"That's right."

Marianne continued: "The Bible story says there was a big storm on the top of that mountain, with thunder and lightning that shook the whole earth; and then, while the people trembled, God spoke to them."

"You make me a little ashamed of myself, Marianne," Lucy looked at her with admiration. "I bet you know more about it than I do."

Marianne looked pleased and said shyly, "But I never knew the holiday was called Shevouth or about all the things you eat."

"Oh, you mean the milk and honey. Daddy says that's because the Ten Com-

mandments stand for learning, and learning is as sweet as honey and as nourishing as milk. When he was a boy, starting to learn about the Jewish religion, on the first day at Hebrew School each child found a slate on his desk with a sentence written on it in honey, and there were fruit and candy there too. These were supposed to come from angels in heaven to make his first day in school sweet and pleasant."

"Well," laughed Marianne, her face shining, "this is my first day at this school, and you've made everything sweet and pleasant for me and I'll never forget it!"—Religious Press Committee

BOYS

Folks says we do a lot of things

We hadn't ought-a had;

We never mean a bit of harm

Nor do them to be bad.

But when a chance just comes along

With fun a-peekin' through

We take it mostly just because

We've nothing else to do.

Boys are an awful problem

All the grownup people say,

But honest, all we really want

Is just a chance to play.

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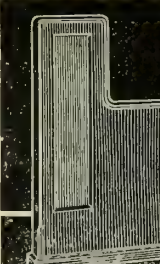
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Announcements

LONG GOES TO WEST HALIFAX

Bishop Garber has authorized the appointment of Bro. John Long, of Louisville College, as supply pastor of the West Halifax Charge, Rocky Mount District, the vacancy having been caused by the transfer of Bro. Willis B. Sherman to the Southwest Texas Conference.

J. Furman Herbert
District Superintendent

METHODIST COLLEGE HONORS BANDMASTER. The dean of American bandmasters, Edwin Franko Goldman, was made a doctor of music by De Pauw University April 24. Dr. Goldman in 1932 was personally presented the baton of the late John Philip Sousa by his widow as a token that he had succeeded to the "march king's" place. Dr. Russell J. Humbert, president of De Pauw conferred the degree at a special convocation.

In Memoriam

RUBY FARABEE MARTIN

WINSTON-SALEM—On January 28, 1953, Ruby Farabee Martin made the necessary change from the mortal to the immortal. Long before, she had entrusted her life into the Immortal's keeping, and her life bore witness to that commitment. As quietly as the days come and go, so was Ruby in her home, church, and community. She will be missed by all three.

As a wife and mother she seemed never to tire or complain. It fell her lot to "take mom's place" when her mother passed away a few years ago. She made the home-place home to the other brothers and sisters. Even as she served and served well, her nature was more like Mary than like Martha. She enjoyed the Christian atmosphere in the home.

She was a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild; her presence and faith were an inspiration at each meeting of the Guild and the Church. Her quiet unassuming presence seems to linger even though we know we have lost a precious gem, and we believe that when the King "makes up his jewels for his crown," there will be some RUBYS in it.

Shady Grove Guild
Mrs. Francis Craven, secretary
Mrs. J. A. Reece, Jr., president

MRS. R. B. JOHN

FAYETTEVILLE—A pall of shock and sadness settled over Fayetteville when news of the tragic death of Mrs. R. B. John was heard. Mrs. John was in every sense a church woman, always ready to respond to a call to service. One of the loveliest, most Christian things she did was to take into her own home young women who were living away from their own homes, and make for them a happy, Christian environment.

But perhaps she will be remembered longer and more lovingly as a teacher. Many of her pupils look back to the days when she invited them to her home, there discussed with them their problems, and helped them reach decisions which made for Christian character. It seems fitting that her last work on earth was doing the thing she loved best to do, helping a young man with a school problem.

We, the Official Board of Hay Street Methodist Church, wish to record and extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

We wish a copy of this resolution sent to the family, a copy to THE N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication and a copy spread upon the pages of the minute book.

G. C. Davidson
Mrs. T. H. Huske
Mrs. J. S. Hall, Jr.
Committee

MRS. ALDINE TWIFORD MEEKINS

STUMPY POINT—We the members of the W.S.C.S. of Stumpy Point Methodist Church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and faithful member, Mrs. Aldine Twiford Meekins, who suddenly passed away, after a brief illness, March 28, 1953. She leaves to mourn her going a devoted husband, Garland E. Meekin; two sons, Philip and Jimmy; one daughter, Mrs. Janice M. Butler; a grand-daughter, father, mother, one brother, four sisters and a host of friends.

Aldine lived a beautiful Christian life and was loved by all that knew her. The sunshine of her

smile will always be a happy memory. She was loyal to her society of which she was president for the past four years; to her church where she had been pianist for a number of years; and always a Sunday School teacher when her health permitted her to do so; and a member of her church board. Even to the last hours her thoughts were not of herself but of others. She lived a full life of Christian service. She will be greatly missed but her life and services will be an inspiration to those left behind to dedicate themselves anew to the service of God and His work. Her family has lost a Christian wife and mother. The church and community has lost a woman of sterling character, but as is always the case of a good person their influence lives on. We are mindful that today the presence of those we love so well may fill our cup with joy and tomorrow sore bereavement may cast us into the valley of sorrow.

We humbly submit to God's will realizing that our loss makes Heaven a richer place, therefore we offer these resolutions—

First, that we always keep in our hearts the memory of her loyalty, devotion, and service.

Second, that we extend our love and sympathy to her husband, children and other members of her family and pray that God will sustain them in their loss.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be recorded in the records of the W.S.C.S. and a copy sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate for publication.

The W.S.C.S. of the
Stumpy Point Methodist Church

MRS. R. B. JOHN

FAYETTEVILLE—With great sorrow the Comrades' Class of Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, must record the passing of one of its most faithful and beloved members, Mrs. R. B. John. February 10, 1953.

Because we realize to the fullest extent the benefits, both civic and spiritual, which our class, our church, and our entire community have derived from the life and the teaching of this public spirited and devoted Christian, and because of our warm personal feeling for her, be it

Resolved, that we inscribe upon our records, this tribute, to the memory of Mrs. John, and

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. John's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Holland, to the Fayetteville Observer, and to the Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Della Norman
Mrs. E. C. Derby
Mrs. J. D. Bundy
Mrs. Victor Motz
Miss Mary Kelly

MRS. WRISTON LEE

MONROE—As we travel along life's road we are brought face to face with the fact that our earthly life is brief, but we know that our Father in Heaven does all things well.

We are thankful that we had the privilege of working and loving our departed member, Mrs. Wriston Lee.

We cannot understand why death is so promiscuous, taking one here, one there, and another yonder, but we know that death is no respecter of persons, visiting the mansions of the rich, and the hovels of the poor, and when God touches our eyelids with His slumber, we fall asleep.

It is hard for us frail mortals, with sweet submission, to pass under the chastening rod, but may we ever remember that those who bear the cross, will wear the crown.

Then let us not think of our departed one as dead, but that she has only left us for awhile to take up other duties, and after awhile, beyond the shadows of the gloaming, we shall meet her in the sunlight of an uncloudy day, where death and parting come not.

Let us set aside a page in our minutes as a tribute of love for our dear departed member and look to God, and say from the depths of our hearts, "The Lord hath given, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Mrs. Steve Presson
Mrs. Henry Taylor
Mrs. W. G. Gravely
Committee

MRS. WRISTON LEE

MONROE—Representing the Susanna Wesley Bible Class of Central Methodist Church of Monroe, we, the undersigned, desire in this way to record our collective and personal feeling in the passing of our much loved co-worker and assistant teacher, Mrs. Wriston Lee, which occurred Saturday morning, March 28th.

In the performance of this sad duty, we realize the inadequacy of words to express our sentiments to properly pay tribute to one so dearly loved by the members of her class as was Callie Lee. She was never lacking in her devotion to this class nor in the work of her church as a whole. She was firm in her religious convictions and steadfast in her loyalty to her church. Whenever and wherever called to the performance of a duty to the Lord and master, gladly and willingly did she respond, feeling it a direct call from her master, and so it was on this beautiful Spring morning when she was called to the Higher Life, she slipped away without a murmur.

"They never leave us, our loved ones who have passed.

Thro' the shadow of death to the sunlight above; A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast To the places they blest with their presence and love. We, too, will go home over the river of rest As the strong and lovely before us have gone Our sun will go down in the beautiful west To rise in the glory that circles the throne. Until then we are bound by our love and our faith To the saints who are walking in paradise fair, They have passed beyond our sight at the touch of death.

But they live, like ourselves, in God's infinite care.

Mrs. Carlisle Crosland
Mrs. J. E. Glasgow
Mrs. E. Blair Bivens

MR. J. FRANK HOUSER

PITTSBORO—Whereas, on August 8, 1952, our hearts were saddened by the death of J. Frank Houser, one of our beloved members of our church and town,

Whereas, his life so beautifully reflected the precepts and practices of Christianity as in the many places he served Christ and his church.

So deeply was Mr. Houser rooted and grounded in our affections that no group or individual can fail to feel the loss of this member.

Be it therefore resolved that these qualities of Christian life as demonstrated by the years of devotion and service of our departed associate be recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Stewards as a token of our admiration and respect, and a copy be sent to The Chatham Record, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and to the family with our own sympathy.

Pittsboro Methodist Church
Mrs. D. B. Noal, Chairman
Mrs. A. D. Hartsell
Mrs. C. M. Lindsey

LEO A. WHITE, SR.

MAYSVILLE—Leo A. White, Sr., of Pollocksville passed to his eternal reward March 27, 1953, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church the following day by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Lewis, and Rev. W. F. F. Little, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The great host of friends and the many, beautiful floral designs at the service bespeak the high esteem in which this good man was held. Burial was in the local cemetery with the Masonic Lodge of Trenton in charge of rites.

Brother White was born near Pollocksville October 31, 1892, and was a life-long resident of this community in which he took much pride and for which he did much to make it better. In loyalty to his country, he served in the Army overseas during World War I.

On November 29, 1919, Mr. White was married to Miss Clara Bell Chadwick who was claimed in death only three months later. On January 27, 1924, he was married to Miss Madie Banks of Arapahoe and to this union were born two sons, Leo A. and Billy W.; and three daughters, Hazel Gray, Clara Bell (Mrs. Earl Williams) and Eula Mitchell, all of whom, together with one grandson, Earl Williams, Jr., survive him.

On May 3, 1920, Brother White united with The Methodist Church which he loved and for several years served as steward and trustee. He was engaged in construction of the new Sunday School building when illness overtook him last year. The faithful and excellent work done on this project stands as a token of his devotion to the Kingdom of God. Brother White is and will continue to be sorely missed by the total life of the community, but he now rests from his labors and truly his works do follow him.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDIES REPORTS, MAPS PLANS

"Let us unite the two so long divided—knowledge and vital piety."

So reads the big, bronze John Wesley medallion over the entrance to the national headquarters of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn.

Wesley's quotation marked the spirit of the 91-member board as it met in annual session April 6-9 in its new administrative quarters.

Headed by the board president, Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, the group studied reports and mapped plans to improve techniques, facilities and personnel leadership in all phases of Christian education relating to Methodism's 40,000 local churches, 118 schools and colleges, and other kindred interests.

Highlights of the reports and plans of the board's three divisions are as follows:

Local Church Division Reports

The 1952 record crop of 3,875,000 babies born in the U.S., and the total of 22,000,000 children under six, signal the need of local churches to take inventory of current classroom facilities and teachers, and plan for the future.

Methodist church school members total 6,136,968, a net gain of 112,376 over the year before, but the rate of increase is declining. Some pastors report decreases. Average Sunday attendance is 50 per cent. There has been a net loss of 244 church schools in the last four years.

More adults are attending Sunday classes, enrollment up to 2,500,000, Methodist Youth Fellowship enrollment has dropped, pointing to need for cooperation of all leaders in churchwide Youth Emphasis Program authorized by General Conference.

More church school teachers still needed. Active teachers taking special training at greater rate than ever . . . 119,467 enrolled in leadership projects last year.

An average of 170,000 church school pupils join Methodist Church annually, 1,665,502 on profession of faith in last 10 years.

Church camps increasing . . . 41,063 intermediates alone enrolled in 416 camps last year.

Fourth Sunday church school offerings for World Service totaled \$2,921,117 last year, an increase of \$148,500. Youth Fund for world-wide projects has gained from \$82,000 to \$430,000 annually in 10 years.

Editorial Division

"The Methodist curriculum is anchored in the biblical revelation and follows the main stream of Christian tradition," the division reported. Editors emphasized the vital use of the Bible in church school literature, including the new Revised Standard Version.

The experimental "home-church co-operation project," begun in 1950, continues with 45 selected churches using special literature to test new techniques in religious instruction of children by parents, church school teachers and pastors.

Annual circulation gains in Methodist literature were reported, totaling 4,602,920 per issue of 35 periodicals, and 1,394,230 for closely graded materials.

Methodism Has 118 Colleges

The 118 Methodist-related schools, colleges and universities have a total enrollment of 205,291 students this year, more than anticipated but 29,000 fewer than in peak years.

Most church institutions still face acute

financial crisis since they depend upon tuition fees for 67 per cent of income.

The churchwide support of Methodist institutions totaled more than \$2,500,000 last year, including \$1,750,000 in Annual Conference receipts. The "50 cents per church member" plan is catching on. Sixteen conferences have reached or exceeded the minimum asking.

The annual Race Relations offering continues to grow, totaling \$239,726 last year in support of the church's 13 Negro colleges.

Methodist Student Day receipts have averaged \$16,000 annually for last five years, providing 400 tuition scholarships a year. Goal is \$500,000 annually to finance 1,500 scholarships. More than 8,000 students currently aided by church loan-scholarship funds.

More than 2,000 student loans were granted last year, totaling \$234,315. In its 81-year history, the fund has provided \$11,000,000 to 70,000 Methodist students.

The 10 Methodist seminaries have current enrollment of 3,365 students compared to 1,978 ten years ago. However, 1,600 Methodists are preparing for the ministry in non-Methodist theological schools.

By 1954 there will be more than 25,000 Methodist preachers in the U.S. At present, there are 5,607 ministers who did not finish college and 4,349 with no seminary training.

However, 3,330 preachers are currently enrolled in the two correspondence schools sponsored by the board, and 15 regional pastors' schools provide annual refresher courses.

Wesley Foundations are established on the campuses of 165 state and private institutions, serving as Methodist student centers.

More than 500 selected college students served last year in Methodist summer projects. For this summer the church has scheduled 55 Caravan teams, 10 national work camps, six regional leadership training conferences and numerous other student projects. The fifth quadrennial national Methodist Student Conference is set to open next December 28 at Lawrence, Kansas.

WESTMINSTER SEMINARY TO MOVE TO CAPITAL

All necessary sanctions for the removal of Westminster Theological Seminary, one of the ten graduate schools of theology of The Methodist Church, from its 71 year home in Westminster, Maryland, to the campus of American University, Washington, D. C., have been officially enacted.

The announcement was made by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of Westminster's Board of Governors, following the approval by the respective boards involved. American University trustees voted favorably April 18, Western Maryland College trustees authorized the purchase of the seminary property April 24 and on April 25 Westminster Seminary's board sanctioned the move.

The seminary, of which Dr. Lester A. Welliver is president, has a seven-acre campus adjacent to Western Maryland College. Westminster is 28 miles north of Baltimore. The plant, which is to be taken over by its neighbor college, consists of a main building and five residences. The seminary has a faculty of 12 and about 150 students.

The date for the now fully-authorized move is dependent upon success in obtaining grants from certain foundations. The plans envisage a \$2,000,000 plant on a ten acre portion of the American University campus.

American University has more than 6,000 students and a faculty of more than 300. Dr. Hurst Anderson has been its president since last September.

"By placing a seminary at the heart of the great national university we hope to develop, we are announcing to the world that religion will be at the center of the enterprise," Bishop Oxnam said, in announcing the transfer.

Westminster's library contains valuable collections of historical material, being located near the Old Log Meeting Place, regarded by many as "the cradle of American Methodism." The seminary, having served the former Methodist Protestant Church from its organization in 1882 to 1939, is the official repository of The Methodist Protestant Historical Society.

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Some of the leaders in the thirteenth annual meetings of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service June 17-19 and the Wesleyan Service Guild June 19-21 both of which will be held at beautiful Lake Junaluska. Stories pages 4-10.



MISS CLARICE BOWMAN
Guild Speaker

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THESE WERE THE THINGS

For every hill I've had to climb,
For every stone that bruised my feet,
For all the blood and sweat and grime,
For blinding storms and burning heat,
My heart sings but a grateful song—
These were the things that made me strong!

For all the heartaches and the tears,
For all the anguish and the pain,
For gloomy days and fruitless years,
And for the hopes that lived in vain,
I do give thanks, for now I know
These were the things that helped me grow!

'Tis not the softer things of life
Which stimulate man's will to strive;
But bleak adversity and strife
Do most to keep man's will alive.
O'er rose-strewn paths the weaklings creep,
But brave hearts dare to climb the steep.

—Author Unknown

CONSOLATION

When days are dark and skies are grey
When hills are steep along life's way,
Just look ahead where skies are blue,
The sun will shine again for you.

When those you meet need words of cheer
To help them their great cross to bear,
Just give a smile—a hand clasp strong—
A word of cheer to help them on.

Some day we'll meet on yonder shore
Where tears and parting shall be o'er,
Our loved ones meet in that blest land,
And then with Christ we'll understand.
Trinity Mrs. G. L. Robbins

WE ARE GROWING OLD IN BODY

A little less anxious to have our way,
A little more tired at the close of the day.
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care of a brother's name;

And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where time and eternity meet and blend
A broader view and a saner mind,
A little more love for all mankind;

And so we are faring adown the way
That leads to the gates of a better day.
A little more leisure to sit and dream,
A little more real the things unseen;

A little bit nearer to those ahead,
With visions of those long loved and dead.
And so we are going, where all must go,
To a place while living we cannot know;

A little more laughter, a few more tears,
And we shall have told our increasing years;
The book is closed and the prayers are said
And we are part of the countless dead,
Thrice happy then, if the soul so say,
"I'm going to Christ, the truth, the way."

—R. J. Wells

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

FACING THE FUTURE UNAFRAID

What good does it do to face the future, since we can't see into it? No one knows what will happen to him in the next five years or the next five minutes.

Physically we are so built that we look in front of us. We walk more naturally forward than backward. We can use our hands better in front of us than behind us. This is a fact which a little girl discovered when she was trying to button her dress in the back. She cried, "How can I, Mother? I'm in front of myself."

In our movement through time, we can only see what is beside us in the present and behind us in the past. We advance into the future like a man rowing a boat, with his back to the prow.

Ancient people, in their desire to see the future, sought fortune-tellers. Most of us have pretty well graduated from fortune-telling, but we are just as eager to know what is ahead. We buy for a few cents our paper which gives us the day's news, but some men would pay \$500 for today's paper if it could furnish next month's market prices.

Yet we do turn to certain persons in the belief that they can tell us the minute at which the sun will rise in any part of our country ten years from today. I stand in awe at the ability of the astronomers to predict months in advance the precise moment and place a solar eclipse will be visible.

In facing the future we ask for maps which will show us where we are going and what we shall meet. These we cannot have, for maps are too static for a live world. Think how our world has changed since Pearl Harbor and Korea? Isn't it foolish to think we can determine the future world order merely by fixing geographical boundaries? It is as if we tried to chart ocean travel by making a map of the waves.

John Rhind tells a story of the last world war. A massive tank going full speed suddenly came to a dead stop. There was gas enough. No barrier in sight. What was wrong? The navigator had the answer. He said, "We have come to the edge of our map."

If men had stopped at the edge of the maps prepared for them, there would have been little progress in America.

In this world of ours we need more than maps. We need guides, and we consult many in the course of our lives, parents, teachers, friends, prophets.

In our eagerness to know the future, we wish that God would show us what is ahead. It is well that we cannot see. We probably could not bear it if we saw all that is before us. I have had experiences which I do not believe I would have had the courage to face if I could have foreseen them. By God's mercy I have come through them.

The longer I live the more confidence I have in God's promises. "As thy days so shall thy strength be." Tomorrow's tests may surprise us, but so will our strength.

A young minister had been preaching on a rainy Sunday in Scotland. It was a country parish, and the road to the railway station was unfamiliar to him. The night was dark. His host gave him a lantern. The young dominie said that the lantern helped him to pick his way among

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We thank Thee, O God, that Jesus taught us to live one day at a time. He said: "Give us this day our daily bread." We never hear Him praying for tomorrow's bread today.

We know, our Father, that if we try to see too far into the future we fail to see the plain pathway at our feet. We know that if we borrow tomorrow's troubles before they come, our present troubles will be too great to bear. We know that if we undertake to plan the whole future course of our lives, our lives today will be without a plan; for we will, through worry over the future, be inwardly broken to pieces, and all upset. Then we are hard to live with; it is difficult even to live with ourselves.

Today is enough at the time. Calmly we would walk with Jesus Christ today. We would take time to see the lilies of the field, the birds of the air, and the smiles of little children. We would never pass by the little things of today in order to get to the big things of tomorrow. It may be that life's biggest things are the little deeds and kindnesses of today. If I angrily push a little child out of my way that I may have time to make a big sermon for tomorrow, that big sermon will never be made; for I will not be big enough to make it.

God give us grace for today's living.
Amen

A LIFT FOR LIVING

the puddles of the path. And then when he turned the corner, the station lights came into view.

So in life, if we take the lantern of faith which illumines the next step and then the next step, the light eventually breaks on the longer view.

Do the duty next and the duty next to that and God will see you through. COPYRIGHT 1953, GENERAL FEATURES CORP.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Has America Lost Its Moral Leadership?

Has America lost its position of moral leadership in the world? Associate Justice William O. Douglas thinks so. "America, seen from abroad," he said recently in an address before the American Law Institute, "seems alarmed, confused, and intolerant." The growing tendency in this country, in the interest of security, "to take short cuts, to disregard the rights of the individual, to sponsor the cause of intolerance, and to adopt more and more the tactics of the world forces we oppose," the justice said, accounts for our loss of moral leadership.

A few years ago America had more good will than any other nation in the world. Today we have been stripped of much of that good will. The Communists, who have sought to discredit and smear us on every turn are partly responsible for this situation. But the Communists alone are not to blame. We are partly to blame. We have sacrificed great principles for temporary security. Too often we have practiced the doctrine of expediency. We have violently opposed the intolerance of other peoples, but we have sometimes applauded the rabble-rousers, the hate-mongers, the conniving demagogues in our own midst. We have even elected some of them to high office.

But America's heart is still good. We still believe in the fundamental Christian principles of righteousness and honesty and fair treatment for all people. The problem is to get people who believe in these principles to represent us to other nations.

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A Right Way and a Wrong Way to Fight Communism

Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas, wisely suggests that there is a right way and a wrong way to fight communism. "The right way," he says, "is to stand without compromise for Christian truth and action and to point out clearly and concretely every area of conflict." Then he reminds us of the wrong way: To pin a communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform—a practice which is quite widespread today. "Some people," he adds, are so frightened about communist infiltration that they pay no attention to the danger of un-American methods of fighting it. Other people are so alarmed by the wrong methods of dealing with communism that they ignore the danger of communism itself."

We believe that Christians need to

Faith is to believe in the word of God, what we do not see, and its reward is to see and enjoy what we believe.

—St. Augustine

sense this fine distinction which Bishop Martin points out. That communism is a menace is a stark fact which we cannot ignore. That Communists are doing everything they can to infiltrate every organization possible is evident. Any person who closes his eyes to the communist threat is blind and stupid. But anyone who resorts to un-American methods to fight communism, who labels every social liberal and advocate of reform as a Communist, is just as blind and just as stupid.

The Communists did not institute reform. Jesus did it 1,900 years ago. The Sermon on the Mount is the most revolutionary document in human history. The Marxist creed is not genuine reform. It is as old and as false as sin. It is an ancient, brutish, inhuman creed that sets man against man. Its end is servitude of the rankest kind. The weapon which the Communists fear most is Christian truth. As long as we fight with this weapon we have the universe on our side.

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The Kind of Men Whom We Do Not Fear

A few years ago we stood in mortal fear of the ignorant man. A man without an education, we were saying, could be a menace to society. The only way to save society was to educate the individual. So we built bigger—if not better—universities.

Today, however, we have changed our tune somewhat. We actually fear the educated man more than we do the uneducated man. That is, we are terribly afraid of the educated man without moral scruples. With technical skill and with powerful new gadgets unscrupulous men can do more damage in a minute than ignorant man can do in a year. An educated man without moral scruples and with an atomic bomb in his hand can push back civilization to the cave-man period.

Ignorance is still dangerous. But its danger is infinitesimal compared with education without moral direction. Man may be smart today but he needs the virtues that have stood the test of centuries.

The church is interested in training the minds of men. But it is interested in something even more vital—training the heart. The Church School, the church-related college and other agencies of the church are preeminently interest-

ed in bringing the two together so long separated—knowledge and vital piety. If the church is to do its best work we must give adequate support to all of its teaching agencies. Without the leaven of Christian education, where would education be today? Without the moral influence of Christian education where will man be tomorrow?

Our big need today is educated men whose lives have been irrevocably changed by the Master Teacher. That kind of men we need not fear.

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Have You Thought About What You Owe Your Pastor?

Laymen are constantly stating what they expect of the pastor, what the pastor owes them. But does it often occur to the ordinary layman what he owes the pastor, what the pastor has a right to expect of his laymen? Well, a short article entitled "What I Owe My Pastor" in a recent issue of *The Sunday Guardian*, taken from "The Divine Call of the Ministry," offers some mighty good food for thought. Here are some of the things you owe your pastor:

RESPECT—As an ambassador of God sent to teach me a better way of living than the selfish, sordid existence.

AFFECTION—That he may be strengthened by the knowledge that I am sympathetic with him.

GENEROSITY—That, if his methods seem a little sensational to my conservative nature, I may not be narrow enough to insist that he shall change them, but instead rejoice in the good that he is doing.

TIME—To help him in his work when and where he needs me.

PRAYER—To pray for him each day, that God may bless him and make his service a blessing.

ENCOURAGEMENT—When vexation and annoyance make his work difficult, or when he feels his work is not progressing.

APPRECIATION—A word of appreciation of his help to me.

CONSIDERATION—Not to interrupt and hinder his work with petty and unnecessary calls upon his time and sympathy.

ATTENTION—That he may not be annoyed and troubled by seeing from my careless, inattentive action that I am listless.

TRUST—That he may be free to serve the church unhampered by criticism and fault-finding.

The layman who practices these ten principles toward his pastor will discover not only that he will have a better attitude toward the minister, but that he will soon have a much better pastor. There is nothing that helps us so much as the good will, love and cooperation of those we serve.

OUR WORK AND OUR WORKERS

The great missionary arm of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church has extended its services over six continents of the world, with work in 28 nations and under thirty flags. The newest is in Chile, where the Woman's Division sent its first missionary in January this year.

Alphabetically these nations, with the number of missionaries serving there, are as follows:

Algeria, 12; Angola, 10; Argentina, 7; Belgian Congo, 29; Borneo, 3; Brazil, 36; Bulgaria, (Work temporarily closed because of world conditions); Burma, 9; Chile, 1; China, (Work temporarily closed because of world conditions); Cuba, 22; Dominican Republic, 2; India, 163; Japan, 75; Korea, 18; Liberia, 18; Malaya, 27; Mexico, 31; Mozambique, 10; Pakistan, 9; Peru, 10; The Philippines, 28; Poland, (work temporarily closed because of world conditions); Southern Rhodesia, 26; Sumatra, 2; Tunisia, 1; Uruguay, 10; United States, 1,500.

More than 2,000 full-time Christian workers serving in cooperative effort with hundreds of consecrated nationals all over the world.

Mission work can be roughly divided into four types—evangelistic, educational, medical and social, and agricultural, and the ways of serving under these divisions are too numerous to mention.

It might be well to state that missionaries on the foreign field do a great deal more than teach in the school room, as we understand it in the U. S. They teach by precept and example the way of Christian living in every area of life. And it might also be said that every missionary is an evangelist no matter what phase of work she enters.

We have from the Western North Carolina Conference six missionaries on foreign fields. They are:

Miss Josephine Abrams, who is supported by First church, High Point, a teacher in the Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Miss Abrams went to Argentina in 1947, and gave unstintingly of her time and information in our Conference while on her first furlough last year.

Miss Ethel Bost supported by West Market Street church, Greensboro, first went to China in 1912 but was transferred to Japan when work in China was temporarily closed. She is teaching at Kwassui Woman's College, Nagasaki, Japan, and will be remembered by hundreds of Methodist women over the conference to whom the "shower" of food was sent two years ago through the department of supply work.

Miss Ola Callahan went to Mexico in 1929 and is a teacher in School Hostel, Puebla, Mexico. She is supported by West Market Street church, Greensboro, and was one of the featured speakers when our conference met at West Market in 1947.

Miss Lorena Kelly, now in Belgium for special study on her way back from her furlough in the United States last year, went to the Belgian Congo, Africa, in 1935, and will take up her educational work at Lodja, Belgian Congo, in a few months. Miss Kelly also gave generously of her time over the conference last year and was one of the popular teachers at the School of Missions at Greensboro College. The WNC Conference supports Miss Kelly.

Miss Evelyn Strader went to India in

THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service is organized in no haphazard manner. It is the result of long hours of prayer, study and planning and from the Woman's Division all the way through the jurisdiction, conference, district, sub-district to the local society it provides sources of service and training for Christian living for every talent its one and one half millions women members possess. It has as its purpose:

Purpose

"The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, civic, community and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a World Christian Community."

When this purpose is analyzed we can readily see there is a service every Methodist woman can give, and in order to carry out the purpose there must be a prayerfully planned organization, with a deeply consecrated staff of officers and an army of members who are dedicated to the task of extending the Kingdom of God into the uttermost parts of the world. We glory in the fact that the local woman is recognized as an important person and stands in the center as programs are planned and projects executed.

Each quadrennium the Woman's Society of Christian Service accepts a set of goals handed down by the General Conference of our church and the program for each conference lays special emphasis on these goals. The goals for this quadrennium are: Spiritual Growth, A Widening Fellowship, A World Church, Peace, Missions, and Discipleship.

1949 and is a teacher in Kanpur Girls' School, Kanpur, (Lucknow Conference), India. First church, Charlotte, supports Miss Strader.

Two having served as I-3's (India for three years) and supported by the WNC Conference, are Miss Betty Johnson, who did Youth Work in the Bombay Conference, Bombay, India, and Miss Jane Stentz, who was a teacher at the Leonard Theological College and School of Religion at Jabalpur, India. For several months Betty has been at Scarritt College preparing for further full-time work, and Jane has more recently gone to Scarritt for further study.

Our newest missionary is Miss Joy Betts, who sailed on her birthday July 27, 1952 for Brazil, where she is caring for the health of 150 boarding pupils, teaching classes in health and social hygiene in

the mornings and looking after a church clinic for the needy in the afternoon. Joy was born of missionary parents in Brazil, and she claims Greensboro as her North American home, where her grandmother and several close relatives live. She is being supported by Main Street, Reidsville.

Also in our conference are two emeritus missionaries of whom we are proud. They are: Miss Nina Troy of Greensboro and Miss Lelia Tuttle of Lenoir, both having served in China together and both still giving invaluable service in their own districts.

Miss Troy is "the power behind the throne" in Greensboro's warehouse sending the thousands of pounds of clothing to Church World Service, and in many other ways lending her service in church work in and around Greensboro, and especially in her own West Market Street church.

Miss Tuttle's home is a veritable museum of Chinese art and is always open to those who wish to admire her collection. She also gives of her time in speaking and using her car in the work in the Statesville District.

Also on our list of retired missionaries is Miss Rosa May Lowder, who served many years as a registered nurse in Korea, and who now makes her home in Bristol, Tenn.

Missionaries on leave without salary are Miss Louise Avett of Norwood. Miss Blanche Houser of Greensboro and Miss Mabel Cherry of High Point. These are also serving their Master in some other capacity.

Home Missionaries working within the conference are: Miss Julia Titus, principal of Allen High School in Asheville, Miss Veda Stryker, for years a teacher of Bible at Pfeiffer College, is on leave of absence and taking care of her aged mother in Mount Airy.

Deaconesses from the Western N. C. Conference working elsewhere, and we recognize most of these as scholarship girls, are Miss Fannie Bame, Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Georgia; Miss Coleen Grant, rural worker in the S. Georgia Conference; Miss Ramelle Lowder, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Mattie Lou Summey, Spartanburg Junior College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Miss Patricia Rothrock, on leave, at her home in Mount Airy; Miss Ruth Smith, serving in the department of Missionary Personnel of our Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Miss Mozelle McCormick, South Georgia Rural Work, Bellville, Ga.

Deaconesses and rural workers working within our conference are: Miss Mildred Avery and Miss Cynthia Brooks, Allen High School, Asheville; Miss Mabel Edgerton, Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.; Miss Mary Floyd, teacher of Bible, Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer; Miss Iva McCarter, Bethlehem Center, Charlotte; Miss Margaret Calbeck, rural worker in Yancey County, Asheville District; and Miss Geraldine Surratt, in charge of the new rural work in Watauga County, Marion District.

Until her marriage last month, Miss Loree Harrill was a rural worker in the Green Valley section of the Marion District.

Retired deaconesses are Miss Pattie Allen, The Methodist Home, Charlotte; Miss Hyda Heard, Sunny Acres, Lewisville; and Miss Sarah Lowder, Methodist Children's Home, Enterprise, Fla.

OUR INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE WOMAN'S DIVISION

Within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference are five institutions under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. They are:

Allen High School in Asheville

Allen High School is not a school for problem children. It is a mission school for Negro girls and through it we help to carry out the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service by providing Negro girls in Western North Carolina a chance for a high school education, thus helping to make them better citizens and Christians. In the 17 counties in Western N. C. there are only two accredited high schools for Negroes—Allen High and the public high school in Asheville.

This school was begun in 1887 and is supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. This year it has 80 boarding students, 50 day students, and a bi-racial staff of 19. Miss Julia Titus, the principal, is now on a year's leave of absence fulfilling a dream of twenty years to serve as a missionary in our mission at Old Umtali, Africa.

As one of the projects of our supply department, we have a significant opportunity to help worthy Negro girls get a high school education and at the same time be trained in Christian principles and living. A new dormitory was completed last year and our supply offerings help to add the finishing touches which help to make it attractive and livable.

Bethlehem Centers

We have two Bethlehem Centers in our conference, one in Charlotte and one in Winston-Salem, both organized by the late Dr. C. C. Weaver and Mrs. Weaver and stand as living memorials to these two beloved people.

The primary purpose of Bethlehem Centers is to provide day nurseries with a resident staff for Negro children whose mothers work outside the home, but in more recent years there is increased striving for more participation on the part of neighborhood people, focusing on the family and community. Many activities are carried on at the Centers for all ages, such as kindergarten and Vacation Bible School for children, club work, home-making for young people and adults and health and hygiene for all groups.

The Centers are also meeting places for community organizations for Negroes, such as Boy and Girl Scout Executive Councils, Parent-Teacher Association Councils and similar groups, thus serving the child, the family and the community.

These Centers are projects of our

supply department and are particularly benefitted by coupons from a large list of articles, which have been converted into cash to furnish many useful commodities and needed repairs.

The Charlotte Center was organized in 1941 and has as its head resident Miss Iva McCarter. The building of the Winston-Salem Center was completed and dedi-

appreciation of their interest. Since then other buildings, including the beautiful chapel, have been erected and older buildings remodeled and a more modern and attractive layout of buildings and campus cannot be found anywhere.

Since it is owned and operated by our Woman's Division, the scholarships provided by the Woman's Society of Chris-



The Glee Club of Pfeiffer College

cated in December, 1930, and Miss Marian Brincefeld, now Mrs. Earl Wooten, was the first and only head resident this Center has had.

Pfeiffer Junior College

Pfeiffer Junior College began in 1885 as a mission school in Lenoir, N. C. It was first called Mitchell Home in honor of Ebenezer Mitchell who had served in the Union Army during the Civil War and had become interested in North Carolina men he had met. After his death his mother, a resident of Dayton, Ohio, donated \$2,000 to the school.

When the school was destroyed by fire in 1903, an appeal for help was made to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This society took over its operation and management and in 1910 moved it to Misenheimer and added a high school. Mitchell Home was erected as a girls' dormitory and Cline Hall to house the boys. Another fire in 1914 destroyed the main building and again adjustments had to be made.

Beginning in the early part of 1935 modern brick buildings were erected, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York City, and the name of the college changed to Pfeiffer Junior College in

tian Service for girls who are going into full-time Christian service in home or foreign work, are placed at Pfeiffer and practically all of our missionaries and deaconesses who have been sent out in the past ten years received their first two years of training there.

This is also one of the projects of our supply department and many useful articles have been provided for the buildings, the most recent being a new piano for the auditorium and new beds and mattresses for the girls' dormitories.

Bennett College

Bennett College was established in 1873, operated as a co-educational institution for Negroes until its reorganization in 1926 when Dr. David D. Jones became president. Since then it has been an outstanding college for Negro women and has gained national recognition. Since 1926 it has graduated over 1200 young women. While the majority of them are teachers and homemakers, many have been attracted to other professions and activities such as medicine, psychiatry, social work, pediatrics, government service, secretarial work, air force, library work, church and community service, nursing, home demonstration service, law, dietetics, and laboratory technology.

The annual enrollment at Bennett averages approximately 475 students. This represents a rapid growth in the 25 years since the reorganization when ten students comprised the total college enrollment. The student body comes from a broad geographical area representing 32 states, the District of Columbia, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Africa, the Virgin Islands and the British West Indies.

This institution is also a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and therefore one of the projects of the Supply Work. The physical plant has grown from four buildings in 1926 to 31 at the present time, and chief among its contributors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York City. Memorial funds have been established to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Pfeiffer, and the beautiful chapel, along with several other buildings stand in her memory.



The Muriel Day Residence Hall at Allen High School, Asheville.

PROGRAM

**Thirteenth Annual Meeting, Western
North Carolina Conference Woman's
Society of Christian Service**
Lake Junaluska, N. C.—June 17-19, 1953

Mrs. J. W. Harbison, President, presiding

2:30 o'clock Wednesday Afternoon

Worship: "Thy Kingdom Come"—Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr.

Organization—Introduction of Conference officers, former officers, and missionaries.

Reports: Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Hauss; Editor of Woman's Page in N. C. Christian Advocate, Mrs. E. L. Ballard; Literature and Publications, Mrs. L. A. Bye.

Closing Worship: "In Remembrance," Mrs. C. N. Clark; Benediction in Song, Mrs. Robert Ayers.

Informal Gathering: Marion District, Hostess.

7:50 o'clock Wednesday Evening

Worship: Miss Lelia Tuttle.

Missions at Mid-Century, Mrs. Ralph Sherrill, Mrs. H. G. Allen.

Address: "That We May All Be One," Mrs. Paul Arrington.

Thursday Morning

8:30 o'clock

Holy Communion and Offering for Korean Children.

10:00 o'clock

Business session.

Presentation of Lines of Work: Spiritual Life, Mrs. Frank Little; Vice-President, Mrs. Rupert Crowell.

President's Message: Mrs. J. W. Harbison.

Presentation of Lines of Work: Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Annabel Thompson; Status of Women, Mrs. C. M. Waggoner; Missionary Education, North Carolina School of Missions, Mrs. H. G. Allen; Service Projects, Miss Lillian Walker; North Carolina Christian Advocate, Mrs. Ira C. Shelley.

Meditation: "Jesus Christ, the Light of the World," Miss Jane Stentz.

12:40 p.m. Greensboro College Luncheon.

2:30 o'clock Thursday Afternoon

Prayer: Dr. Harold H. Hutson.

"That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized," Mrs. T. V. Goode.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.

The Board of Missions, Mrs. J. W. Payne.

Western N. C. Conference Rural Work, Miss Geraldine Surratt.

The Church in Japan Today, Miss Katherine Johnson.

7:40 o'clock Thursday Evening

Drama: "Ba-Thane," by Edna Baldwin, presented by Methodist Youth Fellowship of Shiloh Church, Thomasville District.

Translating the Hope Into Action—Slides and script arranged by Mrs. Ira Shelley.

Lines of Work: Supply Work, Mrs. Ira Shelley; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Harry Hendrick; Treasurer's Report, Miss Una Edwards.

Pledge Service, Miss Una Edwards.

Slides Showing Work in India, Miss Jane Stentz.

9:00 o'clock Friday Morning

Worship: Mrs. Frank Little.

Presentation of Lines of Work: Children's Work, Mrs. H. B. Simpson; Youth

Work, Mrs. Mark Goforth; Student Work, Miss Stella Ward.

Missionary Address: Miss Katharine Johnson.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Cicero Groome.

United Church Women, Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

North Carolina Council of Churches, Rev. Morton R. Kurtz.

Meditation: "Jesus Christ, The Hope of the World," Miss Jane Stentz.

Closing Hymn of Commitment.

Benediction: Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

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VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Not much is seen or heard from Mrs. Rupert Crowell, vice president and program chairman, for she keeps in the background, but she makes the wheels go around in the programs she plans for our conference and the service she gives in many other ways. She has been working under a serious handicap for two years or more in getting missionaries fresh from the fields as speakers for our conferences,



because of the fact that on the same date as our conference at Lake Junaluska a conference for missionaries on furlough is being held at Green Castle, Indiana, and our missionaries are required by our Board to attend. But Mrs. Crowell is always equal to emergencies and has the sweet grace to rise above criticism. Somewhere or other she finds effective speakers and the program proceeds smoothly. Hers is not an easy task, but she proves herself worthy.

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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild is an important part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, shares with the Woman's Society in the duties of conference officers relating particularly to their work, and cooperates in all work in the local church, especially missionary education, Christian social relations and local church activities, and supply work. It's main strength and organization lies in the district and local work. Each local unit has a co-ordinator who is a member of the local Woman's Society, whose duty it is to keep the Guild informed about what the Woman's Society is doing and help the two organizations to work in close cooperation.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has its own local, district and conference officers, its own pledge and budget, contributes to its own missionary projects, and helps to support its own missionaries, but the missionaries and the projects are a part of our Woman's Division just as is the Woman's Society.

The membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild is made up of gainfully employed women and their program of activity is planned to suit the needs of women working outside the home and to make its appeal to business and professional women.

Miss Annabel Thompson of Greensboro is the Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and she has secretaries in each of the ten districts in the conference. The program for their annual weekend conference at Lake Junaluska, June 19-21, is as follows:

Friday, 8:00 p.m.—"A Christian's Work in Japan," Miss Katharine Johnson.

9:30 p.m.—Social Hour—Lambuth Inn.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—Lakeside Meditation and Memorial Service, Miss Georgia Barnes.

9:00 a.m.—Occupational Discussion Groups, led by Mrs. E. V. Ennis, Guild Secretary of the S. Eastern Jurisdiction.

Education

Health Service

Housewives

Office People

Sales and Service, Resource people for these discussions from Greensboro District Guilds

Skit, Statesville District

11:15 a.m.—"A Challenge," Miss Jane Stentz

2:00 p.m.—Guild Ritual, Salisbury District Reports, District Secretaries, Scholarship Committee, Opportunity for Service—Mrs. H. G. Allen

8:00 p.m.—"The Christian and Her Daily Work," Miss Clarice Bowman.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.—Meditation, Miss Jane Stentz

Communion Service—Admr. W. N. Thomas

Love Offering for Korean Baby Fold.



Miss Jane Stentz, former I-3, now at Searrirt College, will speak at both Conferences.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS

The ten districts of the Western North Carolina Conference are well organized and have a large group of efficient officers. Although the districts have many similar characteristics, and are given the same program to carry through, many stand alone in the manner in which they respond to the various opportunities for service. The pictures accompanying the districts do not necessarily point out the particular work that district excels in, although in some cases they do. A brief summary of some of their opportunities and accomplishments are as follows:

Asheville

In this district we find three distinct types of work our women support or cooperate in: the Allen High School for Negro girls in Asheville, Rural Work in Yancey County, and Migrant Work, in which we cooperate through the Council of Church Women, in the outskirts of Hendersonville. Local women have a wonderful opportunity to cooperate and lend moral support to these three phases of work through their department of Christian Social Relations. The first two are also projects of the Supply work department of the entire conference.

The Muriel Day Residence Hall at Allen High School in Asheville, North Carolina, was built through the contributions of Methodist women during the 1951 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. The building, dedicated in November 1952, has facilities for 82 girls and 20 staff members. Mrs. Claire Lennon is the Superintendent.

The status of women is on a high plane in this district, with 125 women serving on official boards of local churches, which is slightly more than one fifth of the total number serving on local official boards. Miss Pearl Weaver is the secretary of this phase of the work and she has had some strong programs in the district, as well as in her local church at Weaverville.

Mrs. J. H. Bancroft is outstanding in her work as spiritual life leader and this is the foundation of all our work. This district has excelled in mission study this year, 445 women having attended mission study classes. The secretary, Mrs. T. S. Morris, has taught nine classes. A scholarship to a mission school in Africa, and one to Malaya followed these mission studies. Also hundreds of pounds of clothing were sent to Korea, and a study of rehabilitation work for alcoholics were projects of the Christian Social Relations secretary, Mrs. T. E. Frutchey. The young people at St. Paul's Asheville, planned

and decorated a new chapel, the work being done entirely by them. Also at St. Paul's is a religious library filled with excellent reading material.

This is the district of our vice-president, Mrs. Rupert Crowell, who gives generously of her time and talent to a small rural church. Mrs. John Wright at Weaverville has established good contacts with the Asheville newspapers and is able to get excellent coverage for church news. She is also an excellent reporter for the



Kindergarten class at Bethlehem Center, Charlotte

Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. So it would seem that every department of work is being stressed in the Asheville District, and it is being reported, which is most important.

Charlotte

In the city of Charlotte is one of our Bethlehem Centers. The work at the Center provides a great deal of work in the department of Christian social relations in the numerous Woman's Societies in and around Charlotte.

A great deal of outstanding work on the subdistrict level is done in this district. A series of subdistrict meetings have just been held with a total attendance of 345, representing 69 of the 88 societies in the district. The financial status is good, and jurisdiction study classes are on the increase. There has been a decided gain in societies, three having been organized, and a gain in membership all over the district is noted.

An attractive way of increasing membership was used at First church, Charlotte, when "Membership Goal W.S.C.S." was outlined on a sheet and included in the church bulletin. The pastor preached a sermon on "The Woman's Work of the

Church," and asked each woman to check this sheet and mark it, handing it to one of the Woman's Society members at the door. Forty likely prospects were the result. This church gave 12 life memberships this year.

Outstanding work has also been done by Myers Park women. As an outgrowth of one of their studies they have undertaken to sponsor the paying of salaries of teachers for foreign born people in the city. They gave seven life memberships and five baby memberships, and are placing a book in their library for every deceased member.

Also the Woman's Society at the Methodist Home have had all three current

studies, and Miss Florence Dixson has taught classes all over the district. She has also helped in the Seminars. These women have given of their means to send many "CARE" packages and have responded generously to all other calls. Mrs. George Dooley, President, says these women constantly amaze her with the work they do.

Conference officers in this district are Miss Lilian Walker, secretary of missionary service, and Mrs. L. A. Bye, secretary of literature and publications.

Gastonia

The Gastonia District does many commendable things. There is a wonderful cooperative spirit among the officers, thus keeping the work of each officer somewhat on a par, and it is one of our best "reporting" districts. The picture representing the Christian Social Relations department is typical of the work in that department being done in this district and the understanding the secretary, Mrs. W. A. Sigmon, has of her duties. She says: "Today our American way of life, our freedom as well as that of all peoples of free nations is challenged and threatened by totalitarianism and tyranny. Every single American should show his or her appreciation of the precious heritage that gives him or her the right to vote in a free election for the party and the individual he or she thinks will best serve his country, state and community. One of our major duties as a citizen is to acquaint ourselves with the meaning and purpose of the bills in Congress, with the platform of the nominees for office—local, county, state and nation—and exercise our right of going to the polls and voting. If every woman in the W.S.C.S. would exercise that right as a Christian, some of the evils that surround us would be wiped out." They have studied Alcohol, Human Rights, Race Relations and the United Nations.

One of the outstanding things done by the secretary of status of women, Mrs. Cleo Finger, was to promote the National Citizens Roll Call, and as a result of the work an increase has been noted in the

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Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem and "coupon" fence.

number of women serving on official boards of the churches.

Growth in spiritual life has been stressed as one of the quadrennial goals, and missionary education among adults, youth and children in Main Street church, Gastonia, has resulted in a special project—that of aid to the medical work of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Rice, who are soon to sail for Pakistan as missionaries. The Primary children contributed \$48.02, Juniors \$77.91, and spurred on by their efforts the entire church school has raised about \$5,000 for medical equipment and supplies needed by Dr. Rice. In addition to this the Woman's Society of Main Street has given a scholarship to Pfeiffer College for one of their fine young girls.

This district went "over the top" in supply giving, sending 18 beds to Pfeiffer College, instead of the 15 asked for, and gave \$500 to help rebuild homes for missionaries in Burma. The district is planning to increase their Love Gift to Korean children at the coming conference at Lake Junaluska.

This district has produced two of the three conference presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. J. W. Payne of Cherryville, and Mrs. J. W. Harbison of Shelby. Also the recording secretary, Mrs. R. M. Hauss, and assistant treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Roberts, are in this district.

Greensboro

This district is favored in many ways. It is producing seven conference officers, who are willing at all times to give of their services in the local work. They are Mrs. Frank Little, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. Cicero Groome, CSR & LCA; Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, supply work; Dean Stella Ward, student work; Miss Annabel Thompson, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. Harry Hendrick, missionary personnel; and Mrs. D. M. Davidson, chairman of Research. Also within its bounds are two of the institutions where our girls are trained for service—Greensboro College and High Point College—and Bennett College, one of the five institutions within our conference under the Woman's Division of Christian Service. At Woman's College the only Wesley Foundation full-time worker in our conference works with the Methodist students.

Local women have an opportunity to attend both the Spiritual Life Retreat and the School of Missions at Greensboro College without the trouble and expense out-of-town women have, and many of them take advantage of it.



An ideal Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at Broad Street Church, Statesville.

Marion

The Marion district will be hostess to the Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference at Lake Junaluska this year, and plans are being made for that event.

This district is fortunate in having two rural workers, one at Creston-Green Valley and the other in Watauga County and both have strengthened the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as well as youth and children's work in these areas.

The conference pays the salary of a



Marion District Executive Board Hostess to 1953 Annual Meeting

Wesley Foundation worker with Methodist students at Appalachian Teachers' College at Boone, and Marvin Culbreth, the director, has practically 100% of the Methodists students cooperating.

Both the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild have done splendid work in missionary education, especially with jurisdiction classes.

Miss Una Edwards, conference treasurer, is in this district and it also has a jurisdiction officer, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.

Salisbury

The Salisbury District officers work diligently toward having the district 100% organized and this has been accomplished. The plan of visitation has been urged by the promotion secretary, Mrs. Ralph E. Bisel, who herself visited every society not sending a representative to the subdistrict meetings. Much strength is found in the subdistricts of this district, some organizations having been effected through the efforts of the subdistrict chairmen, and officers' training on a subdistrict level has been found

successful, 225 women representing 60 societies having attended.

Evidence of growth in spiritual life, one of the quadrennial goals, has been manifested in this district by the interest in the "Day Apart" led by Miss Jane Stentz, one of the two I-3's going out from this district.

The officers have good plans for presenting their work and they work their plans. It is one of our best in reporting, especially to the Woman's Page in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The women in this district are proud of

Pfeiffer College being in their midst, which is mutually helpful, and it provides a conference officer, Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, wife of the president of Pfeiffer. The picture is that of the Pfeiffer College Choir.

Statesville

It seems significant that the Woman's Society at Broad Street, Statesville, should be chosen as an ideal society, since our conference promotion secretary, Mrs. T. V. Goode, and Mrs. Ralph Sherrill, representing district work in the conference at the recent Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls (and whose picture appeared in the June issue of The Methodist Woman) are both members of this society.

The quadrennial goals have constantly been pushed in this district this year and they have obtained good results. The district is 100% in reporting to the promotion secretary. In 17 societies all officers subscribe to The Methodist Woman, and in 11 societies all officers subscribe to the World Outlook.

Individual churches have accepted several three-year projects of \$100 a year in missionary service. This is Miss Lorena Kelly's home district and her visits all over the district, as well as all over the conference, have resulted in increased interest and help for our work in Africa. Churches in this district are also generous in their support of work in Alaska and Hawaii.

Our conference secretary of youth work, Mrs. Mark Goforth, is also a worker in this district.

One of the plans growing out of the Missions Conference, which Mrs. Ralph Sherrill attended, will be "to lift the eyes of the women of the local societies to see the needs of their communities and of the entire world in this new day" and to help them direct their activities toward meeting these needs. Mrs. Sherrill is fortunate in belonging to an ideal society and to a district where the departments of work are somewhat on a par to serve as a background as she interprets the findings of this conference to women all over our conference.

Thomasville

The Thomasville district is constantly amazing the rest of us with the variety of things it does in a big way. At their recent district conference Miss Margaret Calbeck, rural worker in Yancey County, was invited to present her work. As one result of her visit she was "showered" with books for her traveling library, which was one of three goals she had set for this year.



Mrs. H. G. Lanier, secretary of Supply Work, presents "shower" of books from Thomasville District to Margaret Calbeck, left, rural worker.

This district stands at the top of the list in supply work, a large per cent of the individual societies responding to the appeals for "second mile" giving. It co-operated as a district in the recent Evangelistic Mission, and a new society reports a prayer group. Nineteen societies had missionary speakers for their local programs, and Christian Social Relations was practiced in many ways.

It is the only district in the conference which does not boast of a conference officer, an institution of higher learning, or an institution under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, but it does boast of an excellent group of officers and close cooperation with the Wesleyan Service Guild. These two groups work hand in hand and the Guild was co-hostess with the Woman's Society in the annual district conference.

This district served as hostess to the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska last year, and was tireless in its efforts to provide refreshments for that large gathering.

Waynesville

When women from sixteen churches, some of them small rural churches with seven to twelve members of the Woman's Society, and two Episcopal churches, come together in a winter month in the mountains for a jurisdiction study of missions, it is news—big news worth reporting. That is what a group of churches from Waynesville, Canton and the surrounding area did last winter to study Africa. Miss Louise Ballard, of Lake Junaluska, district secretary of missionary education, was the leader and the classes were held at Long's Chapel. Around 250 women received credit, and an outgrowth was that \$151 was sent to our mission school at Lodja, Belgian Congo, Africa, and \$25 sent to an Episcopal Bishop in Liberia. That was missionary education and Christian social relations combined. Three Wes-

leyan Service Guilds participated. The picture does not begin to represent the large number attending the classes, but represents the number of people who were instrumental in helping in the study.

There is an increased interest in approved studies all over the district. Three of the subdistricts—Haywood, Western and Macon—had splendid joint jurisdictional classes, with the larger societies taking the initiative and inviting the smaller groups in their areas to participate. The outgrowth of these studies was tangible indeed—taking the form of twelve missionary projects, and substantial gifts of money sent to the American Bible Society. The Franklin Society is giving twelve scholarships to the Lodja School. The district is gradually acquiring a film library to be used in connection with the various studies.

The Conference Woman's Society contributes \$600 to promote the work of Methodist students at Western North Carolina Teachers' College at Cullowhee.

The Cherokee Indian Reservation is in this district, presenting opportunities for interracial Christian social relations. Helping to build and equip a new Methodist church and Center there was one of the projects of our Conference women recently, and furnishing the class rooms and providing playground equipment by children over the conference brought eager response.

Plans outlined for the coming year are threefold: (1) to continue to work diligently with the churches where there are unorganized societies (2) to stress that at some time during the year each pastor in the district be requested to preach a sermon on the work of the Woman's So-



Waynesville District women participate in Jurisdiction study class.

ciety (3) to solicit greater interest and cooperation on the part of the pastors in the district.

This district is also working to secure "district members" where it does not seem feasible to have local societies. The diligent efforts of the secretary of promotion, Miss Ray Ballard, and other officers in cultivating prospects in this district have been rewarding. One quarter this year they had 100% reporting to the promotion secretary.

Our conference secretary of missionary education, Mrs. H. G. Allen, is in this district and lends her aid in district work.

Winston-Salem

A characteristic of the Winston-Salem district seems to be the versatility of its officers, any one of whom, when a vacancy occurs, can switch to another office and carry the work through to success.

Several outstanding things may be said of this district. The services of Mrs. C. C. Weaver, first conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, are invaluable. She is a source of information and inspiration and all officers seek her advice and counsel, and no meeting of district or subdistrict is complete without her. She and her late husband organized the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem and her interest and activities in that work is one answer to its success. She is district secretary of missionary personnel and has helped to guide a number of our scholarship girls in choosing their life's work. The district has two in training at Pfeiffer College, one will enter Pfeiffer this fall, and one, Jean Lewis, graduates from High Point College this June and sails as an L.A.-3 in August.

Under the direction of Mrs. L. V. Scott, Christian Social Relations work in this district is one of the most outstanding in the conference, especially as it relates to inter-racial work and support of the campaign against alcoholic liquors. Mrs. Scott is counselor, and has been for many years, for the Negro Training School for Christian Workers at Hanes Institute each summer and gives unstintingly of her time and talent to that and many other activities for inter-racial cooperation. She also has a city wide study by Methodist churches of the current study book in her department, and teaches the study in many other churches in the district.

A project worthy of recommending to other churches is the Missionary Friendship Fund established two and one-half years ago by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Centenary church, Winston-Salem. This has been a channel for gifts totaling \$1,611.30, donated by 92 different individuals or groups in memory or honor or gratitude. 195 entries have been made in the Book of Remembrance, which is kept in the church. Appropriate cards are sent as evidence of the donor's sympathy and thoughtfulness.

The fund is used to furnish items of special equipment and supplies for their missionaries. Hymn books, baby food, hard-to-get kitchen gadgets, a jeep fund, baby clothing, and a Memorial Room—all are among the list of expenditures. In addition to special gifts in the three Christmas seasons since its beginning the Fund has sent gift checks of \$25 to each of its missionary families. They have used them toward a wide variety of necessities such as extra beds, curtains, washing machines, sewing machines, and a vacation long over-due. A recording of "The Messiah" in its entirety was sent to Miss Lorena Kelly before she sailed December 23 to spend Christmas on the Queen Mary, enroute to Belgium and Africa.

This is the home district of the conference secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, whose kindly service is constantly being sought after, and Mrs. E. L. Ballard, editor of the woman's page of the N. C. Christian Advocate.



Mrs. W. A. Sigmon, Gastonia District, secretary of CSR and LCA, casts her vote.

OUR RURAL WORK

The Western North Carolina Conference's first attempt in supplying workers to assist pastors with women and youth work in isolated rural areas began early in 1944, when Miss Mary Cameron was employed to work in the Mount Airy area of the Winston-Salem District. This work was discontinued after about two and one-half years.

In 1949 similar work was begun on the Creston-Green Valley circuit in the Marion District, with Mrs. Maggie Campbell, who was one of our scholarship girls, in charge. Mrs. Campbell continued until ill health overtook her and Miss Loree Harrill, another of our scholarship girls, took up the work in February, 1951. Miss Harrill married in March, 1953, and her successor, Miss Jane Peck of Asheville will continue the work, beginning September first. Miss Peck will graduate from Scarritt College in August on a Woman's Division scholarship, and has been appointed to this work by the Department of Town and Country work of the Woman's Division.

In March, 1951, rural work was undertaken in Yancey County in the Asheville District with Miss Margaret Calbeck in charge. Miss Calbeck was working in a medical clinic in that community, saw the need for the services of a rural worker and applied for the work. Miss Calbeck has resigned effective September 1. Her successor, Mrs. Arle Brooks, has lived in the community for six years, and will take up her duties June 1, thus giving two workers to this community for the summer months. Mrs. Brooks, a native of West Virginia, received her master's degree from Scarritt College and served as a Methodist deaconess for three years in the coal mining area near Bluefield, W. Va., and for one year at Scarritt Rural Center, Crossville, Tenn.

In May, 1952, another of our scholarship girls, Miss Geraldine Surratt, was employed to begin a new work in Watauga County, Marion District, on a temporary basis. After six months, the people urgently requested that the work continue and it became permanent.

Quoting from reports made by three rural workers, they are frequently asked, "What does a rural worker do?" And we answer that question, "Everything that a sincere Christian woman would do in trying to make an isolated community a better place to live, and mainly to develop local leadership in making the community Christian." They work with pastors of several churches in programs for children, young people and adults, in Vacation Bible Schools, camps, Methodist Youth Fellowship work, and Woman's Societies. Sometimes the progress seems painfully slow and some workers do not continue long enough to see the results of their labors, but who can calculate results in terms of Christian growth? If a seed for worthy ideals has been planted in the heart of a child, it may take years of hardships and struggle to attain, but the next generation will feel the effects of it and be grateful, and if the progress in rural work is slow it is worthy and among our finest projects for promoting the kingdom of God in the world.

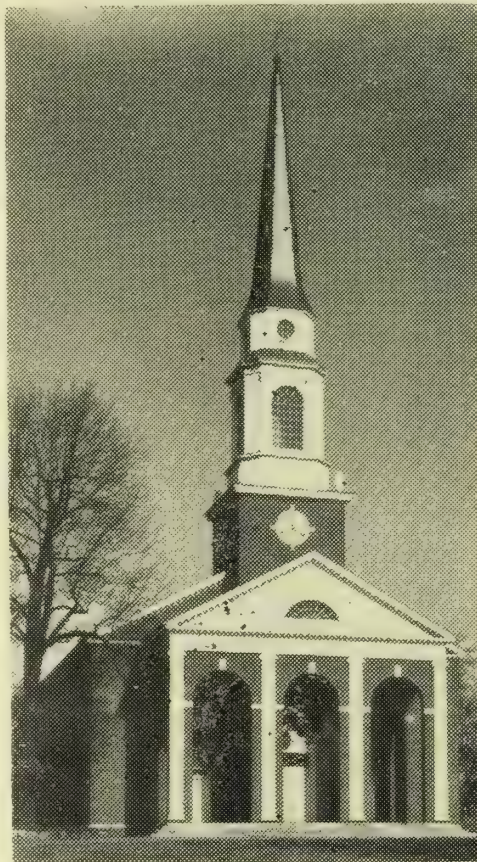
One of our workers has outlined her goals thusly: (1) To help the people appreciate and respect the values inherent in rural living, and (2) to help develop wider opportunity, to broaden the spiritual and cultural horizons.

A step toward this goal is that in June

All material in this issue of the Advocate which deals with the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference has been compiled and prepared by Mrs. E. L. Ballard, regular editor of the Woman's page. Mrs. Ballard, who always does a thorough and effective reportorial job, has in this special issue lifted up each phase of the multi-faceted activities of the Woman's Society. In admiration of the outstanding work done consistently by these two powerful organizations and in grateful appreciation for their unstinted support of this periodical the North Carolina Christian Advocate is proud to give special recognition of their work.

a short training course will be held in the Yancey County area for a number of college girls who have volunteered for work in rural areas this summer. The Conference Woman's Society will pay travel expenses, and the local churches, assigned by the Commission of Town and Country Work, will provide room and board. Many of these girls are considering rural work as a profession. Miss Margaret Calbeck will work with these training sessions.

(By "scholarship girls" referred to above, we mean the girls from our own conference who entered their training upon recommendation of their district committee on Missionary Personnel, began at Pfeiffer College on scholarship and continued their training and education through Scarritt College, and were duly commissioned by our Board of Missions.)



Pfeiffer Chapel, Bennett College



Mrs. L. A. Bye, Conference Secretary, examines our literature and publications.

SUPPLY ASKINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER Home Work

Gastonia—Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, Cash for new folding chairs.

Winston-Salem—Cash for Allen High School for linens, blankets, and gifts for birthdays and Christmas.

Thomasville—Same as Winston-Salem
Marion, Charlotte, Waynesville, Statesville—These four districts to give \$2000 for new furnishings for the offices of Pfeiffer College and the remainder to be used on carpets for the living rooms of the dormitories.

Greensboro—Cash for the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem for crib sheets, fruits, etc. Materials are very acceptable.

Salisbury-Asheville—Both of these to pool money to buy a car for the new rural worker in Yancey County.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will have Bennett College with specific askings for each district.

The children over the conference will have McCarthy Center, Cedartown, Ga.

SUPPLY ASKINGS FOR SECOND QUARTER Foreign Work—1953

Charlotte—Africa, Angola Conference, \$500 to help buy tractor

Asheville—Africa, Furniture for Kitchen and Dining Room, \$500

Winston-Salem—Africa, \$500 to be applied on an organ

Salisbury—\$500 for rehabilitation of refugees in Korea

Gastonia—India, \$500 to help buy a jeep for district evangelistic work in Belgau, Raichur, Gulbarga, Kolar and Yadqui.

Waynesville—Pakistan, \$250 for United Christian Hospital to buy equipment for a new ward in the hospital.

Thomasville—Malaya, \$500 for Methodist Girls' School, Singapore, money to be used for curtains for Auditorium, film projector and screen and equipment for science laboratory. Miss Marian Gruber is the missionary.

Marion—Philippines, \$500 to be sent undesignated.

Statesville—Japan, \$500 to buy desk and chairs for Kwassui Junior College. Miss Ethel Bost is teacher there.

Greensboro—Same as Statesville
All Wesleyan Service Guilds will have Miss Mildred Ann Paine, Tokyo, Japan.

Camp Don-Lee Opens With Full Summer Program June - August

Staff Training Camp, June 9-12

Fifty-one Adult Counselors and Adult Staff Members are attending the Staff Training Camp at Don-Lee this week. These persons are being trained to guide the camping program this summer, each one serving two or more weeks with only their expenses being paid. This training camp is being directed by Miss La Donna Bogardus, a member of the Camping Staff of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee; the five Camp directors who attended the Regional Training Camp at Camp New Hope this spring, and each of whom will direct two weeks at Don-Lee this summer; and Rev. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education and Business Manager of the Camp.

The following persons will direct the Camping program at Don-Lee this summer: Rev. Curt R. Gatlin, Conference Director of Youth Work, June 14-27; Rev. W. K. Babington, pastor of the Swepsonville Methodist Church, June 30-July 9; Rev. J. R. Regan, Jr., associate pastor, Hay Street church, Fayetteville, July 12-25; Rev. R. I. Epps, pastor of the Laurel Hill charge, July 26-August 8; and Rev. Henry Bizzell, pastor of the Gatesville charge, August 10-22.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shirlen, Westover Church, Raleigh, where Mr. Shirlen is principal of the Westover School, will serve for the second year without salary as assistants to the business manager. Mrs. Shirlen will serve as bookkeeper, banker, and keeper of the store. Mr. Shirlen will serve as superintendent of buildings, grounds, and equipment.

Mrs. J. H. Taylor, R. N., of Turkey and Clinton, will serve as our camp nurse for the summer. She and her family are members of the Turkey Methodist Church. Mr. Taylor is principal of the Turkey School.

Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, assistant lunch room manager of the Senior High School of Durham, will serve as dietitian for the summer. The cook for the second successive year will be Mr. James Sims of the Duke University East Campus Cafeteria.

Four Duke Divinity School ministerial students will serve at the camp for the entire session. They are: Mr. Bruce Pate of La Grange; Mr. Keith Glover of Bailey; Mr. James Rickards of Washington; and Mr. Fred Harper, of Tennessee. In addition to these young men the following young ladies will serve for all or most of the camping season: Miss Sarah Puett of Durham; Miss Sue Hicks of Charlotte; and Miss Catherine Traynham of Durham.

Young Adult Assembly, July 12-14

One hundred delegates are expected to attend the Young Adult Assembly at Don-Lee this weekend. Young adults who have not registered are invited to come on Friday afternoon and remain through Sunday noon. Leaders for this assembly include Dr. Edmund Perry of Duke University; Rev. J. D. A. Autry, Richlands, N. C.; Mr. Charles Price, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Bailey Webb, Durham, N. C.; Mr. Glenn Bannerman, Whiteville, N. C.; Mrs. Haymond Harrell, La Grange, N. C.; Mr. Francis Edwards, Raleigh, N. C.; and Mr. John M. Meares, Conference Director of Adult Work.

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Christian Adventure Camps, June 14-July 25

At this writing 440 registrations have been received from Junior High boys and girls desiring to attend one of the Christian Adventure Camps. This leaves room for only sixty additional campers in these camps unless we designate the week of July 26-August 1 as a Christian Adventure Camp. The first and second week have a full quota of boys and girls. The ten-day camp has a full quota of girls but room for a few more boys. There is still room for a few more boys and girls in the last two weeks of Christian Adventure Camps. Those who have not registered should do so at once if they expect to get in.

Junior Camps, August 3-22

To date there have been 195 registrations for the Junior Camps and additional registrations are being received with each mail. The first and second weeks of Junior Camps are filled. Campers may still register for the third Junior Camp Week. There is a chance that the open week, July 27-August 1, may be turned into an additional Junior Camp.

New Swimming Pool Ready

One of the added attractions to Camp Don-Lee this summer is the new fresh water swimming pool. This pool is equipped with a standard "H" type swimming pier and three diving boards. The artificial lake covers approximately one acre. The bottom of the swimming area has been sanded and a beautiful sandy beach provided at the end of the lake. This pool has added greatly to the beauty and usefulness of the Camp.

Trinity Church, Burlington, Donates Boat

An attractive 14-foot boat is being built and donated to the Camp by the Methodist Men's Club of the new Trinity Methodist Church of Burlington. Mr. Vernon Pickard and other members of the Club, of which Mr. Frank Crotts is president, are building this boat which will be presented to the camp within a few days. Rev. R. L. Nicks is the energetic pastor of this new and growing church. We are all most grateful for this timely and serviceable gift.

Trustees Donate Canoes

Four laymen on the board of trustees of Camp Don-Lee, Inc., are donating four Old Town Canoes to the Camp at a cost of \$200.00 each. These fine Methodist laymen are Mr. L. R. Foreman, of Elizabeth City, chairman of the board; Mr. F. L. Blount of Bethel and Greenville; Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill; and Mr. T. J. Collier of Bayboro, treasurer of the Camp. The announcement of these donations was made at a meeting of the Board at the Camp on May 28. These four canoes added to the two purchased by the Camp

will give six canoes, enough for an entire camp unit to make a canoe trip. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for these wonderful gifts.

Elizabeth City W.S.G. Makes Donation

Circle No. 2 of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, has donated \$10 for the purchase of kitchen utensils. This money is being used to purchase some plastic water glasses which are needed so badly.

Additional gifts of a similar nature by individuals, classes, or groups in local churches would be greatly appreciated. Many things are needed at the camp which we are not able to purchase for the lack of funds. Anyone interested in making such a gift should contact Rev. C. P. Morris, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Dining Hall and Kitchen to Be Insulated

The camp trustees decided to have the Dining-Assembly Lodge and Kitchen insulated with aluminum foil at once. Those who remember how hot this building got last summer will welcome this project. We hope to have the job completed before many weeks of the camping season have passed.

Caretaker's Lodge to Be Built

The trustees also voted to proceed with the erection of a caretaker's lodge just as soon as the money is available. It is our sincere hope that sufficient funds will be received from the churches in time for this building to be erected by late summer or early fall.

Picnic Groups Welcomed

We are inviting local churches, classes, or groups to come to Camp Don-Lee for a picnic at any time during the summer. A picnic spot will be provided on the river. Bathing will be permitted in the river and wash houses made available. Picnickers will not be permitted to bathe in the new swimming pool while the camp is in session. The pool will be available, however, on Saturday afternoons. All picnic groups must be scheduled through C. P. Morris, Box 6667, College Station, Durham.

Weekend Groups Visit Camp

Retreat groups from local churches are being permitted to come to the camp whenever it does not interfere with the camping program. The following weekends have already been scheduled. MYF, First church, Wilson, May 22-23; MYF, St. Luke church, Goldsboro, May 30-31; Mt. Olive Circuit, June 5-7; MYF, Duke Memorial church, Durham, June 26-28. Other groups desiring to use the camp should contact Rev. C. P. Morris, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Visitors Are Welcome

Visitors from over the conference are welcome at Don-Lee at any time. We are anxious for our people to see this camp which they have provided for the training of our youth. We are confident that when this camp has been completed we will have one of the best equipped camps in the state. Surely this is one of the finest projects ever undertaken by the North Carolina Conference.

Your daily duties are a part of your religious life just as much as your devotions.

—Henry Ward Beecher

Seniors Have Round of Activities Before Graduation; All Have Plans for Future

The page for this week is respectfully and gladly dedicated to the senior graduating class of 1953, who have also graduated from our Home. Their leaving is our loss, but we experienced much pride and joy in their graduation from high school. We wish for them every success, and it is our sincere hope that our Home, and the efforts on their behalf by our staff, will contribute to their success and to their happiness in life. Some years have not been easy for many of them. It is to their eternal credit that they have triumphed over loneliness, frustration, and heartaches, to reach this high degree of achievement in their lives. Our earnest desire for them is that they allow God to walk with them all of their days.

As in every school, the last two or three weeks of our school year were filled with activities which are rightfully senior-centered activities. The climax of these activities came Wednesday evening, June 3, at 8:00 in Memorial Auditorium, when the coveted diplomas representing twelve years of work were presented. That evening our staff and faculty experienced a keen sense of pride and an acute awareness of the grave responsibility that is ours.

June 2, designated Trustee's Day, was also the day for a special senior awards and recognition ceremony on our campus. Our Board of Trustees were honor guests for the occasion. Mr. C. A. Dillon, on behalf of the Board, presented each senior with a Bible. The Fidelis Class of Edenton Street Methodist Church presented each member of the class a personal gift. Representing the Fidelis Class for this presentation was Mrs. J. W. Roberts. Mrs. Roberts, on behalf of the class, also awarded a special gift of luggage to Patricia Chinnis in recognition of her selection to every Citizenship Honor Roll for five years in a row. This was a remarkable and an outstanding achievement on the part of Patricia, and deserves the highest merit and congratulations. She also received the valedictorian award.

Frances Ellis received the salutatorian award. The best-all-around boy award was presented to Frank Daniels, and the best-all-around girl award to Betty Jane Carraway. The boy's citizenship medal was awarded to John Clark, and the girl's medal was awarded to Patricia Chinnis.

Class Night

Another important phase for our commencement exercises was class night, held on June 1. We feel it was the equal of any class night in the state of North Carolina. During the evening, Frank Daniel, president of the senior class, presented to our Home, on behalf of the senior class, a matched pair of flags of the United States and of North Carolina.

Friendship Dinner

One of the most significant and meaningful of all senior activities was a Friendship Dinner and Friendship Service. This dinner was the continuation of a tradition begun six years ago. It is a simple dinner of close friends, who will likely not be together as a group again. Names of the friends making the dinner financially possible are not told. Attending this dinner with the seniors were those who had assumed the greatest responsibility for their guidance and welfare during their climb to this time of achievement. These included the Superintendent and his wife, Head Matron, Prin-

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cipal, senior class adviser, cottage house-mother, their former principal during most of their school years, sixth grade teacher, and their minister and his wife. Special Raleigh friends of the seniors, and of our family, completed the group.

Friendship, close and abiding, was the theme for this memorable evening. It began with dinner at the S & W Cafeteria, held in a reserved room. Decoration theme for the room was graduation, and the color was the traditional graduation black. Lighted candles included those from last year's Friendship Dinner. Dr. Powell made a few appropriate remarks after the meal, and selected friendship poems were read.

Following dinner, the group went to prayer meeting at Edenton Street Methodist Church, where they were honor guests for the service. At the close of this meeting, the group gathered at the altar in the sanctuary for a special private friendship service. Soft organ music filled the sanctuary, and the strains of music combined with the physical beauty and spiritual significance of the place, seemed to produce in everyone present a keen sense of reverence and an acute awareness of the strength and presence of the Master. Truly this was the hour for reflection, confession, and new resolve, especially for those who were commencing a new phase of life.

Senior Class Trip

Our senior class originated this year for the first time an experience which we hope may become a tradition. The majority of senior classes in public schools have the opportunity of sharing together a senior class trip of special significance and

destination, usually during a weekend.

This year, however, it was thought desirable to arrange such a trip. The leadership of the Home constantly attempts to provide for our group those desirable experiences which other school groups enjoy and profit by. A senior class trip seemed to be one such desirable experience. The senior class was consulted and enthusiastically endorsed such a project and the expenditure of some senior class funds to help finance the project. We believed it to be wise for some senior class funds to be expended, as this would serve to make the trip more meaningful to the class, and more of a class trip.

We originally hoped that a visit to Washington, D. C., could be made, but unforeseen complications made this trip impossible for this year. Due to the kindness and generosity of Mr. D. L. Cozart in extending to us the use of his beach home at Atlantic Beach, we were able to arrange a May weekend trip there.

What a pleasant weekend it was! The weather was perfect. No one suffered any ill effects from one breakfast cooked by three senior boys, who included in this meal one-half dozen fish they caught, size one inch by three and one-half inches. The sun shone brightly and some of our group were "well-done" by Saturday night. The score of some of our beginning bowlers was surprising. Following group worship service Sunday morning, our group began what was a pleasant return journey home. It was a fellowship experience which will be remembered for many years to come.

Future Plans

All of our seniors have plans for the future. Seven plan to attend college, with their majors including religious education, business education, and medical technologist. Six of the senior girls plan to enter business school, which points out our need for an expansion of high school curriculum to include business subjects. Three boys have regular employment jobs and one girl plans to enter the nursing school at Rex Hospital. We intend to keep in as close personal contact with this group as possible, and to render them our assistance, good will, and prayers.



Graduates of 1953

What Is the Basis of Christian Liberty?

By ROLLIN H. WALKER

Galatians 2: 1-10, 19-21

Mischief makers had come to the Galatian churches, and insisted that unless a man was circumcised he could not be saved. Paul knew that such a demand would prevent the world at large from ever accepting Christ as its Saviour. It was as though a man today should insist that to become a genuine Christian both men and women should shave their heads and observe the seventh day as the Sabbath, rather than the Lord's Day. The mass of sensible men would not accept such requirements, and Paul also knew that if the attention of the church was called to the rite of circumcision, and other nonessential rules, it would be taken away from that centering of the mind upon Christ and his loving sacrifice for our sins that is the condition of receiving the rich fullness of life and love that he came to impart.

So Paul with his whole energy contended against adding this burdensome condition to the gospel of Jesus. And today Christians should vigorously oppose artificial additions to the gospel requirements.

Paul had received abundant proof that his simple gospel was the power of God unto salvation. Everywhere that he preached it, believers were given grace to forsake their heathen vices, and rejoice in the love of God.

As usual Paul was thorough-going in his course. He went straightway up to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Titus, and laid the gospel he preached before the honored leaders of the church, lest a contagion might spread from Jerusalem that would destroy the fruits of his labor.

Paul says that with the exception of some false teachers who had sneaked in to oppose him, both the leaders in the church and the church as a whole heartily agreed with him in his contention that a sinner is saved by turning away from immorality, throwing himself on the mercy of God as revealed by Christ Jesus, and then simply beginning by the Lord's help, to love his neighbor as himself. Even his fellow missionary, Titus, was not compelled to be circumcised, though some suggested it as a matter of policy in order to give Titus a freer entrance into Jewish circles. But Paul did not yield to them for a moment. He was also constrained to emphasize the truth that the Christian under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, was privileged to express his love in the way that his best judgment suggested, and the need and circumstances of his neighbors demanded. The practical results of Paul's very extensive laboratory tests were all favorable, and the Jerusalem leaders were impressed by the way God had so wonderfully reinforced Paul as he proclaimed salvation by faith in the crucified and risen Saviour whose only requirement was grateful love and loyalty. The one thing that the Jerusalem leaders urged was that the Gentile Christians should generously remember their suffering brothers at Jerusalem, and Paul was aggressively eager to do that very thing.

I through the law, says Paul, died unto the law. My own painfully thorough efforts to earn salvation by obedience to the Jewish rites were such failures that I gave up the law as a means of salvation,

and turned to Christ who died for me, and I accepted the marvel of his free and forgiving love, and welcomed the wonderful privilege of having Christ come into my inmost life and divinely reinforce all my efforts to fulfill the law of love. But note that while Paul felt that he was free from the necessity of conforming to the Jewish legal requirements, he still realized that he was under the necessity of heeding the universal natural law which says, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap (Galatians 6:7-9). Yielding to fleshly lusts always brings a stern penalty, but unselfish love always brings a blessing. But by faithful practice we learn to play Heaven's music with joyful freedom, and the life of love becomes spontaneous and natural.

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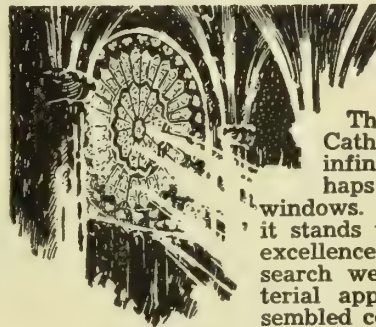
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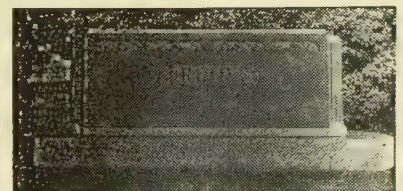
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BREVARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Brevard College has experienced remarkable progress during the past year, and the outlook for the ensuing year is extremely bright, according to reports made at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees May 25.

Gifts and income from endowment have been good, and for the second year the college is operating without a deficit. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte was re-elected chairman of the Board; Colonel W. B. Moore of Wadesboro was re-elected vice-chairman; and Rev. James M. McLarty of Mooresville was re-elected secretary. In addition to these officers, the executive committee will be composed of Jonathan Woody, Waynesville; Allen Sims, Gastonia; Clarence E. Morgan, Asheville; and President Robert H. Stamey.

Chairman Jones reported that the large modern new dormitory for girls has been completed, the modernization is now under way and will be finished this summer on Taylor Hall, the boys dormitory.

The Trustees recommended that a new home for the president of the college be constructed in the near future.

The Trustees approved recommendations for increases in salary for faculty members.

Since October, 1951, Brevard College has received \$161,344.43 from the United College Appeal funds, and this money has been used for construction and remodeling work.

The following foundation gifts for general operation of the college during the past year were announced: Dunham Foundation of Asheville, \$3,500; Salisbury Community Foundation, \$3,000; Myers Textile Foundation, \$2,500. The institution's endowment resources have been increased to \$612,312.82.

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JUNALUSKA CHILDREN'S BUILDING BEING CONSTRUCTED

LAKE JUNALUSKA—Construction is well under way here on a new \$60,000 children's building at the southeastern Methodist summer assembly, and it is expected to be ready for partial use by July 1.

The new building is an enterprise of Methodist church schools of nine southeastern states who have already raised \$45,000 to finance it, according to the Rev. Carl H. King, Salisbury, N. C.

Dr. King said the new building will be used for social, religious and educational activities of children from one to 12 years old, and also serve as a summer laboratory school for parents and church school teachers who train at the Lake Junaluska Assembly.

The major program for children will begin June 22, and the first service in the new building is tentatively scheduled for June 28, Dr. King said.

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DR. J. D. WILLIAMS PASSES

Dr. J. D. Williams, 87, retired Methodist minister and the only member of the High Point College Board of Trustees who had served continuously since the founding of the institution, died June 2 at his home, 1202 Cedrow Avenue, High Point.

After serving pastorates at Tar River, Saxapahaw, Winston-Salem, Burlington, Henderson, Liberty and Greensboro, he was minister of Welch Memorial Methodist Church in High Point.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ben H. Hill, High Point; one son, Dr. J. D. Williams, Jr., a Greensboro physi-

cian; and a grandson and granddaughter.

Funeral was conducted last Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Orange Chapel Methodist Church near Chapel Hill. Participating in the service were Rev. Herman Duncan, district superintendent, Greensboro; Dr. J. E. Pritchard, retired minister of Asheville; Rev. Roy C. Putnam, pastor of Lindsay Memorial Methodist Church; Dr. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of First Methodist Church; and Rev. Raleigh Hunter, pastor of West End Methodist Church, Greensboro. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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DR. HUTSON TO SPEAK AT G. C. LUNCHEON

Dr. Harold H. Hutson, President of Greensboro College, will speak to the Greensboro College and Davenport College alumnae and former students at Lambuth Inn at 12:45 P.M. Thursday, June 18, at Lake Junaluska.

If you plan to be at Lake Junaluska during the WNC Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service June 17, 18, and 19, be sure to make your reservation with Mrs. Robert M. Reed, Apt. No. 209, 61 Church St., Asheville, N. C. to attend this Greensboro College Alumnae luncheon. Reservations should reach Mrs. Reed by June 10, if possible.

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Announcements

MINISTERS INVITED TO WOMAN'S MEET

All Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference are invited to attend any or all of the sessions of the annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which meets at Lake Junaluska, June 17-19.

Mrs. J. W. Harbison, President

BISHOP HARRELL'S ITINERARY JUNE-JULY, 1953

June 2-5—Duke Pastor's School
June 3-4—W.N.C. Cabinet and Program Committee
June 7—Dedication Rehobeth Church, Terrell, N. C.
June 8—Columbia S.C., Committee on Cultivation and Advance
June 9-11—South Carolina Pastors' School
June 9-10—South Carolina Cabinet and Program Committee
June 11—Dedication Spindale, N. C. Church
June 21—Estill, S. C.
June 25—Meeting of Advance Executive Committee, Philadelphia, Pa. 11:00 a.m.
June 25—Meeting of Week of Dedication Committee, Philadelphia, Pa. 6:00 p.m.
June 26-28—Evangelistic Convocation, Philadelphia, Pa.
June 28—Executive Committee, Commis-

sion on Promotion and Cultivation, Philadelphia, Pa., 7:30 p.m.
June 29-30—Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Philadelphia, Pa.
July 5—Dedication, Mount Pleasant, N. C.
July 12—Brookstown, N. C., 11:00 a.m.; Union, S. C., 3:00 p.m.
July 15—Board of Trustees, High Point College, High Point, N. C.
July 19—Whitmire, S. C.
July 21-31—Lake Junaluska, N. C.

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Rowan, 8	16
China Grove, First, 8	17
Park Ave., 11	19
Concord, Ann St., 8	19
Forest Hill, 8	20
S. China Grove, Rock G., 8	21
Pfeiffer, Richfield, 8	22
Albemarle Ct., Pine Grove, 8	23
Albemarle, Main St., 8	24
Midland, Mill G., 11	26
Bethel, 8	26
Yadkin-Long St., Yadkin, 8	27
Granite Quarry, Bethel, 8	28
Mt. Pleasant, Friendship, 8	29
N. Kannapolis, 8	30
Concord Ct., Bogers, 8	31
	August
Parkway, 11	2
Norwood Ct., Mt. Zion, 8	2
Mt. Mitchell, 11	9
Memorial, 8	9
Salisbury, Main St., 8	10

Concord, Kerr St., 8	11
Badin-N. London, Badin, 8	12
Concord, Central, 8	13
Albemarle, Central, 8	14
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Norwood, 8	16
Gold Hill, Liberty, 8	17
Spencer, 8	18
Mt. Olive, 8	19
Midway, 8	20
Trinity, 8	21
Stanfield, L. Grove, 11	23
Bethany, 8	23
Salem, 8	24
Albemarle, First St., 8	25
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So that as many students as possible may receive help from this fund, the loans are comparatively small. In most instances they range from \$150 to \$300 per year. Though the amount may be as high as \$400 per student. The students are able to supplement this amount by work scholarships on the campus. We have student help in the College Book Store, the Gymnasium, the Library, the Dining Hall, the telephone switchboard, and some of the offices.

The students are most grateful for this help. Many of them would be unable to continue their education were it not for this fund which has been set aside by The Methodist Church. Those of us who are privileged to work with the students are encouraged by their great desire to serve mankind. In most cases they are industrious and take their work seriously. The Methodist Church can be proud of these boys and girls and the future will be brighter because they have had the opportunity of furthering their education. By so doing they have become better prepared to be competent workers, both lay and full time Christian workers, in the Church, the community, the nation, and the whole world.

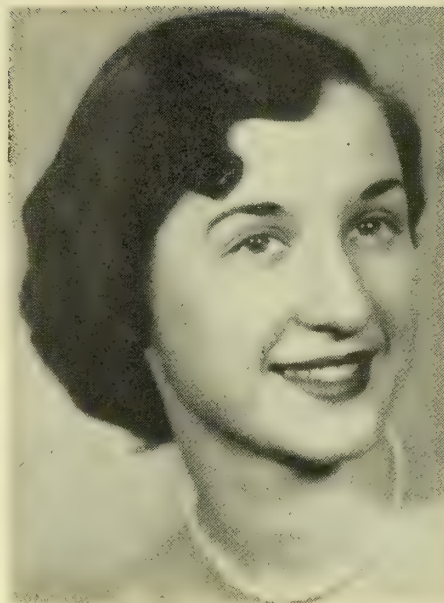
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BREVARD COLLEGE FRESHMAN MAKES UNUSUAL RECORD

Hiking, horseback riding, cooking—these are the things you would expect a farm girl to like. This is especially true if the farm is in the scenic French Broad Valley of Transylvania where beautiful mountains challenge the adventurous and stimulate the appetite. It is natural then that Imogene Dickson should like hiking, horseback riding and cooking, for she was born and reared on a French Broad Valley Farm nineteen years ago.

In other respects, however, Imogene is unusual. The fact that in her freshman year at Brevard College she was awarded a National Methodist Scholarship from the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church is supporting evidence, for these scholarships are awarded to the most promising students of the church. She is also unusual in that there is no indecision regarding her life's purpose, and no complacency regarding her preparation for the work she plans to do.

For a long time, Imogene has known that she would be a director of Religious Education in some Methodist church. Her home environment has been conducive to the development of this idea. She is the oldest of four children, and with her two sisters and brother she has been brought up in the activities of a rural church. Her parents, J. W. Dickson, Jr. and Frances Morgan Dickson, have not let the manifold duties of running a progressive farm keep them from active par-



Imogene Dickson

ticipation in the program of their church. Mr. Dickson is a steward and church school superintendent, and Mrs. Dickson is vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Etowah Methodist Church.

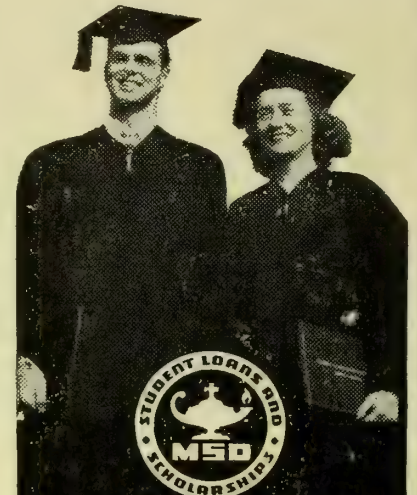
Many honors have come to Imogene in the past two years. She was a member of the Brevard High School Beta Club which is a National Honor Society. At the time of her graduation from the Brevard High School in 1952, she received the Good Citizenship Award which is presented annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was one among 26 students to make the Dean's list at Brevard College during the fall semester, and has been elected to membership in the Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Phi Alpha, Junior College Honor Societies, for excellence in general scholarship and in modern languages respectively. Studies, however, have not interfered with Imogene's participation in extra-curricular activities. Besides holding membership in numerous campus organizations, she is a cheer leader for the Brevard Tornados, assistant recreational chairman of the Christian Fellowship Council, and is a member of the 1953 May Court.

Imogene's primary interest, however, is centered in the Youth Program of The Methodist Church. From 1950 to 1952 she attended five conferences at Lake Junaluska. She has held all of the offices in the M.Y.F. in her local church. For two years she was secretary of the Blue Ridge Subdistrict, and the Asheville District of the M.Y.F. In 1952-53 she was president of the Blue Ridge Subdistrict. She was one of the delegates from Brevard College to attend the North Carolina Conference of the M.Y.F. which met in Greensboro from February 13 through the 15th, and at that time was elected chairman of District Number Three which comprises the Western part of the State.

The Methodist Scholarship which she received from the General Board of Education has made it possible for Imogene to begin her college work. Its continuance will make it possible for her to complete her preparation for full time Christian service as a Director of Religious Education. The church receives rich returns in an investment such as this.

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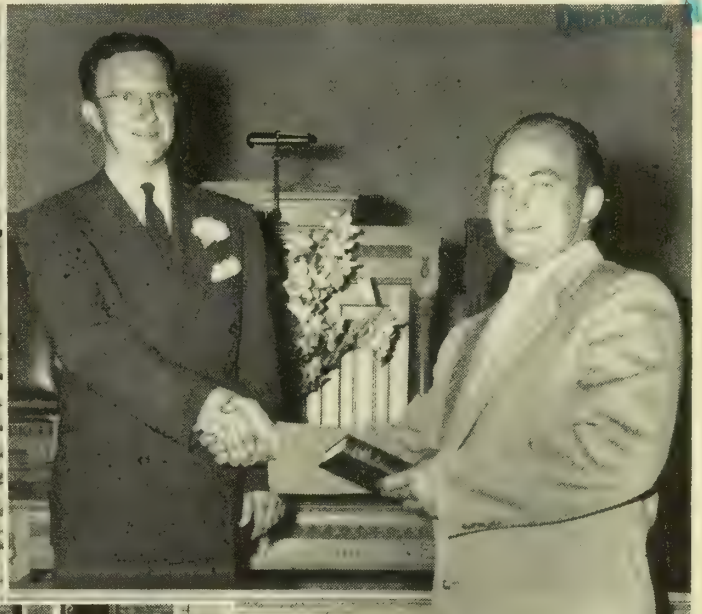
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North Carolina Methodists Engage in Many Activities



Upper left, class received into First church, Henderson; upper right, Pastor Thumm welcomes new member into Big Spring church, Charlotte; center, Pastor J. W. Braxton and Jeep donated by First church, Elkin, as Mission Special to India; lower left, junior choir of Central church, Canton; lower right, new Goshen church, Faison charge. Story on page six.



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

COUNTRY LIFE

Near to nature and nature's God,
Out in the garden where flowers nod,
Under the balmy sunshine rays,
Spending the happy summer days.

Down in the meadow stretching wide
Where sunbeams play and daisies hide,
With cool green grass beneath your feet
And birds singing their carols sweet.

Far from the noise of the city street,
Near the perfume of flowers sweet,
Resting at home at close of day
Where love is golden and children play.
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FOR CONTENTED LIVING

Health enough to make work a pleasure. Wealth enough to support your needs. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. Faith enough to make real the things of God. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.—Goethe

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOW BROAD SHOULD WE BE?

We all desire to be thought broad-minded. We resent being called narrow or bigoted. We are almost as afraid of getting into a rut as into the grave. But how do we keep our minds broad and open?

Suppose we start out with an easy-going attitude, going along with the crowd's thinking but not giving much straight thought to our own beliefs. We repeat what we hear on this side of us and on that side. We may get quite a wide collection of second-hand ideas. But that doesn't make us broad-minded.

Some people fool themselves by thinking they are broad-minded merely because they are scatterbrained. Listen to some of the conversations on trains or at dinner tables and see how many people just repeat the prejudices they have picked up. We human beings so easily become herd-minded.

When our minds just go along with the crowd, we usually drift into dark narrow alleys of ignorance and distrust.

Some years ago Sinclair Lewis in his book, "Main Street," described the state of mind into which one of the town's doctors had drifted. He had gone along as a conventional member of the church, without taking it seriously. When his wife

finally rebelled at the rut into which their church life had fallen, the husband was flustered and confused.

Lewis said of him: "He believed in the church but seldom attended its services. He believed in Christianity but never thought about it. He was worried over his wife's lack of faith, but was not sure just what she lacked." His thinking had become shallow but not broad.

We must do some deep hard thinking if we are to develop real breadth of mind. The Master of Life declared, "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life." That is the narrowness of the athlete, the artist, the thinker.

The athlete who would play on his college team must go through the discipline of self-denial. He must forego the midnight suppers. He may seem to lead a very narrow existence during the training season. But thereby he acquires the full free use of his body.

Likewise in all living there is a certain narrowness of application which leads to breadth and power. We have to specialize on a thing in order to master it. Then we must be broad enough not to be narrowed by our specialties.

Several years ago a great but obscure scientist died. His vision was not confined to the area of his office. He was chief engineer and later vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in charge of development and research. One might have called him a genius.

A newspaper friend of mine describes him thus: "John J. Carty was a broad-minded gentleman of vast talents. He liked baseball and kept records of every player in the major leagues. He knew the batting average of most of the players. His horizon was broad. He could discuss science, philosophy and sports and he possessed a sly humor."

Alfred Noyes has said that one trouble of our time is that we are "misled by small clever minds." That is, we specialize so that we come to know our own lines of work. But we are not broad enough in our outlook to see where our lives fit with others to make the whole pattern. We should look up to God at times in order to see life steadily and see it whole.

Would we be truly broad-minded? Then let us think through our own opinions and let others think theirs. The more we prize our own convictions, the more we respect theirs. Let us be loyal to our own religious group, but remember that the Divine Shepherd has other sheep not of our fold. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

DADS AND LADS

By C. C. Benton

If boys could be taught to be a little more careful in the selection of their fathers it would do much to solve the boy problem. Some say that just any kind of a man will do as a father, but that it takes a good woman to be a mother. But such an assumption is dangerously false. It does take a "good woman" to be the right kind of a mother, and it also takes a good man to be the kind of a father that the boy needs. The business of being a father is the most important business in which any man ever engaged. Every father has at least two careers. One is his public career and the other is the career of being a father. Some men who succeed in the first are miserable failures when it comes to the second. They are too cold, too dignified, too stern and too busy to be a friend to their sons. Pity the boy who does not have a real, understanding pal in his father.

Listen, Dad! You don't know what's in that lad of yours. You haven't taken the time to find out. Your judgment of him is hasty and superficial. Why don't you take time to become acquainted with that boy who is to carry your name after you have passed on? Don't be snappish and snarlish and impatient with him, nor let him think that you have no faith in him. It may be that you would be a better man had your father taken more time with you when you were a lad. Don't make the same mistake with that lad of yours. Remember that he is your own son. You are to live in him after you are dead. He is to bear your name and carry it down through the years. Through him you go down in history.

And now, a word to the lad:

"You got it from your father, 'twas the best he had to give,
And right gladly he bestowed it—it is yours while you live.
You may lose the watch he gave you and another you may claim
But remember when you're tempted, be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it, and a worthy name to wear.
When he took it from his father there was no dishonor there.
Through the years he proudly bore it, to his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.

It is yours to wear forever, yours to wear the while you live;
Yours, perhaps, some distant morning to another boy to give.
And you'll smile as did your father smile above that baby there;
It's a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear."

"Fathers, do not irritate your children, but bring them up tenderly in the instruction and admonition of the Lord." (Weymouth Translation of Ephesians 6:4)

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Help Avoid a Summer Slump in Your Church

The summer slump in church attendance and church activities is just around the corner. Yet there needs to be no real falling off in attendance or activity. Other enterprises carry on full-scale in the summer. The church does not need to curtail its program.

Take this matter of church attendance. Of course, you will be out of town more on summer week-ends. But you will be somewhere. Why not go to church where you are? If all of us will do that, church attendance can be about normal in most places.

Then take the matter of church finances. Church income takes a decided dip in the summer. This need not be, either. Most of us get a regular income. We pay everything else regularly—the grocery bill, the installments on the furniture and automobile and television. Why not pay the church, too? Its expenses go on through the summer.

Then there are church meetings. Perhaps you can't attend as many. But you can attend many more than you do—that is, if you really try.

Just remember: The church needs to carry on its work as much in the summer as it does the rest of the year. It needs you. It needs your presence, your prayers, your material support. Help your church to have its best summer. You will get a great blessing and you will be a great blessing.

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Observe Lake Junaluska Day Sunday, June 28

On Sunday, June 28, the Lake Junaluska Assembly will celebrate its fortieth birthday. The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction has set aside this day as Lake Junaluska Sunday and urges all churches in the Southeastern Jurisdiction to present a program that will better acquaint the people with the mission and needs of this Methodist center and give them an opportunity to make an offering.

Unfortunately, Lake Junaluska is little known to most Methodists. It seems inaccessible to most of our people, yet it is within reach of many—both financially and physically. Actually, the costs are quite nominal and today with our splendid network of highways and our fine, speedy automobiles Lake Junaluska is within reach of perhaps a million Methodists in the Jurisdiction. The program this summer is full and varied and rich. A few days at this beautiful mountain retreat will bring one new

physical and spiritual vigor and fresh inspiration.

Lake Junaluska has had many ups and downs since it fell into Methodist hands four decades ago through the generosity of a small group of far-seeing Methodist laymen. In 1948 the Southeastern Jurisdiction took over ownership and since then a campaign for \$600,000 was launched to get added facilities and to repair some of the buildings. With funds secured from this campaign fifty house-keeping apartments have been built, improvements have been made at Lambuth Inn and the Terrace Hotel, the auditorium has been enclosed and comfortable seats installed and many improvements have been made on the grounds. Funds are needed for other pressing improvements.

A liberal financial contribution to Lake Junaluska Sunday, June 28, is an investment in the thousands of young people and adults who receive valuable training at this summer center. It is an investment in the hundreds of pastors and laymen who frequent this Methodist retreat for spiritual succor and fellowship.

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The Bishop Raises an Inescapable Issue

Christians of good will everywhere have watched with deep regret the unfortunate controversy between Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh and members of the Roman Catholic Church in Newton Grove over merging the Negro and white congregations of the community. It seems to the outsider that the action of both sides has been harsh and drastic and that both the church and the cause of good race relations have suffered.

Now, many churchmen will agree with the ideals of Bishop Waters. Segregation is a terribly expensive business in America, costing us, some say, between fifteen billion and thirty billion dollars alone, not to mention other costs. It is no compliment that in Christian America eleven o'clock Sunday morning is our most segregated hour. Yet this is one issue that cannot be resolved by law or by physical force. An order calling an end to segregation might work in countries where the Roman Catholic Church is in control and where the people are accustomed to take orders from ecclesiastical authorities. But it will not work in the United States where everyone lives in an atmosphere of freedom and independence. Here a man is encouraged to do his own thinking, to take his moral orders from a power beyond any human power. The American

people, regardless of the church to which they belong, will be controlled by no ecclesiastical dictatorship. Follow the wise, sympathetic, kindly counsel of their church leaders they are ready to do. But to be handed down decrees and orders and commands to obey ox-like they can be expected to protest vigorously.

But the issue raised by Bishop Waters is one with which the church must come to grips. The church in high circles—that is, the general conferences and in larger delegated bodies—has done something about it on paper. Most denominations have passed strong resolutions condemning racial discrimination. A few denominations at the national level hold inter-racial meetings. The Methodist Church has been quite clear in its pronouncements. Although not openly advocating an end of segregation, it has urged inter-racial cooperation, has urged fair treatment of all races.

But little has been done on the local church level. Women's and youth groups have made a stab at the problem, but local churches, on the whole, have adopted a hands-off attitude, have followed a do-nothing course. Some churches are so touchy over the race problem that they are afraid even to observe Race Relations Sunday.

Time is catching up with us. The race issue is perhaps the most pressing social issue confronting mankind today. The Supreme Court of the United States is aware of the intensity of this problem. Therefore, it is taking another six months to study the segregation issue in the schools before it renders a decision. Church people in local communities must come to grips with this problem. The solution does not lie in extreme decrees from state or church followed by harsh, retaliatory measures taken by irate citizens. The solution lies in Christian understanding. We must begin with the people where they are—counsel with them, pray with them, help them to see all mankind through Christian eyes. It is a slow process. Perhaps the seeds of revolution are beginning to sprout so vigorously and so wildly that we don't have time for a Christian solution. Communists are stirring up racial groups against us wherever they can.

Nevertheless, we believe there is here in America—and right here in North Carolina—a tremendous amount of good will among the races. We believe that if reason and calmness and patience and Christian love and understanding are used our people of all races will find a Christian solution and that they can live together in peace. Then by mutual consent they will decide whether or not they want to go to the same church.

A BIRTHDAY METHODISTS CAN'T FORGET

On June 28 Methodists honor one whose influence is felt by millions

By Richard C. Baker

Twenty-five million Methodists are putting finishing touches this week to their plans for a worldwide birthday party. On Sunday, June 28, they will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the first Methodist of them all—John Wesley.

From a homely, thatch-roofed parsonage in Epworth, England, in 1703, John Wesley began a life the influence of which has never been exhausted. His labors produced a church that today circles the globe, is the largest single Protestant denomination in the United States, and upon its churches, hospitals, orphanages and homes, colleges and universities, missions and other religious enterprises the sun never sets.

"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Rules of life like this, in the words of Wesley himself, have given the people called Methodists their infectious genius. Their founder went about doing good over 225,000 miles of eighteenth-century England, and his followers have never slackened the pace. In religious reform, the growth of democracy, prison reform and the hospital movement, anti-slavery programs, education and medicine, Wesley and his Methodists—"doing all the good they can"—have left their mark.

Methodism Stresses Faith and Work

Methodism, which traces its origin to Wesley's birth 250 years ago this month, is a religious movement stressing faith and works. Although he was an argumentative Oxford debater, Wesley left no requirements of creed or dogma to which his followers had to conform. "The distinguishing marks of a Methodist," Wesley once said, "are not his opinion at all. I am sick of opinions; give me an humble, gentle lover of God and man." Wesley promoted no sharp clashes with the oldest traditions of Christian orthodoxy. He brought no new creed or doctrine. He was himself an ordained priest in the Anglican branch of the holy catholic church. But he refused to bother his head with dogmatic matters. "Is thy heart right?" was to him the pressing question. In his 35th year he had undergone a momentous experience when he felt "my heart strangely warmed within me," when all doubt and confusion left him and he suddenly was in possession of all his faculties in clear focus, and it was this kind of "experience" that stood at the center of his faith. The personal relation of each believer with God and Jesus was the heart of the matter for Wesley. In his lifetime he opened the way to sharing this experience with thousands of his countrymen, and it remains the cornerstone of Methodism's religious message.

But never separated from this religious emphasis in the church of Wesley and the Methodists was an equally stout emphasis upon acting like a Christian. It was never enough to feel like a Christian; Methodists had to work like Christians too. And Methodists have been known for 200 years as the "workingest" church in the world.

When Wesley saved a sinner, it was expected that there would be some immediate evidence of his salvation. Personal lives that were notorious for drunkenness and debauchery and poverty and

sickness were changed overnight into models of temperance, health and thrift. Not only personal habits felt the correction of Wesley's influence, but good Methodists were also required to tend the sick, care for the aged and the orphans, and take an active part in all kinds of social reform. Their roles in the anti-slavery movement and the trade union movement in Britain, for example, were illustrations of their active social gospel.

The Methodist Name in History

With such a fiery mixture of religious concern and social passion, the Methodists have in two centuries engraved their name upon the history of the world. For example:

Wesley developed a dispensary in London and wrote a book on simple health. From that beginning, in the United States alone, have come 71 Methodist hospitals, plus 126 hospitals, dispensaries and medical centers abroad.

Wesley opened the first Methodist home for the aged. Today in this country there are 64 such homes for men and women in their golden years.

Wesley did not forget the homeless children. American followers of Wesley today maintain fifty Methodist orphanages, and there are 126 Methodist social centers throughout the world.

Himself a Master of Arts from Oxford and an avid reader who developed the art of consuming his books while on horseback, Wesley is the spiritual father of 125 Methodist colleges and universities in the United States alone.

It was Wesley who opened the first Sunday school on record. From that beginning came 38,071 Methodist church schools in this country, registering 6,141,284 pupils, administered by more than half a million officers and teachers.

Wesley kept a journal which is one of the classics of English literature. He wrote letters by the hundreds, also books and

pamphlets. From this concern for the printed word has come an enterprise in the United States known as the Methodist Publishing House which in 1952 did a business of 15.5 million dollars.

When his followers found no place in which to worship, and he was forced to preach to them from the pitheads of mines and from the public greens of villages, Wesley opened "shelters" for the spiritual housing of his followers. The so-called "chapels" of the Methodists had begun to dot the English landscape before their founder died in 1791. Today there are nearly 55,000 Methodist churches in America alone with a total valuation pressing two billion dollars.

The Gospel in 127 Languages

Wesley was a missionary, whether to the colony of Georgia, or the slums of London, or the hills of Wales, or Ireland. The American Methodist Church today maintains 1,275 missionaries abroad, with churches in forty countries and the gospel being preached in 127 languages.

These are some of the examples of the heritage of Wesley.

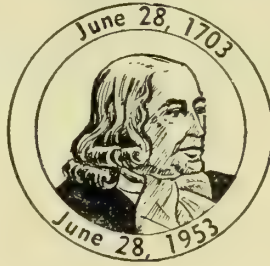
John Benjamin Wesley was born on June 28, 1703, in the rectory of Epworth, Lincolnshire, the fifteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. Both the parents were gifted people and highly trained among their contemporaries. Samuel Wesley was a poet and writer, Oxford graduate, unimaginative and plodding as a pastor, frequently the object of violence among his parishioners, loving as a father, but inclined to poverty and debt. When he was two years old, young John watched his father led away to debtor's prison for a time.

Susanna Wesley, sometimes called "the mother of Methodism," was a striking beauty and one who in her teens was well known for her knowledge of Latin, Greek and French and her discussions of theology. Both Samuel and Susanna were children of rectories of the Church of England. Susanna maintained a strict regimen for her children, taught them their first lessons when they reached the age of five, and served them as wise counselor throughout their years. It was she who sent her son to Georgia with her blessing, "If I had twenty sons I should rejoice that they were all so employed, though I never saw them more."

Lessons at Mother's Knee

Young John learned his alphabet and how to read a short prayer on his fifth birthday at his mother's knee. When he was six, the thatched roof of the rectory caught fire one night and threatened to engulf the entire house. The Wesleys escaped, all except John who was asleep in the attic. Finally awakened by the smoke, he clambered to a window sill and screamed for help. Two neighbor gentlemen, mounted one upon the back of the other, climbed the wall of the house and brought the youngster down to safety just as the roof crashed in.

When he was ten years old, young John received a scholarship, arranged by his father through influential friends, to the Charterhouse School in London. This fine old Latin school, the alma mater of such figures as the journalists Addison and



Steele, was John Wesley's home for the next half dozen years. He took part with increasing prestige in its academic life, he ran errands as a first-term flunky, he gained a reputation as a Latin versifier, he paced the courtyard three times around every evening to tighten his muscles, and in 1720 was ready for Oxford.

A meager scholarship and a pittance from home helped him through the next few years. He made a record at Christ Church College, Oxford, sufficient to earn him a teaching appointment at the conclusion of his studies. Instead, he determined to follow his father and grandfathers into the church. He was ordained a deacon in the Church of England at the age of 22, and for his first appointment went to help his father at an outlying church in the Epworth parish, the village of Wroote. He was not much more effective as a parson than his father had been, and within a short time was back at Oxford to take up his teaching appointment.

The Holy Club at Oxford

When he returned to Oxford at this time he found his brother Charles and a group of friends engaged in a unique religious experiment which he promptly joined. This was the first Oxford movement within the Church of England. By faithful adherence to the duties of the church, by intimate fellowship among themselves, and by social services among the prisoners and the sick, these young men were trying to find their place in life. They were variously received by the Oxford community. Some saw in them the hope of revival of religion in England. Others abused them unmercifully as regimented busy-bodies. They were called scornfully the "Holy Club," or "Sacramentarians" because they observed so steadfastly the practices of the church, "Bible Moths" because they would read only the Greek Testament, then finally "Methodists" because of the disciplined, methodical routine of their lives. The last name was, as the years were to show, the one that stuck.

England was in an age of crisis. The roots of the industrial revolution were being sunk. The disparities between wealth and poverty were shocking. Jails were full. Debt was inescapable and a penal offense. The Holy Club at Oxford began to take more and more interest in the injustices of English society, and young Wesley's—both young Wesleys'—attention turned to a man in the commonwealth who was attempting to do something about the debt and misery. He was General James Oglethorpe who had combined a passion for the empire with a conscience for the debt-ridden and had pioneered the plan of the Georgia colony for debtors in North America.

In 1735, after a frightening voyage, both Charles and John Wesley were in Georgia with Oglethorpe to take part in the noble experiment. It was not successful. Charles fell ill and returned to England. John preached vociferously but without avail, both to the settlers and the Indians, did open the first Sunday school on record in Savannah, fell deeply but tragically in love, and went home the next year. "I went to America to convert the Indians," he wrote, "but I find that I myself am not converted."

Influences Leading to Aldersgate

In the year 1738 the real Wesley found himself. Helping to fashion this new Wesley were his mother, always an intimate counselor, the old colleagues of the Holy Club at Oxford, the writings of Jeremy Taylor and William Law, the pious Moravians from Germany who crossed the Atlantic on the same ship with him and were able to stand valiantly against all

storms when all the rest were sunk in fear, and George Whitefield, the evangelist.

On May 24, 1738, he attended services one evening in St. Paul's cathedral, London, the great-domed basilica in the heart of the city. He left and wandered up the streets of the city's famed financial district. In Aldersgate Street a society of Christians was meeting. He wandered in and listened. The reading was from Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. Suddenly, "about a quarter before nine," as Wesley wrote later, "while he was describing the change which God works through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

This was the real birthday of John Wesley. He plunged immediately into passionate preaching. Churches found his message "too enthusiastic," and closed their doors to him. He followed Whitefield into the fields and village green and into the factories and mines. He went to Germany to learn more about his Moravian brothers. To Birmingham and Newcastle and Wales and Cornwall and Ireland. To the slums of London.

Opposition from the Leaders

A short little man, with simple black coat, and hair that was silken white for most of his adult years, he drew the crowds around him. Sometimes they came as mobs to challenge him. Always he escaped unscathed, sometimes in the protection of the very ringleaders who had come to persecute him. Once a ruffian appeared with his pockets full of rotten eggs to use in heckling the little preacher. A friendly follower saw the man, embraced him mightily, smashed the eggs in his pockets, and Wesley wrote with glee in his Journal, "In an instant he was perfumed all over, though it was not so sweet as balsam."

The lords and ladies found the Wesleys

and their Methodists a nuisance. The preaching scorned their airs and aroused the masses against them. They sought the law to hinder Wesley. They formed gangs of dandy bullies. Once, upon the yards at Bath, where superficial England went to play and soak in lazy waters, the haughty lords met Wesley face to face. A little woman in the crowd piped up: "You take care of your bodies, we take care of our souls, and for the food of our souls we come here." The dandies dropped their eyes and went away.

The times were rough. Sixty times he faced the mobs and looked them in the eye. Wesley bore a scar upon his brow throughout his lifetime, made by a heckler's stone. But he kept on going, over 200,000 miles in fifty years, bringing religion back to the people whom the church had forgotten.

Historians have claimed that Wesley saved England from the violent revolutions that swept other nations of the world. Woodrow Wilson once said of him, "The church was dead and Wesley awakened it; the poor were neglected and Wesley sought them out; the gospel was shrunk into formulas and Wesley flung it fresh upon the air once more in the speech of common men."

One biographer of Wesley was forced to state: "No man lived nearer the center than John Wesley, neither Clive nor Pitt, neither Mansfield nor Johnson. You cannot cut him out of our national life. No single figure influenced so many minds, no single voice touched so many hearts. No man did such a life's work for England."

He finished a translation of the New Testament in 1754; its scholarship is still recognized today. He opened small work projects for destitute parishioners, provided them wool for spinning and knitting and a steady income. He gave away thousands of dollars from his books' earnings in simple relief. Pioneered a revolving loan fund for foundering businesses and the debtors. Opened the first dispen-

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John Wesley, who preached 40,000 sermons indoors and outdoors in the British Isles between 1727 and 1791, is shown addressing a congregation in a double-decked house.

Methodists Have Well-Rounded Program; Church at Lawndale Grows; Giving Drops

METHODISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA CARRY ON MANY ACTIVITIES (Pictures no front cover)

To try to give a comprehensive account of what North Carolina Methodists do within a week would fill volumes. However, on our front cover page this week we have attempted to group five pictures that came to our office within a few days from various parts of the state that tell a story of at least what some Methodists are doing. We believe the five pictures are typical of the varied and far-reaching program of hundreds of our churches.

At the top left is a group of boys and girls received into the membership of First church, Henderson, along with the pastor, Dr. Allen P. Brantley. Hundreds of groups like this have joined our churches within the past ninety days—leaders in tomorrow's church.

At the top right Pastor Milford V. Thumm presents Doyle Moore (right) a copy of the 1952 Methodist Discipline. Mr. Moore becomes the 300th member of Big Spring church, Charlotte, and is one of 42 persons to be received during the present Conference year. Mr. Moore joined the church as a result of the United Evangelistic Mission. North Carolina Methodist churches have already received more members this year than they have during any similar period in the history of North Carolina Methodism.

In the center picture Pastor J. W. Braxton stands by the new Jeep donated recently by the congregation of First church, Elkin, to Dr. John RadhaKrishan for use in his missionary work in India. "The buying of the Jeep," writes Mr. Braxton, "has created more interest and enthusiasm among our people than anything we have undertaken recently. It prompted the church to give a tithe during March to pay for the Jeep, to raise \$1,000 for Dr. RadhaKrishan's salary, who is our missionary in India, and also to secure \$4,000 to liquidate the indebtedness on our parsonage, in addition to our regular operational fund. At the close of Easter Sunday we had received since March 8 the sum of \$9,500." Hundreds of our congregations are sharing in Advance Specials that reach out to the four corners of the earth.

Then at the bottom left is the fine-looking junior choir of Central church, Canton. This group sings every fourth Sunday evening and cooperates with the senior choir in singing on special occasions on Sunday mornings. Shown with this handsome group is Mrs. Thomas P. Rice, director, and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Rice (next to Mrs. Rice), accompanist. Groups like this bless many a Methodist service. They are our choirs of tomorrow—and better choirs they will be, too, because of the training they are receiving.

This panorama, of course, would be incomplete without a new church ready for the opening service. So at the bottom right is the lovely new Goshen church on the Faison charge which will be formally opened Sunday, June 21. A cornerstone laying service will be held at ten a.m. with the pastor, Rev. Richard Hoagland, in charge. Rev. A. L. Thompson of Wilmington, former pastor, will preach at eleven a.m. and a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds following the service. That afternoon the new electric organ will be dedicated by two former pastors, Revs. Dennis Kinlaw and J. W. Lineberger. And, of course, a special

invitation is extended to all former pastors, their families and all friends of the church.

North Carolina Methodists are busy in their churches and when you add up everything they are doing you get a very impressive picture.

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LAWNDALE METHODISTS WORSHIP IN NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Lawndale Methodists are proud of their lovely new church building which they opened several months ago. Built at a cost of over \$40,000 on a very valuable and attractive lot, the new structure has a sanctuary that seats 400, has an unusually fine lighting system and beautiful stained glass windows. The basement, which has not been fully completed, has a well equipped kitchen and other facilities.

The first church in Lawndale was organized in 1891 by a Methodist Protestant pastor when the population was only 200. Soon a building was erected and in 1893 a Methodist Episcopal church was organized. The Baptists organized a church in 1899. Both the Methodist Episcopal and the Baptist congregations used the Methodist Protestant church for their services. The church was later named the Lawndale Union Church. A union Sunday School, using interdenominational literature, was organized. All three denominations used the building on alternate Sundays for worship and many attended all services.

In 1942 the Methodist Protestants and the Methodist Episcopal merged and the Baptists continued to use the same building with a fine spirit among all groups. Both congregations decided to build. Plans were made for raising funds and in 1951 the Methodists purchased a lot which included a brick building for \$15,000. They converted the building into a Methodist Center and used it for various meetings.

Ground was broken for the new building in April 1952. An additional lot was purchased for \$2,000. The building was ready for use several months ago.



Lawndale Methodist Church

The enthusiastic congregation has been quite active under the leadership of its energetic pastor, Rev. M. C. Ellerbe. An active Methodist Youth Fellowship has a well-rounded program. The younger children are organized into a junior choir. The Woman's Society of Christian Service carries out a program that includes many local and world-wide interests. Last year the Methodist Men's Club assumed financial responsibility for a Malayan student at Wofford College. The church sponsors a scouting program. Prayer meeting is held regularly. Around 80% of the families hold family devotions. Church school enrollment is 302 with an average attendance of 177. Since the community now has two church buildings attendance is about double what it was when it only had one. Many Church School classes have projects. For example, the Adult class sponsors a girl in the Alexander School.

Lawndale Methodists, numbering around 250, have a right to be proud of their achievements. A lovely church building, a well-rounded program and many other signs testify to their devotion to their church.

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WORLD SERVICE GIVING TOTALS \$9,316,506

The Methodist Church gave \$9,316,506.37 for its World Service benevolences during the fiscal year ending May 31 and poured more than \$6,500,000 into its other general benevolence and administrative funds during the same period.

Figures just released by Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, general treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance, show that World Service receipts exceeded the 1951-'52 total of \$8,160,279.91 by 14.17 percent but fell \$343,493.63 short of the \$9,660,000 annual apportionment for the current quadrennium.

In making his final report for the fiscal year, Dr. Lugg expressed to all donors "the sincere gratitude of all entrusted with the responsibility of securing and administering the general funds of the church."

General Advance Fund receipts were \$3,550,698.89, a decrease of 14.89 percent in comparison to last year's receipts of \$4,171,801.72.

Bishop Harrell Leads Dedicatory Rites; High Point Enrolls 325; Lake Improvements

TERRELL CHARGE DEDICATES NEW CHURCH, PARSONAGE

Rehobeth church on the Terrell charge and the new seven-room parsonage were dedicated Sunday, June 7, by Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, assisted by Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District, and Rev. J. Max Brandon, Jr., pastor.

The church, which was begun in 1947 under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., was erected at a cost of \$33,000. In addition to the sanctuary, the building has an educational building with eight classrooms, kitchen, assembly room and other facilities. The first service was held in the new building in April 1951 and the church has been debt-free since February 1952. The building committee consisted of Thad Gabriel, chairman; Ralph Sigmon, Stewart Clark, John McGee, D. L. Wilkinson, Jim Howard, Mrs. Mae Howard, Miss Lucy Lee Gabriel and Mrs. Lucy Sherrill.

The parsonage, which is located near Rehobeth church, was built following the formation of the new Terrell charge at conference 1952 which consists of Bethany, Mount Pleasant and Rehobeth churches from the Rock Springs charge. The land was donated by Thad Gabriel and work was begun on the \$16,000 structure in November. The pastor and family have occupied the new building since February. Members of the building committee were: Ralph Sigmon, chairman; Stewart Clark, W. A. Sigmon, D. S. Howard, James Nelson Robinson and Elliott Sherrill.

Considered to be the oldest Methodist church in North Carolina west of the Catawba River, Rehobeth church dates back to 1789 when Daniel Asbury came to the section and held preaching services. In 1791 a simple log church building was erected. Francis Asbury is reported to have preached in the church.

A frame structure replaced the log building and served until it was destroyed by fire. In 1889 T. F. Connor deeded several acres of land where the church now stands. A one room building was completed in 1890 and was dedicated the following year. This building was used until it was replaced by the present structure.

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL OPENS

Enrollment has already exceeded 325, according to Dr. C. R. Hinshaw, dean of instruction at High Point College. Final enrollment will most likely be about 10% better than that of last summer. The distribution of students among the various courses is especially gratifying, states Dr. Hinshaw, showing that what has been offered is in the main what the students have wanted or needed.

As is usually the case, the summer school student body includes a large number of day students, some of whom drive many miles to meet their classes; but the dormitories are by no means deserted, and campus life goes on.

Summer school extends through two terms, the first ending July 17 and the second August 26. Full semester credits may be earned during these terms.

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ALLEN LISTS PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Extensive improvements at the Methodist Church's southeastern summer assembly grounds at Lake Junaluska are announced by Dr. H. G. Allen, superintendent.

In addition to a \$50,000 children's building now under construction, he said a new roof has been added to the lakeside auditorium, which seats 2,500, and a new

apartment building comprising 10 house-keeping units is ready for use. Two other apartment buildings, totaling 40 family units, were built within the last three years.

The two principal hotels on the grounds, Lambuth Inn and the Terrace Hotel, have been renovated, Dr. Allen said, including a new heating and sprinkler system at Lambuth.

Several new streets for summer cottages and permanent residences have been laid out. Additional space for the parking of automobiles has also been provided near the main auditorium and other buildings.

The Ivey Observation Park, a new scenic point, has been completed near the outlet of Lake Junaluska so that visitors may see the waterfall. The park is a gift of J. B. Ivey, merchant and active Methodist layman of Charlotte, N. C., who sponsors the assembly's playground for children.

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PHILADELPHIA MEET TO HAVE A WESLEY, TOO

Because his name is Wesley, a Corbin, Ky., minister has been awarded a free trip to Philadelphia June 26-28 to attend the world-wide Methodist convocation on evangelism.

Rev. Ralph G. Wesley, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Corbin, will go as a special delegate of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

The convocation will commemorate the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley, British founder of Methodism. He had no children, but Rev. Ralph Wesley's lineage goes back to England.

In its search for Wesleys the church board found five ministers with that surname on Methodist rolls. However, three are retired and the fourth is not yet ordained.

More than 5,000 ministerial and lay delegates across the country, as well as churchmen from abroad, will attend the meeting. Methodists of the Philadelphia area are expected to swell the crowd to 65,000 for an outdoor mass rally.



Rehobeth Church and parsonage
on the Terrell Charge
Dedicated Sunday, June 7

Day of Prayer Called For; Sunday, June 28, Is Lake Junaluska Day

BOARD OF EVANGELISM SETS DAY OF PRAYER JUNE 21

A call to make Sunday, June 21, a Day of Prayer in the 40,000 churches of American Methodism has been issued by the church's Board of Evangelism. The action was taken at a meeting of the board's executive committee in Chicago June 5.

The Day of Prayer will be a period of spiritual preparation for the World Convocation on Evangelism to be held in Philadelphia June 26-28, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Churches are urged to offer prayers that the convocation in Philadelphia "may light spiritual fires that will change the currents of human history."

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CHURCHES TO EMPHASIZE LAKE JUNALUSKA'S ROLE JUNE 28

"We build not for ourselves but for God; not for today but for God's tomorrow."

This is the theme of the first Greater Junaluska Development Campaign, and it is to be the keynote of an address by Dr. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit when he speaks to Methodists from nine southeastern states at Junaluska on Sunday, June 28.

The Junaluska "birthday party" will coincide with a Fortieth Anniversary Gift Offering for Junaluska in more than 5,000 local churches. All Methodists in the southeast are invited to the Junaluska "party."

Officials recalled the first Junaluska conference in June, 1913 when Methodists subscribed more than \$150,000 for the Church's missionary program.

According to Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary, Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, every gift will accomplish a threefold purpose.

"It will pay a long overdue debt of gratitude; it will fulfill the dreams of Junaluska's founders; it will be a gilt-edged investment in the future."

Mr. Sells said Junaluska has continued to inspire material and spiritual gifts as thousands of Methodists visit the lake and grounds of the summer program headquarters each year.

"For the first time in forty years all local churches in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are being asked to endorse this long overdue program of improvement."

The 40th anniversary gift offerings of churches and individuals will be used to provide additional housing and recreational equipment, and for improvements to buildings and new facilities related to the Church's summer program of religious education and leadership training. At least one building will be equipped for year-round use.

First phase of the campaign was a recent series of district dinners at which \$550,166 was pledged. Of this amount, \$429,207 has already been received and some improvements made.

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METHODIST HISTORICAL MARKERS

The Historical Societies of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences are working jointly in the publication of a brochure giving the picture, location, and description of places of historical interest, and markers that have been set up to identify these places. The

Societies are interested both in the markers erected by the State, like those at Greensboro and old Trinity colleges, and markers erected by the church, like the Killian marker at Asheville. Committees have been appointed by both societies to gather material and publish the brochure. The committee from the North Carolina Conference is C. D. Barclift and Forrest Hedden. E. P. Billups, Raymond Smith, and L. B. Hayes compose the committee from the Western Conference.

Churches or individuals wishing to have markers or places of historical interest included in this brochure, please send photograph and data for description to the Committee chairman. Dr. C. D. Barclift, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, is the chairman for the North Carolina Conference. Dr. E. P. Billups, Leaksville, is the chairman for the Western North Carolina Conference. The publication deadline is July 15, so the material should be in the hands of the committee by July 1. These brochures will be distributed at

the meetings of the Historical Societies of the two Conferences.

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NEW BERN METHODISTS BEGIN NEW CHURCH

A congregation of 25 interested and enthusiastic Methodists attended the first service Sunday morning, June 6, of a new church to be organized in the fast growing section of West New Bern, and to be known as the Trent Park Methodist Church. Until permanent quarters can be secured, the services will be held temporarily, through the courtesy of Stallings Brothers, in their new building, the Neuse Manor, in Trent Park. Rev. Bernard G. Petty, local preacher and son of Rev. D. A. Petty of Erwin, has been assigned as pastor of this new group, by the authority of Bishop Garber. Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., of Westminster church in Kinston, preached the first sermon and presented the new pastor. The young congregation has several sites under consideration for the location of the new church, and hopes to have some plans for building definitely formulated before the next Annual Conference.

A Father's TEN COMMANDMENTS For Good Citizenship

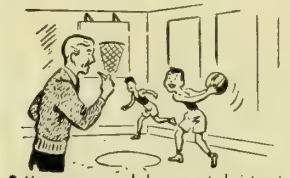
MAY 21 TO FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21, 1953 IS FATHER-CHILD MONTH, DEDICATED TO CLOSER FATHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS. PURPOSE: TO SHAPE A HARMONIOUS CITIZENRY THRU A CHILD'S APPRECIATION OF FAIR PLAY AND THE GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICY.



1. A wise father stresses self-respect, above all.



6. He encourages independence and self-reliance.



2. He encourages wholesome outside interests.



7. He stresses the equal rights of all peoples.



3. He instills in his child understanding of other people's beliefs.



8. He teaches good sportsmanship, regardless of the outcome.



4. He participates in school and club activities.



9. He guides his child's spiritual growth.



5. He teaches his child obedience of his country's laws and ideals.



10. He sets an example of responsible citizenship by active interest in civic efforts.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

DR. C. EXCELLE ROZZELLE, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, on Sunday, June 7, dedicated a house which Hiatt's church, Winston-Salem, purchased two years ago for educational purposes.

MISS LUCILLE DUNCAN, a native of West Virginia, is the new director of Christian education at Dilworth church, Charlotte. Miss Duncan comes to her new position from Trinity church, Asheville, where she served in the same capacity.

REV. CHARLES REICHARD of Kannapolis is the visiting preacher in evangelistic services this week at Palm Tree church on the Fallston charge. Mr. Reichard was a member of Palm Tree church before entering the ministry.

REV. AND MRS. JACK COOKE of Charlotte announce the birth of their second son, Charles William, on June 7 at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. Mrs. Cooke is the former Willa Cauble of Salisbury. Mr. Cooke is pastor of Pleasant Grove church, Charlotte.

THE PLEASANT GROVE camp meeting near Mineral Spring will be held this year August 9-16, with Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism, as speaker. J. Clyde White of Charlotte will be song leader and Mrs. J. A. Walker of Lancaster, S. C., will be pianist.

SWANNANOVA METHODIST CHURCH has received 26 new members as a result of the United Evangelistic Mission. An outdoor bulletin board has recently been installed on the church lawn. Memorial gifts of brass candlesticks and pulpit hymnals have also been received. A brass cross for the Communion table has been given in honor of members of the church in the armed forces.

BIG SPRING CHURCH, Charlotte, on Sunday, June 21, will observe homecoming, Father's Day and Fourth Quarterly Conference Day with the district superintendent, Rev. Frank B. Jordan, bringing the message at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served on the church grounds and at two p.m. St. Paul's Baptist choir will present a program of music. New members will also be received during the day.

MAYSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH will observe homecoming Sunday, June 21. During the morning worship hour a service of dedication of the new sanctuary and organ will be held. Following this service a picnic lunch will be shared on the church grounds. Former pastors, members and friends of the Maysville church are cordially invited to attend and share in the program of the day.

THE GREENSBORO DISTRICT has reported \$183,000 in cash and pledges on its current United College Appeal campaign, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation which has sponsored the statewide college drive. At a checkup meeting held at West Market Street church, Greensboro, June 8, much optimism was expressed that the goal of \$250,000 would eventually be reached. Several churches are yet to make their reports. High Point held its campaign in 1951, raising \$100,000, which brings the total for the Greensboro District to \$383,000. The program is part of a statewide Methodist effort to raise \$2,500,000 for Brevard, Greensboro, High Point and Louisburg Colleges.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1953



HAYMOUNT CHURCH, Fayetteville, has received 128 new members during the present Conference year.

MISS CAROLYN DORN, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Dorn of Newberry, S. C., is the new director of Christian education at Edenton Street church, Raleigh, succeeding Miss Ann Westcott Woodall, who resigned to do further study.

THE CANDLER CAMP MEETING at Lake Junaluska will be held July 5-12. Preachers are: Dr. Howard P. Powell, Raleigh; and Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Washington, D. C. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., will conduct the Bible Hour each morning at 9:30 o'clock and Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., will lead the laymen's hour each evening at 4:30 o'clock. Dr. Ernest K. Emurian of Portsmouth, Va., will be the song leader.

MISS SARAH PUETT is the new director of youth work at Myers Park church, Charlotte, succeeding Miss Peg Hartsell who plans to do further study in Christian education. Miss Puett, a native of Dallas, graduated from Brevard College, Greensboro College and has had a year of graduate study at Emory University. For the past two years she has been director of Christian education at Trinity church, Durham. Engaged in youth camps in the North Carolina Conference during the summer, Miss Puett will assume her new duties September 1.

GARLAND METHODIST MEN'S CLUB recently received its charter with H. H. Hodgin, lay leader of the Wilmington District, bringing the message and making the presentation at a charter night program arranged by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Goodwin. Officers of the new organization are: president, McRae Warren; vice president, J. R. Bullard, Jr.; secretary, Thomas Johnson; treasurer, Edwin Peterson; publicity, Freeman Marshburn; program chairman, L. F. Bullard; projects, Ed Smith. The group, which meets bi-monthly, includes all churches on the charge.

CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH, Lumberton, since the beginning of the Conference year, has received 124 new members, 75 of whom came as a result of the United Evangelistic Mission. This brings the total membership to 840. "Since we arrived here last November," writes the pastor, Rev. W. R. Stevens, "there has been a constant expression of love and loyalty to the church and its parsonage family. Among the many expressions have been an old-fashioned pounding and complete renovation of the parsonage along with new furniture. We are most fortunate in finding a well organized membership with a keen sense of devotional duty to the church and Kingdom. The success of the U.E.M. has been due to prayer, planning, devotion and hard work of many individuals and committees working together at the job."

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, Church School so far this year has 108 with perfect attendance. Of this number, 34 are in the children's division; 20 in the youth division; and 33 in the adult division; 21 are general officers and teachers.

NEWLYN STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, held its last service in the old building Sunday, June 14. The contract for the sanctuary has been given to W. F. Allred, a charter member of the church. The congregation made a special offering for the building fund on the altar of the old church.

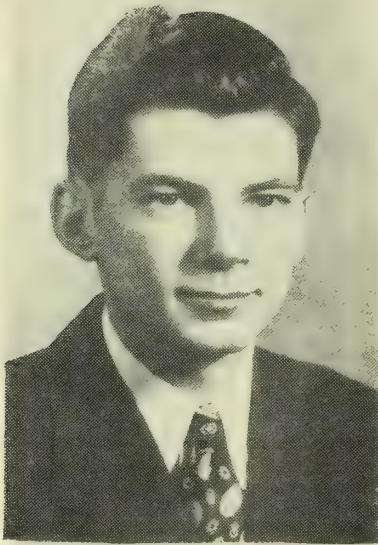
CONCORD CHURCH on the Concord-Marys Grove charge has recently received three fitting gifts. The young people presented an outdoor bulletin board; one of the loyal families presented a set of flags; and the members gave a baptismal font to match the pulpit furniture. W. W. Weaver, trustee, made the acceptance speech. Rev. R. W. Blanchard is pastor.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, is launching a campaign for \$216,000, \$200,000 of which will be used to build an addition to the Snyder Educational Building and \$16,000 to complete payment on the youth center. The new building will provide sixteen class rooms and a large assembly hall to help take care of a Church School which has grown from 578 since 1938 when the Snyder building was opened to 1,744 today. J. Luther Snyder has pledged \$60,000 on the new project.

DR. W. D. WEATHERFORD, noted professor, lecturer and author, is giving a series of thirteen lectures this summer each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the Black Mountain Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club of the church, the series deals with some of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. The speaker has taught at Weatherford College, Texas, was president of the YMCA Graduate School in Nashville, Tenn., from 1919-1936 and was head of the Department of Religion and Humanities at Fisk University from 1936-46.

BISHOP W. W. PEELE of Laurinburg will speak at Homecoming Day services at the Carthage Methodist Church, Sunday, June 21. The service will be an observance of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, and Bishop Peele will bring a message appropriate for the occasion. All friends and former pastors of the church are cordially invited. The Carthage charge has received 36 new members this year, has held three Vacation Church Schools, and will have two more evangelistic meetings. The three churches—Carthage, Center and Cameron—have each had three Jurisdictional study classes.

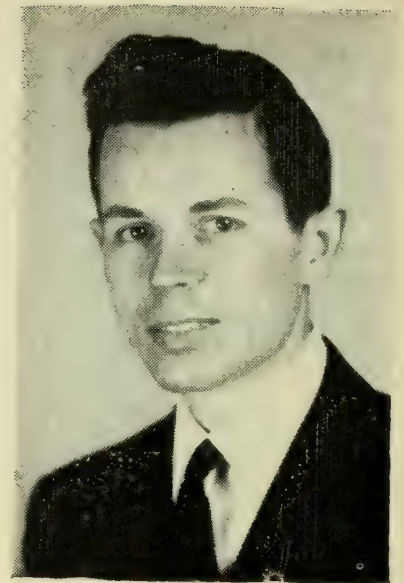
MT. CARMEL CHURCH near Winston-Salem will have homecoming and Memorial Day Sunday, June 21. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Ridge, will preach at the eleven o'clock service and Rev. Byron Nifong, former pastor, will be the afternoon speaker. Picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 p.m. Former pastors and friends are invited. Mt. Carmel Church School now has an enrollment of 410. Seventeen persons were received into the church following the United Evangelistic Mission. The Vacation Church School enrolled 138, with 115 receiving certificates of perfect attendance. Chimes have recently been installed in the church.



Gilreath Adams



Miss Ethel Martin



R. Delbert Byrum

ASSEMBLY SEASON AT JUNALUSKA

Our young people have been holding their assemblies at Junaluska for more than 25 years. The instruction, inspiration and fellowship of these occasions mean much to our youth work. Miss Marion Craig, the deans, head counselors, district directors, and youth officers have been working constantly since Christmas in preparation for the best possible program and leadership. In an effort to take all who wish to attend, an extra assembly has been scheduled. It is hoped that delegates will come from the large and small churches, from the country and from the city churches, from older youth groups and from the senior high school fellowship. With certain major program changes to be initiated in October, it is most important that every possible church be represented. Adult classes, commissions on education, and interested individuals should be requested to assist in selecting and sending choice young people.

OLDER YOUTH AND ADULT COUNSELORS

Junaluska, June 18-21

The ranks of older youth are constantly thinning with military service, jobs, mat-

rimony, and other interests. In an effort to minister more effectively to this group, a short, week-end assembly has been planned by and for this particular age group. A distinctive feature of this assembly is provision for 25 or more adult counselors to attend. Any counselor or teacher of youth would receive excellent training in this assembly. There is no limit to the number of older youth who may enroll from a church. R. Delbert Byrum is the Dean and Mrs. Byrum is the head counselor.

FIRST AND SECOND SENIOR ASSEMBLIES

June 22-27 and June 29-July 4

For a number of years, we have had to return registration cards because of inadequate rooming facilities. In order to meet the interest and needs of seniors better, two assemblies are scheduled for this year. President Robert H. Stamey of Brevard College and Gilreath G. Adams will serve as deans. Miss Ethel Martin, Centenary, Winston, and Mrs. Delbert Byrum will be the head counselors. Many other persons who love and work regularly with young people will be associated with them. It is hoped that every young

person who wishes to attend can be accepted for one or the other of these assemblies. The interest and leadership of the minister and adult leaders of youth will be needed in selecting and sending choice delegates who will become real leaders of youth.

JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH WORKSHOP

July 22-29

Conference and district officers and a limited number of adult counselors will be expected to attend from the conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The quota for W.N.C. Conference is sixteen young people and four adults. Miss Marion Craig is registrar for the conference.

YOUNG ADULTS, CAMP TEKOA

July 3-5

Provision has been made for eighty young adults to have three full days of inspiration, instruction and fellowship at Camp Tekoa. Julian Lindsey, Hawley Lynn, and Archie Acey are the leaders for this occasion.

Send advance registrations to Carl H. King, Box 828, Salisbury, N.C.



Western North Carolina Assembly group, Lake Junaluska

Durham District Group Meets; Sub-Districts Meet; Local Societies Report

YEAR ROUND GARDEN

Because of the numerous requests for the quotation, "Year Round Garden," which was used by Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, in some of her talks before WSCS groups this spring, we are sharing this pertinent quotation with the readers of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Page:

1. Plant five rows of peas—presence, promptness, preparation, perseverance, and purity. 2. Plant three rows of squash—squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference. 3. Then sow five rows of lettuce—let us be faithful to duty, let us be unselfish, and loyal, let us be true to our obligations, let us obey rules and regulations, let us love one another. 4. No garden is complete without turnips—turn up for meetings, turn up with a smile, turn up with new ideas, turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worth while.

DURHAM DISTRICT MEETS

The Durham District WSCS, meeting at Long Memorial Methodist Church, Roxboro, on May 12, featured a message, "What One Woman Can Do," by Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, and an address, "Missions at Mid-Century," by Mrs. N. P. Edens, conference secretary of missionary education and service.

The District Officers enacted a skit portraying the program of the various lines of work of the WSCS.

Officers for the new conference year were installed by Mrs. C. D. Barclift, conference recording secretary. These are: president, Mrs. Lucille Coburn; vice president, Mrs. J. O. Gunn, recording secretary, Mrs. J. H. Lanning; treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Borland; promotion secretary, Mrs. John R. Poe; missionary education and service, Mrs. C. A. Cates; CSR and LCA, Mrs. C. C. Wiggers; student work, Mrs. Frank Hanft; children's work, Mrs. Eugene Chesson; spiritual life, Mrs. Sudie Warren; literature and publications, Mrs. E. S. Draper; supplies, Mrs. Raymond Thompson; status of women, Miss Claire Harris; missionary personnel, Mrs. R. E. Crumpton. Mrs. J. E. Garlington was installed as new leader of the Person Subdistrict, along with the holdover subdistrict leaders.

A memorial service was conducted by

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Mrs. B. B. Slaughter. Mrs. Jack Cates was soloist.

An honorary life membership pin and certificate was presented to Mrs. A. H. Borland. Adult life memberships were presented to Mrs. J. I. Brooks, Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Wade, Mrs. Claudia Lee Davis, and a memorial certificate was given by the district for the late Mrs. S. S. Holt.

The opening devotional was conducted by Mrs. D. D. Traynham, and the afternoon worship was led by Rev. J. E. Garlington. Mrs. G. B. Robbins, district president, presided.

ELIZABETH CITY SUBDISTRICTS MEET

M. W. T.

An inspirational address by Mrs. M. B. Gillam, secretary spiritual life, Elizabeth City District WSCS; a talk by the district president, Mrs. N. L. Mixon; reports of presidents of local societies; and election of officers, were among the features of the program of the M.W.T. subdistrict, meeting at the Williamston Methodist Church last month. The M.W.T. Subdistrict is composed of the local societies of Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties.

Officers elected were Mrs. Abner Harrell, Columbia, chairman; Mrs. R. J. Hardison, Holly Spring, vice chairman; and Mrs. B. G. Campbell, Plymouth, secretary.

Mrs. Abner Harrell presided, and led the opening devotional.

Dare

Mrs. L. N. Mixon, District president, and Mrs. M. B. Gillam, District secretary of spiritual life, were the speakers for the Dare Subdistrict meeting, held at the Wanchese Methodist Church on May 22.

Among other features of the program were a skit on program planning, a memorial service, and presentation of life memberships to Lana Daniels, Mildred

Leslie Gallop, and Mrs. Evelyn Davis.

District officers present, in addition to Mrs. Mixon, and Mrs. Gillam, included Mrs. Wilford Wise, missionary education and service; Mrs. Arnold Daniels, children's work; and Mrs. Dallas Tillett, status of women. Mrs. James Davis, subdistrict leader, presided.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY WSCS

Observing the 26th anniversary of its woman's work, the WSCS of Wharton Trinity Methodist Church on the Washington Circuit heard Mrs. F. P. Brooks, New Bern District secretary of CSR and LCA, speak on the topic "Workers With the Master Gardener"; presented a program planning skit; installed new officers; presented several life memberships; and conducted a memorial service, led by Mrs. Josephus Leggett and Mrs. Robert Griffin.

The new officers include Mrs. D. Lester Latham, president; Mrs. Joe Hollard, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Orpha Davenport, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Dixon, Sr., promotion secretary. Circle leaders are Mrs. Robert Griffin, Mrs. Josephus Leggett and Mrs. Brown Boyd.

Baby life memberships were presented to Sara Louise Leggett, Stella Louise Cratch, Joseph Lane Griffin, Rebecca Claire Matkins, and Thelma Louise Boyd. A junior life membership was presented to Gail Manning.

Mrs. Fred Allgood of the Asbury Methodist Church sang "The Saviour of the World." Rev. Carl Newton, pastor, pronounced the invocation. Mrs. Fred Matkins, presided.

SOCIETIES INSTALL OFFICERS

Marching into the sanctuary singing a hymn, and carrying lighted candles, the newly elected officers of the Stantonsburg WSCS gathered around the altar on May 25, for an installation service conducted by Mrs. W. J. Watson. The officers include Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, president; Mrs. J. N. Whitley, vice president; Mrs. W. L. Shelton, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. Clarence Peacock, treasurer; Mrs. G. C. Speight, secretary of promotion; Mrs. L. K. Edwards, spiritual life; Mrs. T. W. Batts, CSR and LCA; Mrs. J. T. Maides, youth work; Mrs. Dan Whitley, children's work; Mrs. E. Y. Wooten, literature and publications; Miss Claire Powell, supplies; Mrs. N. L. Holton, status of women; Mrs. L. F. Hales, missionary education and service, Mrs. J. J. Stanton, student work.

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Group attending the Durham District Meeting at Long Memorial Church, Roxboro

Rains Bless; 15 Churches Ring Bell; Graduates Plan Careers; Friends Write

THE RAINS CAME

The last of May and the early part of June brought us a lot of dry weather. We were all hoping that some rain would come to cause the growing crops to grow faster, better and more assuring. Well, the rains have come in not little portions but with terrific volume, and with the rain came the wind that blew down trees, and accompanied by such electric displays as to cause us to want to get in the house away from the doors and windows. No damage came to us here on The Children's Home campus. A great deal of value has come along with the downpour of rain.

GROWING STUFF

About half our small grain had been combined by the time the heavy wind and rain came. It is expected that most of the uncut grain can be salvaged, even though much of it has been blown down. The yield is very good. Our head farmer, Mr. Angell, tells us that the yield from one field of barley amounted to 82 bushels to the acre. Since the boys are now out of school, there is more assurance that the row crops will be freed of weeds and grass and that everything will be done to encourage good growth and a fine yield.

HEALTHY YOUNGSTERS

We have been celebrating over the fact that our family is well. Not over four or five youngsters have been in the infirmary on any day within the last couple of months. It is true that some of the younger boys have had broken arms because of having gone too far out on a limb in trying to reach some cherries that looked mighty good.

THE JOY BELL

Mrs. Marion Case Havener writes: "Enclosed is a money order for \$92 covering in full The Children's Home askings from Skyland Methodist Church. We hope to be able to do more for The Children's Home in the near future. But at present we are trying to pay off a parsonage debt, which cuts our finances quite a bit."

Our Skyland friends are sky high in our estimation. Others who have rung the joy bell are herewith listed: Harmony circuit (three congregations), H. M. Wellman; East Flat Rock circuit (three congregations), T. H. Wood; Leaksville, E. P. Billups; First Church, Belmont, C. B. Ross; Franklin circuit (six congregations), J. D. Pyatt; Skyland, F. D. Salmon.

YOUNG WILSON

The young man whose picture is herewith presented is a new comer from the high area in the southwestern part of the State. He and a younger sister have become acclimated to our way of living and are proving to be good little citizens here. The lad's name is Donald Wilson and he is sponsored by the Wesley Fellowship Class of Park Street, Belmont, Ross W. Dellinger begin the correspondent.

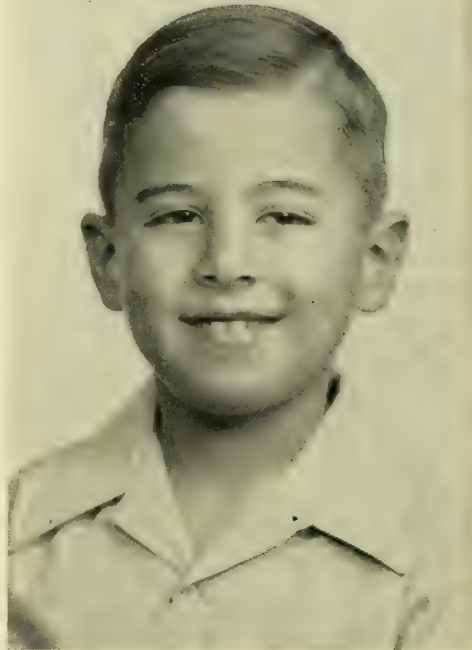
TWENTY YOUNG HOPEFULS

Our senior class, composed of seven boys and thirteen girls, have graduated or are in the process of graduating, and are busily engaged in the vocations they have committed themselves to. Most of these youngsters have accepted positions of good remuneration. Only a few, three at most, are apparently headed for further academic training in colleges. At a later

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Don's Hero Is a Preacher

date it will be our purpose to present the pictures of our twenty hopefuls. Added to those graduating here with us are five promising youngsters who secured most of their high school training here but returned to relatives before finishing their high school educational courses.

HAROLD'S FRIENDS

Twelve-year-old Harold is a real hillbilly. Before coming to The Children's Home Harold had grown up with an aged grandfather who, it is reported, encouraged the boy to not bother about going to school and learning to read and write, that he, the grandfather, had not bothered much about that sort of thing. When the welfare department took Harold into consideration he eventually came to The Children's Home. We have found the lad to be very interesting and very unpredictable. Recently Harold encouraged two other boys about his age to leave the Home one afternoon, going away without any shirts and with no clothes except the blue jeans they were wearing. As is usually the case, the boys were picked up next day by a patrolman who became very much interested in the boys, taking them to his home for supper, the first meal they had had in twenty-four hours, and picking up a deputy sheriff, brought the boys back to The Children's Home.

The big, handsome patrolman turned the three boys over to us while he and the deputy sheriff whispered in our ear that they had the hope we would not be too hard on the boys. We of course understood and were in position to consider the feel-

ing the boys had about wanting to be young Daniel Boones. However, the boys were informed that they would forfeit their honorarium payments for the month and Mr. Clary, our assistant superintendent, stated as he walked with the boys to their home here on the campus that they would not be permitted to go off the campus for a certain period of time. These two punishments, we later learned, were supplemented by Harold's school teacher and Harold's director in the dining room, making four punishments. When Harold knocked on the writer's door and was admitted he poured out his annoyance on this wise: "The patrolman said he was going to get me off easy, but instead you put something on me, Mr. Clary put something on me, Mrs. Byrd put something on me and my teacher told me I would have to write 500 times 'I must not run away,' and he said, 'Pop, I aint a goin' to do it!' and slammed the door as he went out."

Well, to one who understands the lad it did appear that he was being punished by too many of us. The boy wrote the lines 50 times after he had been encouraged to do it and was assured that he still had some friends here, however much they bungled up the matter of his reinstatement. Young hillbilly Harold will work hard for the fellow who impresses him as being fair and takes time to tell him about things.

TOP FLYING FRIENDS

Mr. T. W. Aldred, Children's Home representative in First Methodist Church, Charlotte, writes as follows: "Miss Whitson, Friend Edwards and each child represented the Home last Sunday with honor and great glory. Their stay was just too short and we didn't have a sufficient number of children to take care of the requests for one or more to entertain. Next time we will just move the Home over—lock, stock and barrel. Our goal for The Children's Home this year, as you know, is \$6,000. Unless something unforeseen develops we are going over the top with colors flying. We will cherish the memory of May's fifth Sunday and will look forward to history repeating in the not too distant future. So, on behalf of all the members of our Sunday School please accept our thanks for your co-operation and the grand job you are doing."

A GOOD FRIEND

Congressman Thurmond Chatham, a friend of long standing, writes: "I can't tell you how I've missed coming to your meetings, but my duties here have kept me so close that I have hardly had time to see my own family except in rare intervals in Winston-Salem and Elkin. I keep up with you and want to again congratulate you and our Conference on having you and Mrs. Woosley at the head of an institution which you have carried to such great heights. God bless you."

A FINE OPPORTUNITY

Thirteen-year-old Jerry has just come in to talk about the plans for this trip tomorrow morning to Camp Sequoyah, eight miles out from Weaverville. Mr. C. Walton Johnson, owner and director of this camp, is providing for five boys, one each in five North Carolina child caring institutions, to have two weeks experience and training in his fine camp, rating, I am informed, as one of the best in all the country. The charges for this camp amount to \$58 per week. Jerry will get two weeks of fine fellowship in this camp as a gift to him from Mr. Johnson, who Dr. E. H. Blackard writes is tops in what he had to offer young boys.

How Do Christians Practice Liberty?

By Charles M. Laymon

Galatians 5:13-15, 22, 23

Freedom is dearly bought, painfully preserved, and easily lost. It is misunderstood both by its friends and its enemies. The recent address of Clement Atlee before Parliament in which he decried the Constitution of the United States as an instrument of isolationism and spoke of it as limiting the freedom of the President is an illustration of a misunderstanding of freedom by one who loves it.

On the other hand, the refusal of witnesses to answer questions before congressional committees, claiming it to be their constitutional right to do so lest it incriminate them, is an abuse of freedom by those who are its enemies.

The temptation to misuse freedom is not modern exclusively. The Christians in the Galatian church were in danger of abusing the freedoms which they had discovered newly in Christ. Mistaking liberty for license, they were inclined to self-indulgence.

Paul warned them not to use their freedom "as an opportunity for the flesh." They were free to be loving, considerate and thoughtful, but not at liberty to be lustful, selfish and oppressive. This latter course would enslave them all over again, and so Paul wrote. "If you bite and devour one another, take heed that you are not consumed by one another."

Freedom out-of-bounds is like the sea without a shore. One could ride its waves for a lifetime and not arrive at a destination. For this reason we limit freedom in the interest of a lofty purpose and a high ideal. This is what Woodrow Wilson had in mind when he said "The history of liberty is a history of limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it."

The necessary limitations placed upon freedom, however, do not irritate the person possessed of a free spirit. Such a one controls his life from within. The honest man is not irked by the law against stealing and the safe driver does not keep looking in the rear-view mirror to see if the traffic officer is following.

It is the same in the Christian life. We determine how we shall live not by a code of rules but by the attitude and spirit of Jesus. And the free souls who live thus discover in themselves the fruit of the Spirit which Paul lists as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control (Galatians 5:22-23).—The Christian Advocate

A BIRTHDAY METHODISTS CAN'T FORGET

(Continued from page five)

sary in London and another in Bristol. Was deeply interested in hygiene and health and wrote a book, called "Primitive Physick," which by 1828 had gone through 32 editions. Wesley even took a special fancy to Ben Franklin's experiments with electricity and wrote about and experimented with it, the most startling "fad" of his time.

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WHEN THEY BLOOM

All this morning in my garden
I have worked with seed and rake,
I have spent so many hours
That my back begins to ache.

But I shut my eyes and see it—
What a thrifty flower bed
I can almost smell the sweetness
Of my flowers, blue and red.

All my work will seem as nothing
When the pinks and pansies bloom,
And I pick some fragrant blossoms
For the case in Mother's room.

—The Christian Advocate

N. C. CONFERENCE WOMAN'S PAGE

(Continued from page twelve)

Adult life memberships were presented to Mrs. W. H. Applewhite and Mrs. M. A. Tyson, and baby life memberships were presented to Eugene Stanley Yelverton, by his great grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Watson; and Katherine Boykin, by her great grandmother, Mrs. L. J. Overman.

Officers of the Wake Forest WSCS were installed at a recent Sunday evening worship service at the church. The installing officer was Mrs. M. W. Warren, conference secretary of children's work.

The newly installed officers are: president, Mrs. Grady Lyon; vice president, Mrs. J. W. Hollowell; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Timberlake, recording secretary, Mrs. L. D. Gill; promotion secretary, Mrs. Bruce Keith.

Mrs. Warren was presented an adult life membership pin and certificate.

WSG HAS MAY BREAKFAST

The Village Restaurant was the site for the May breakfast held by the Wesleyan

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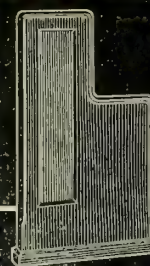
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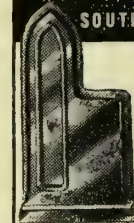
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

BRAVE LIKE PAUL

By Mrs. Walter L. Wright, Sr.

"Where are the umbrellas around here? That's what I want to know," said Richard as he rushed into the house Monday after school. His mother looked up from her sewing, "Umbrella?" she said, "what do you want with an umbrella on a cool, fair day like this?"

That old saying of, "it never rains but it pours" has come true and I need some way to get out of the deluge. Seems like Noah's flood come to town. Here I am having school work, Scout meeting, Scout camping over weekend, Track meet, and music, and now comes this long part to memorize for Mother's Day program at Sunday School. I need to be two people, or a Master Mind, or something. I don't know how I'll get this done on time."

"I'll tell you how," answered the lazy voice of Temptation, "you just forget all about that part for Sunday School; sleep late Sunday morn and say you didn't get back from Scout Camp in time."

"I'll do nothing of the kind. We only have Sunday School program twice a year. I'll not embarrass myself and my Teacher by not doing my best. Memorize your part is the rule and I'll find a way somehow. Say, Mom, if you'll jerk me up a sandwich right pronto I'll dash by my Teacher's house on my way to Scout meeting and let her help me. She has offered to anytime and somehow I memorize extra fast when she helps me." Richard did stop by and in just twenty-five little minutes he knew his lengthy part perfectly and was off to Scout meet on time. Seems that nothing sad would ever happen to a fine fellow like that, but something tragic did happen to Richard. His dearly loved pet dog was killed by an automobile. He and other members of his family spent very unhappy hours during the night. Next morn was Mother's Day and Richard's mama comforted him as best she could and helped him off to Sunday School. He arrived in class room just three minutes before time to go on program. He was weeping great BIG tears. Something Teacher had not seen him do during the two years he had been her pupil. "What is the matter Richard?" she asked in alarm? Through his sobbing Richard told about his dog's death.

"Oh, we are so sorry; let's remember, though, how very brave Paul was. Even though he was imprisoned, beaten and stoned and even shipwrecked and snake bitten he wouldn't let anything stop him from carrying on his work for Jesus." Richard dried his eyes quickly and took his place on the program. His face was very red, and one could hear tears in his voice but he didn't skip one word of prayer or story he told of a mother. At the close of program his Teacher said, "Our class chose to tell of brave mothers on this, their day; now I must tell you of the bravest boy I know of, Richard's dog was killed and of course his heart is almost breaking but he said the program must go on; I don't believe Paul, himself, was ever braver during his many trials. Richard is a son who is honoring his father and his mother today."—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Our Readers Say . . .

MEANINGFUL PASTORAL VISITING

Dear Editor:

I read with deep interest your editorial in this week's issue about pastoral visitation. A minister of a church is not a true pastor if he is not a shepherd, and by observation is that while they may have a pretty good "batting average" in visits, there is not the QUALITY.

Weaverville A. D. Closson

ONE SUNDAY FOR OURSELVES

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for the very excellent editorial "Give The Preachers Time to Visit The People." It is the best on that subject that I have read in a long time. There are so many demands on the ministers that something must be left out. But certainly it shouldn't be pastoral visitation or preaching. For example, I attended the Convocation last week and the pile of mail on my desk on return was terrific—most of it unessential, but all to be read and considered. At one of our District meetings one minister suggested publicly we memorialize the General Conference for one Sunday in the year just to preach on anything we like with no special offering.

Mount Airy A. C. Waggoner

TOO OLD FASHIONED?

Dear Editor:

I have been tempted for some time to write something to the church organ that I have been a continuous subscriber to for nearly half a century but feared I would express myself in such a way that might be understood as griping or almost an attitude of contempt for those who lead us and for the more modern ways of our great church. Recent editorials in the Advocate have prompted me to express what I think is in the minds of many of our good people. I refer to the editorials on the Aldersgate meeting following our U. E. Mission, and that of giving the preacher time to visit.

In 1905 our pastor, the late Rev. Charles A. Wood, said that our church was in danger of "organizing all of the religion out of it." We have run the supply down right much, I believe. I told Bro. Walter W. Peele that we could not function as a board of religious education in our small church school because each one of our active workers belonged to so many boards and classes that we didn't have enough nights to go around. So great was the multiplicity of boards, circles, societies, etc., that the prayer meeting was abandoned by one disheartened pastor and when the board found it out about six months later they readily concurred and had one more night to go some other place.

Now, I don't know how to remedy this nerve-racking task of the preacher but I'm sure that our editor is right in saying that he should be something other than an administrator of boards and departments, regardless of the size of his church, and I would welcome the return of the day when the preacher would be "The Preacher in Charge" (P.C.) as he was fifty years ago. At present he is too nearly the repeater of messages passed down to him from jurisdictional conferences and set-up meetings, boards and commissions. Be these as spiritual as it is possible for them to be and composed of the best men and women of our church,

it is still impossible for them to be as close to the people of each town, village or circuit as the man who is supposed to visit his members, learn their individual problems, share their joys and sorrows and rub shoulders with them as they labor together in the Lord's vineyard. I may be going to seed and losing out in the program of our church, but I have attended so many institutes and training programs that I haven't had time to put into practice the things I have been taught by the experts. I believe when we get back to simplicity, take time to read the Bible and pray, listen to God speak to us and be filled with his love, a Methodism will be built up that will make old Satan tremble again, and will march abreast the other evangelistic branches of Christianity that are working to bring in the Kingdom of God on earth.

Let me urge all Methodists to read their Advocate and grow in Grace.

Ramseur Vaughn C. Marley

THANKS FRIENDS FOR REMEMBERING

Dear Editor:

I would like to say through the Advocate to my friends who have sent me cards of "get well," and assured me of their prayers for us, wife and I are back at our home near Shelby, N. C., Rt. 2.

We are feeling so much better than we were a few months ago. We expect to be here for the summer, returning to our Florida home by the time of cold weather. I was able to do some preaching while in Florida. And since coming back home near Shelby I preached at Bess Hoey Memorial Sunday, May 31, at Asbury homecoming near Lincolnton June 7, near High Point June 14 and will preach at Boger City June 21.

We wish to thank the ones who have thought of us so kindly and offered prayer for us. My heart seems to be in much better condition, but still I have to be careful. If while I am here I can be of help to any of my preacher brothers, I shall be glad to do so.

Please, one and all who know God, pray for us.

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Last Round

Alleghany Grayson—Cox's Chapel, 11	June 28
(Dedication of Church and parsonage)	
Sparta, 7:30	28
Ogburn Memorial, 7:30	30
East Bend—Stony Knoll, 7:30	July 1
Forsyth Stokes—Bethlehem, 7:30	2
Concord Sharon—Sharon, 7:30	3
Sedge Garden, 11	5
Mount Tabor, 11	19
Pine Grove—Bethel, 3:30	19
Mount Carmel, 7:30	19
Green Street, 7:30	21
Crews, 7:30	22
Hanes, 7:30	24
Cherry St.—Pine Grove, 11	26
Bunker Hill—Sandy Ridge, 3:30	26
Main St. Kernersville, 7:30	26
Smithtown—Mt. Pleasant, 7:30	28
Pilot Mountain, 7:30	29
Maple Springs, 7:30	31

August

St. Paul—Hanes Grove, 11	2
Elkin Ct.—Roaring River, 3:30	2
Jonesville, 7:30	2
Danbury—Bethesda, 7:30	7
Oak Grove, 11	9
Virginia Ct.—Hunters, 3:30	9
Salem, 7:30	9
Oak Summit, 7:30	11
Lewisville—Union, 7:30	12
New Hope, 7:30	14
Level Cross, 11	16
NEW HOPE CT. Blackwater, 3:30	16
Pinnacle—Pinnacle, 7:30	16
First Church—W.S., 7:30	17

Rural Hall, 7:30	19
Central Terrace, 7:30	21
Yadkinville, 11	23
Shoals—Whitakers, 4:00	23
West Forsyth—Elm Grove, 7:30	23
Union Ridge, 7:30	24
Stokesburg—Pine Hall, 7:30	25
Trinity (W.S.), 7:30	26
Morris Chapel, 11	30
Mt. Pleasant—Shiloh, 3:30	30
Marvin, 7:30	30
Burkhead, 7:30	31

September

Dobson, 6:30	1
Centenary, 7:30	2
Loves—Walkertown, 7:30	4
Franklin Heights, 11	6
SURRY CT.—Maple Grove, 3:30	6
Rockford St., 7:30	6
Mt. Airy Central, 7:30	7
Elkin First, 6:30	8
Ardmore, 7:30	9
Mt. Park Grassy Creek, 11	13

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Last Round

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Park Ave., 11	July 19
Concord, Ann St., 8	19
Forest Hill, 8	20
S. China Grove, Rock C., 8	21
Pfeiffer, Richfield, 8	22
Albemarle Ct., Pine Grove, 8	23
Albemarle, Main St., 8	24
Midland, Mill C., 11	26
Bethel, 8	26
Yadkin-Long St., Yadkin, 8	27
Granite Quarry, Bethel, 8	28
Mt. Pleasant, Friendship, 8	29
N. Kannapolis, 8	30
Concord Ct., Bogers, 8	31

August

Parkway, 11	2
Norwood Ct., Mt. Zion, 8	2
Mt. Mitchell, 11	9
Memorial, 8	9
Salisbury, Main St., 8	10
Concord, Kerr St., 8	11
Badin-N. London, Badin, 8	12
Concord, Central, 8	13
Albemarle, Central, 8	14
New L. Ct., Bethel, 11	16
Norwood, 8	16
Gold Hill, Liberty, 8	17
Spencer, 8	18
Mt. Olive, 8	19
Midway, 8	20
Trinity, 8	21
Stanfield, L. Grove, 11	23
Bethany, 8	23
Salem, 8	24
Albemarle, First St., 8	25
Tab-Friendship, Oak C., 8	26
Landis, Unity, 8	27
Jackson Park, 8	28
Woodleaf, Gays, 11	30
Rocky Ridge, 8	30

September

Salisbury, First, 8	2
Coburn Memorial, 8	3

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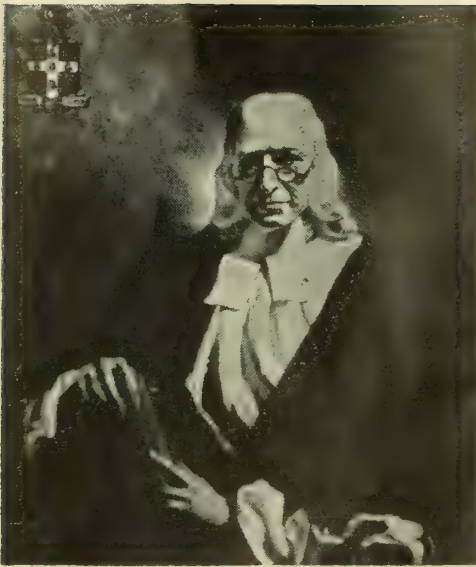
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Address: Christian Perfection—Rev. Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, Minister at Birmingham, England

July 3, 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Presiding
Address: The Priesthood of Believers—Dr. Dorothy Farrar, Vice-President of the British Conference

4:00 p.m.

Wesley Tea and Exhibit of Wesleyana, featuring Salisbury's portrait of Wesley, Methodist prints, first editions of Wesley's books, Wesley busts and statuettes, etc.

7:30 p.m.

Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Presiding
Address: Universal Atonement, Rev. Harold Roberts, Vice-President of the World Methodist Council, Richmond, England

July 4, 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Presiding
Address: To Reform the Continent—Dr. Jacob S. Payton, Correspondent of the **Christian Advocate**, Washington, D. C.
Address: Religion in the Making of America—Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, United States Director of Defense Mobilization, Washington, D. C.

7:30 p.m.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Presiding
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BOYS AND GIRLS AT THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE, RALEIGH, GROWING IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN



Pictured above: top left, part of the group ready to go to Vacation Church School at Edenton Street, Fairmont and Trinity churches; top right, nine of the twelve who went to the Louisburg Assemblies; lower left, morning devotions on steps of Page Cottage; lower right, all ages swim and play in the swimming pool. Story, page 12.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THE TENTH BEATITUDE

By A. D. Closson

Discovered: a new Beatitude! We have long been familiar with the nine with which Jesus introduced the Sermon on the Mount at the beginning of his ministry.

We again find the word "blessed," however, in something Christ said to his disciples at the close of his earthly ministry, thanks to the Revised Standard Version. It was in the "upper room," the night before his trial and crucifixion, and supper being ended, he took a towel and a basin of water, and washed his disciples' feet. Answering his own question "Do you know what I have done to you?" he finished with words that have become for believers everywhere another sublime beatitude. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:17.

For three and a half years, Christ had taken upon himself the form of a servant in an unstinted healing and teaching ministry to the thankful and to the unthankful, and now in washing their feet he gives to his disciples a striking demonstration of the spirit in which they are to serve as his ambassadors.

But the words "these things" are in the plural, indicating that something more than service would be necessary if this beatitude was to be true of them and of every other professed follower of the lowly Nazarene down through the centuries. We are to acknowledge him as Lord and Teacher (verse 13), and we are to remember always that a servant is not greater than his master (verse 16).

Twice in the beatitude Christ inserted the little word "if." Only the verse as a whole constitutes a recipe of happiness for the Christian. As in every recipe, this one, too, contains ingredients which must be compounded: love, knowledge, gratitude, obedience, humility.

The dictionary defines a beatitude as "supreme blessedness." Is this tenth one a reality to us in life and experience?

FORGETTING GOD IN THE SUMMER TIME

I forgot my Lord in the summer time,
Just the time I was needed most.
I was not away, but on each Lord's day
I failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summer time,
As I lazily lay in my bed,
While the faithful few had my work to do,
And I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my pledge in the summer time
When he needed it most of all.
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,
Just off duty for God till fall.

If my Lord should come in summer time,
When from duty to God I'm free,
I wonder what I should do when my life is thru,
If by chance, He should forget me?
—J. E. Harvey in Charity and Children

RIGHT THINKING

The world is governed much more by opinion than by laws. It is not the judgment of courts, but the moral judgment of individuals and masses of men which is the chief wall of defense around property and life. With the progress of society, this power of opinion is taking the place of wars.
—Channing

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

SAFEGUARDS

If my article today concerned the safeguarding of our possessions, you might be interested in what I have to say. We all hate to lose things. We lock our cars when we park them. We put our valued papers in safety-vaults. Insurance has become one of our biggest businesses.

If I mentioned safeguarding of our health, the interest would be even greater. There is no other subject about which people are so eager to hear. It is good to see the growing interest in safety campaigns throughout the country.

And when we turn to the national scene, we see that security is our biggest concern. The billions we spend for national safety dwarf all other items in our budget.

Let us be realistic enough to admit that we do have a concern for our own security. We want to be saved from disasters and dictators and communists and disease, from the evils other men may do to us and from the consequences of our own evil deeds.

But let us beware lest we defeat ourselves by this defensive attitude. We tend to become seekers of security rather than creators of confidence. America was founded by those who sought liberty rather than security. We are in danger of losing the pioneer spirit in our emphasis on safety and protection. The job applicant who asks first about the company's pension system is not a very promising employee.

We must not minimize the dangers. The moral foundations of our free country are at stake. But let us not weaken ourselves by a spirit of defeatism and timidity. America is not rotten to the core. I believe the heart of our country is not only sound but profoundly stirred.

Who knows what new spiritual strength we may develop with God's help from our current moral disasters? Several years ago Dr. Halford Luccock wrote an article on "Hope for Cast-offs." He pointed out how baseball teams can rise from the cellar of the league, how players can stage a comeback after they have been rated as "has-beens."

Then he cited this bit of history: "In November, 1857, two dejected ex-army officers who had known each other at West Point met on the streets of St. Louis. One of them had just written his brother, 'In the spring I will be completely out of money, property and employment.' The other was trying to scrape together a little money by selling cordwood from his wife's farm. The first was William Tecumseh Sherman. The other was Ulysses S. Grant." Dr. Luccock adds, "They did all right for a couple of has-beens."

When I visit the historic city of Richmond, Virginia, I am reminded that no one in American history has demonstrated the triumph of the spirit over defeat better than Robert E. Lee. After surrendering the sword of battle at Appomattox, Lee took up the sword of the spirit and with the courage of his faith gave himself to the rebuilding of his beloved Southland.

A lofty mind like Lee's is the best safeguard against danger and despair. A healthy body is about the best defense against germs. A pure heart is the surest protection against temptation. Happy and
(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

O God, Thou art always willing to abide within. Thou dost say to us: "Fear not, for I am with thee."

Why do we fear? Is it because so much of our time we are trying to live our own lives, not taking time to trust God? Is it because when we leave church, where we are taught to exercise faith in God, we go home and leave God there—even after we have heard God's voice: "Lo, I am with thee all the way?"

We need Thee every day, every hour; and we know that to trust Thee one day out of seven is not the way to live victorious Christian lives. We know that if God has been good to us one day, He will be good to us all the days. For God changes not.

O God, our God, teach us to live constantly by faith. In Christ's dear name. Amen.

He is twice conqueror who conquers himself in the moment of victory.—Publius Syrus

A LIFT FOR LIVING

busy people are immune to the virus of communism.

One Sunday last January in Calcutta I saw a crowd of 50,000 milling around some communist speaker. Who made up that crowd? The jobless, the rootless, the irresponsible. They are lured by communism because they lack better incentives.

Now is the time to remember the scriptural counsel, "Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good." COPY-RIGHT 1953, GENERAL FEATURES CORP).

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The Issue of Bible in the Public Schools

Charlotte Unitarians and Mecklenburg County Baptist ministers are protesting the teaching of Bible in the county's public schools. The reason? They believe it violates the principle of separation of church and state. The program, the Unitarians claim, "... in effect, endorses and sanctions the teaching of sectarian religion by a private group." The Central Committee of Contributing Churches, which sponsors the teaching of Bible in the schools, replying to the critics, stated that no tax money is used and that no students are required to attend Bible classes.

There has been considerable doubt in the minds of many people concerning the legality of Bible courses in the public schools. Others are just as positive that the Constitution is not violated as the program is carried on with funds contributed by participating churches. That Bible courses in the schools have done a great deal of good cannot be denied. Multitudes of students have received their first knowledge of the Bible through courses taught in the schools.

The entire setup should be studied. If it violates the principle of separation of church and state it should either be eliminated or brought into conformity with the Constitution. It is not wise to go on with some church groups favoring and others protesting the program.

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We Don't Need to Burn Books in America

President Eisenhower gave new hope to millions of freedom-loving people around the world last week when he urged the graduating class of Dartmouth College not to join those who try to get rid of ideas they don't like by burning books. "Don't think you are going to swerve something by concealing evidence that it ever existed," he continued, "don't be afraid to go to the library and read every book, so long as that document does not offend our own ideas of decency . . . How will we defeat communism unless we know what it is, and why it has such an appeal for man? Why are so many people swearing allegiance to it? It is almost a religion—albeit in one of the nether religions. We have got to fight it with something better, not try to conceal the thinking of our own people."

The President's words come as a fresh breeze on a hot, stifling summer day. A few in political life today have seemingly declared war on freedom. They are trying to invade our colleges and

It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people.

—Horace Greeley



churches to find subversive elements. The result has been grievous. Fear and timidity are gripping many. Others are obviously being silenced. Freedom of thought is in peril. Slowly but surely we are allowing a group of hysterical demagogues to take away our spirit of independence, to rob us of our freedom to hold different ideas from those they hold, to gradually turn our thinking into a regimented, totalitarian mold, to do away with creative thought.

Now, subversive, dangerous elements in this country should be sought out, exposed, and if they are working for the violent overthrow of our system of government they should be punished. But communism or any other ism will never be defeated by burning books. It will be defeated only by free men who are permitted to know about it, understand it and expose it.

We hope the President will continue to stand against the totalitarian fog that now is gathering momentum in Washington. We believe he has an overwhelming majority of the American people with him. We don't have to burn books with which we disagree. We only need to expose their fallacies

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Your Subscriptions Count Doubly Now

Editors of church periodicals will tell you that it is not easy to run a church paper on a balanced budget. The amount of advertising revenue—main source of revenue for most secular publications—is necessarily limited. Therefore, income must be largely from subscriptions. It is difficult to charge enough for subscriptions to pay the costs of the paper. Moreover, many subscribers are careless about renewing their subscriptions to the church paper. Some wait for the church committee to call on them. Others just wait. The church paper suffers.

The *North Carolina Christian Advocate* needs every subscription possible to weather the lean months of the summer. We urge all of our subscribers to renew promptly. Moreover, many churches have been so busy with other things that they haven't put on a campaign for the *Advocate* this year. If your church falls in this group, pastor and layman, won't you see that an effort is made to secure subscriptions during the next few weeks? In addition to providing your people with good, wholesome Christian literature to read, you'll be helping the

Advocate to keep from going too deeply in the red—a word we all loathe in more ways than one. Anyhow, we want you to know that your support will be doubly appreciated during the weeks ahead!

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Editor to be Counselor of European Youth Caravan

By the time our readers receive this week's copy of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* the editor will be on his way to Europe as counselor of the North Carolina Conference's 1953 European Youth Caravan. (See story page seven). During the time he is away the *Advocate* will be edited by the regular staff with Rev. W. R. Thompson, assistant manager, in charge.

Guest editorials will be written by the following capable writers: July 2, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, pastor of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, and chairman of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc.; July 16, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of First church, Asheboro; July 23, Dr. C. E. Jordan, vice president of Duke University and member of the Methodist Board of Publications, Inc.; July 30, Dr. D. D. Holt of Greensboro, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc.; August 6, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Main Street church, Gastonia, and member of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc.; August 13, Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro; August 20, Holt McPherson, editor of the *High Point Enterprise*; August 27, Rev. V. E. Queen, superintendent of the Wilmington District; September 3, Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr., editor of *World Outlook* and former editor of the *Advocate*; September 10, Rev. W. R. Thompson.

Our readers will follow with interest the editorials of these gifted preachers and laymen.

During the period the Caravan will be working in Methodist churches in Austria and Germany we shall send weekly contributions to the *Advocate*.

The editor would like to take this occasion to thank the North Carolina Conference Caravan committee for selecting him for this wonderful assignment, the Methodist Board of Publication for relinquishing him for ten weeks and the *Advocate* staff that will carry on during his absence. It is our feeling that this rare opportunity to work with our fellow-Methodists in Europe will bring rich and rewarding spiritual experiences and lift our editorial horizons, thereby making the *Advocate* a greater influence for good in the days ahead. At least, this is our prayer.

A MESSAGE TO NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Five Alabama preachers prophesied in 1947 that it was going to be a "Hellzapoppin'" experience if the Methodist Church returned to its historic role of evangelism and concern for people. They said even our own people will then develop "a flair for the things of God." That day has come. People are once again pressing into and loving their churches.

It was **Jesus** who said "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:32). **Paul** said "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2). **James** said, "Confess your faults one to another and pray for one another that ye may be healed" (Jas. 5:16). Wesley said "Each of you call on eleven of your neighbors weekly." And it is written of the early Methodists: "They began to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." They knew that many men are bad simply because their wives and others do not expect them to be any better.

This text sums up the primary purpose of a Methodist church. It is a hospital for the soul. If it does not return to the evangelical outreach which gave it birth, then God is going to raise up a group like Alcoholics Anonymous to do the job. We should be people joined together under the banner of Christ who expect each other to rise. The Methodists were raised up to spread Scriptural holiness across the land by which is meant a religion of love, joy and peace having its center in the inner life and showing itself by outward and tangible fruits.

The Acid Test of the Church

The acid test of a Christian church is what it does with a brother who falls. In a former pastorate, I happened to see in the newspaper one morning that a member of mine had been caught selling illegal whiskey. This news came as quite a shock because those of us who knew the man and his fine family could never have suspected such a thing. Immediately I put on my hat and went to his home. He had already made up his mind when I got there. He had disgraced his church, shamed his family, disappointed his friends and his request was that his name be dropped from the church roll immediately.

My reply was that if he still felt that way later his request would be granted but not at the moment as I wanted to find out whether or not I had a Christian church. He explained how he had gradually drifted into the predicament. His business took him from house to house. Often his calls were after hours when the whiskey stores were closed. His customers asked him where they could buy drinks. He was a new Christian who had formerly been a drinker. So at first he carried a few bottles, delivering it like milk as a pure convenience to his customers. And since he was doing only what his state government was doing he failed to see the moral wrong in it. And besides it paid so well that he finally found himself trapped.

We had prayer in the home. It was decided that the family **must** come to church Sunday. (It was on Saturday the case broke.) I shall never forget the moral courage it took for him to come back to church. His struggle of soul was written all over his face. But he made a fresh beginning. When he came he was received with open arms. His pastor put his arms around him as he went out. He had won

By Leon Couch

a moral victory. The good that has flown out of the man's life and from his family is indicated by his election to the official board of the church.

The Church's Healing Fellowship

Methodists are Christians who believe in the healing fellowship of the church. They have never carried about a lot of excess theological baggage. They stress love, truth, courage, faith and ethical matters. They constantly apply the functional test. Will a thing work or not work? God's written word is the only and sufficient rule for both faith and practice. You do not have to believe a lot of this or that. Wesley said "We leave every man to enjoy his own opinion, and to use his own mode of worship, desiring only that the love of God and his neighbor be the ruling principle in his heart and show itself in his life by a uniform practice of justice, mercy and truth. We give the

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"—Gal. 6:2

right hand of fellowship to every lover of God and man, whatever his opinion or mode of worship be, of which he is to give account to God only." When Charles Wesley's favorite and most gifted son joined the Roman Catholic Church John Wesley wrote, "He has only changed his opinion and mode of worship, not his religion. Religion is happiness in God." It is a heart and life devoted to God as we see Him in Christ. His nephew was a Christian still. **The Discipline** says "all persons seeking to be saved from their sins and sincerely desiring to be Christian in faith and practice are proper candidates for mem-

bership in The Methodist Church." (par 107, 1952.)

What is our tradition? Because of **systematic devotion** and good works we are called Methodists. "See with what method they do things." Some things we emphasize: **Repentance**—The porch of religion, a man must change his direction. **Faith**—The door. **New Birth**—seeing all life from a different and spiritual level. **The witness of the Spirit**, feeling the spiritual glow. Methodists says "I feel," yet no pattern is laid down for Christian experience. A **fully surrendered life** to the love of God and neighbor, the old timers called it sanctification or perfect love. It is all including. **Tolerance**—We never feel that we should go into all the world and **shoot** the gospel unto every creature. Any minister in good standing may preach in our pulpits. A letter from any Christian church may be accepted as the only condition of membership. Any follower of Christ may commune at our tables. We cooperate with other churches because we recognize Christians of other churches and the churches of other Christians.

Each Must Assume Responsibility

We help bear burdens but cannot carry a man's personal responsibility. From the beginning laymen have fulfilled the law of Christ by taking up their crosses of creative suffering. Constraint has been upon them to proclaim the everlasting mercy to all sorts and conditions of men. John Wesley never intended to found a church but only a disciplined order within the church. The emphasis has always been personal lay responsibility for extending the influence of Christ. Jesus was a layman—a carpenter. The first apostles and preachers were fishermen. The Methodist call has been "Come and suffer." When complacent ministers stirred up opposition, John Wesley said "Soul-damning

Some Day We'll Fully Understand

We may not understand just why
The Lord sometimes sees best to call
From heaven's throne so grand and high,
Where peace and glory reign o'er all,
Down to this earth and take away
A precious loved one that's so dear,
Who is our sunshine day by day
And helps to fill our hearts with cheer.

And yet we know the God of love
Does all things best for you and me,
As from His blessed throne above
He rules and reigns eternally;
Therefore we yield our troubled hearts
To His good will and way and plan,
And when we leave these earthly parts
We'll fully, fully understand.

We do not question His great will,
Nor doubt His wisdom and His grace;
We only ask that He may fill
Our loved one's sweet and sunny place
By sending more of heaven's peace
Into these broken hearts of ours,
Until from earth we find release
Where life o'er death forever towers.

Taylorsville, N. C.

Walter E. Isenhour

clergymen lay me under more difficulties than soul saving laymen."

The wives of preaching laymen suffered too. For example John Nelson's wife, the wife of a layman, learned how cruel women could be—that in the mob the women were worse than men. Once a group of women damned her, saying "You are Nelson's wife and here you shall die." They saw she was big with child yet beat her on the body so unmercifully that they killed the child in her womb and she had for the rest of her life the horror of the consequent illnesses. But it is said that God more than made it up to her by filling her with peace and love. These early preaching laymen were remarkable men. Almost never was there a quitter among them. They preached in jails,

graveyards, taverns, private houses, horse fairs, street corners, open fields, hillsides and valleys. John Wesley said "I pray, for what pay could we procure men to do this service? To be always ready to go to prison or to death?"

And yet these certified lay preachers sang. There were two marks of a Methodist home (a) broken windows and marks of violence because they dared obliterate social distinctions in the church and (b) the sound of singing. In fact they were accused of singing too much. John Wesley said "Sour Godliness is the devil's religion." If a congregation did not sing he began to look for the spiritual trouble. These early Methodists put the personal pronouns into singing. "A Charge to Keep

I Have," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Are We Yet Alive." "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise." "Outcasts of men, to you I call, harlots and publicans, thieves, He spreads His arms to embrace you All." And they came with tears of joy streaming down their faces—they came singing: The gospel of a second chance by faith.

That is our vocation. To love God as He has never been loved before except by Jesus. To love each other in a fellowship of kindred minds that shortens the delay of the kingdom by filling up the gaps with the love that will not let any of us go. To join hands with any Christian anywhere, at any time and say before the world, "We intend to stay together."

LET'S MOVE OVER AND MAKE ROOM

Those who follow the comic strips will recall that a few years ago Al Capp in his strip "Lil Abner" was ringing the changes on the possible fault of "One Fault Jones." Constant spying upon him had failed to reveal even the slightest fault. It wasn't imbibing too freely—he was a "tee-total-er." It wasn't taking advantage of innocent girls—he was a perfect gentleman at all times. It wasn't even being unkind to old ladies—for when Granny Scraggs had a nightmare, there was One Fault Jones rocking her back to sleep in his arms and tenderly returning her to her bed.

Since Granny Scraggs was determined to have a grandson-in-law to support her in her old age, and since One Fault Jones' one fault could not be too serious, Daisy Mae, as she said, "found herself married up wif One Fault Jones."

Then she discovered what his one fault was. His one fault was that he wasn't. You see, he had been born on that fateful day when Dog Patch suffered its most humiliating defeat. General Cornpone was ignominiously routed from the field. The town council of Dog Patch, by unanimous vote, decreed that that date should be struck from the calendar. Therefore, since the date of his birth wasn't, he wasn't. Daisy Mae philosophically observed, "Ye cain't never be married up wif nobody what never was."

In the early days in the far West a man was found dead. Murder was suspected. Suspicion fell upon a certain citizen and he was brought to trial. He came forth with the most novel defense you could imagine. In effect he said, "The man is quite obviously dead; but to prove I murdered him, you'll have to prove he ever lived, and I defy you to do it." The possibilities are most intriguing. I suppose they checked with the Methodist church but found they had no record of his having ever contributed a penny, or ever having been seen in the church. They must have asked the Red Cross, the Boy Scouts, and the Girls Scouts, and I suppose they disclaimed any knowledge of his having contributed a thing. They no doubt examined the tax rolls, only to discover that he had never paid a cent of tax.

So, we are told, the accused man was set free. They could not prove that the man had ever lived.

What About These 81,000?

During the Southeastern Jurisdictional Methodist Evangelistic Mission, some 81,000 persons indicated an intention of uniting with The Methodist Church in their community. A year from now will there be any evidence that they ever joined—

Are we big enough spiritually to move over and make room for the new members of our churches?

I wonder? Will there be a record of money they have contributed, of service they have rendered, or evidence that they have grown in Christian grace and beauty of character?

The answer to these questions rests with several groups of people. First, it rests with those who have registered decisions. They can find rich fellowship in the church and they can find and use all manner of helps to growth and development as Christian disciples. But the answer to the question also rests with the pastor, the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and with the other members of the church they join.

Subsequent articles in this series will deal with some of these subjects, but in this initial one let us consider the attitude of the 2,500,000 members who already constitute The Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

This Jurisdiction can have the greatest record of developing disciples following an evangelistic mission that any section of the church has ever known. One of the deciding factors will be whether or not the people now in the church have sufficient Christian grace to "move over" and make room for the new people.

Our Heavenly Father must be greatly pleased to see the way his children enjoy the rich fellowship within the church. But we all must be on our guard lest the enjoyment of this sweet fellowship becomes so intense that we are quite oblivious to the new member standing over there. He

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STATEMENT BY COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

The Christian Church in this critical era stands out as a conspicuous champion of human rights and dignities.

Its moral idealism and spiritual insights constitute the most formidable of all opposition to atheistic communism and to any other movement that threatens to enslave the human spirit.

Every attempt to undermine confidence in the Church and its responsible leadership does injury to the cause of freedom and gives comfort to the enemy.

We are dismayed and genuinely concerned that in a period when its witness is so sorely needed the Church has been persistently and falsely accused in many quarters and her world-wide leadership thereby jeopardized.

In recent weeks, one of our esteemed colleagues has been subjected to accusations that were untrue by methods that were manifestly unjust. Bishop Oxnam needs no defense at our hands. These recent accusations and insinuations have been answered in detail by him through the press and over the radio and television, and his statements, clearly and forthrightly made, are convincing to all unbiased and fairminded men.

This incident is indicative of a trend in our American life that threatens the security of our institutions and causes us to fear for the future of our long established liberties. While we are aware that there are elements in our national life that loudly call for investigation, it is our judgment that in our zeal to uncover subversive elements, the innocent have sometimes been made to suffer and the liberties which we seek to preserve have been imperiled.

We have no word of defense for an individual who, in the present crisis, insists on concealing his Communist affiliations or foreign alliances. We heartily commend efforts being made by legally constituted authority to apprehend the disloyal and bring them to account, but we express our fervent hope that the agencies thus employed will so revise their procedures that no person will be condemned by hearsay, and that every person will have full opportunity to refute all accusations in the face of his accusers; and it is our conviction that no official should abuse the privilege of Congressional immunity to attack an individual, and that unverified material in an agency's files should not be released to the public as though it were proven fact. These guarantees are the least that fair play and the inherent rights of the individual require.

Methodist Rural Fellowship to Expand

By C. Ralph Arthur

The Methodist Rural Fellowship is beginning a promotion and membership campaign to secure 10,000 members in 1953 and to organize a MYF unit in every conference of Methodism. The primary emphasis will be on enlisting the laymen and women of the church. Student organizations will also be set up in the colleges and seminaries of Methodism. A special membership fee is being offered to students.

The Methodist Rural Fellowship was organized in 1940 at the General Conference by a small group of Methodists who shared concern for the future of the church if the development of strong rural churches was not included in the strategy for Methodist advance in America and the world. These visionary Methodists, many of whom were students and teachers of rural sociology and rural church work, were alarmed at the decline of rural Methodism and the apparent apathy of our church concerning these churches to which two-thirds of the people called Methodists belong. They knew that the roots of American Methodism were embedded deeply in rural America and felt an urgency to awaken the church to the challenge presented by the declining churches in a changing rural scene.

The stimulation and work of MRF has given impetus to the growing rural life movement in Methodism, as indicated by the new interest in the rural church on the part of our conferences and schools and in the creation of Annual Conference Commissions on Town and Country Work. MRF has served as the "conscience" of the official Methodist program for rural churches and as such has given guidance and assistance.

An Unofficial Organization

The Methodist Rural Fellowship is an unofficial organization of ministers and laymen who share mutual interest in and concern for the rural churches of Methodism and the creation of a finer rural Christian civilization. MRF is committed to the faith that the future of The Methodist Church lies largely in the rural churches of Methodism and the creation of a finer rural Christian civilization. MRF is committed to the faith that the future of The Methodist Church lies largely in the rural communities where approximately 65% of today's children live. It is dedicated to the task of arresting the decline of rural church growth and to the creation of the kind of church needed for this present generation. MRF is conscious of the heritage and genius of Methodism and is concerned about the salvation of rural churches, not only for the sake of the rural community but also for the sake of all of Methodism.

MRF has been a fellowship of study and inquiry, seeking to find new and better ways for developing stronger rural churches. It has been a medium of information. Through the "Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin," meetings, and retreats, MRF has disseminated information on rural work and rural life. As a consequence, The Methodist Church has become more aware of the place and importance of the rural church and has initiated a more active official program designed to serve rural people. New legislation favorable to the rural churches has been adopted by Annual and General Conferences. The Methodist Rural Fellowship does not lay claim to creation of the new rural program of our church and its educational institutions. But it has been

one of the vital factors which have stimulated and expedited these programs.

The conference unit through which the Methodist Rural Fellowship works is the basic unit. These groups are organized in many conferences. They function through meetings, discussion and action groups, retreats and oftentimes conference papers. Conference units have initiated legislation which has given the rural church and pastor new dignity and worth. Higher standards for rural church work, for parsonages and for salaries of pastors have resulted from the action of some groups. Conference units have led to the creation of Commissions on Town and Country Work and have supported them in the of-

ficial programs of the conference.

Twelve Objectives

The Methodist Rural Fellowship has set twelve objectives for its expanded program:

1. To continue to lift up the strategic importance of the town and country church in the development of a more Christian rural civilization and in the continued growth of The Methodist Church.

2. To continue to be the "voice" of the two-thirds of the Methodist pastors who have only scant representation in the policy-making conferences of the church and on its Boards and Agencies.

3. To crusade for a definite rural church

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Spindale Methodist Church Dedicated

Dedication of the sanctuary of the Spindale Methodist Church was held Sunday, June 14, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell bringing the message and leading the dedicatory rites assisted by Rev. John W. Hoyle, superintendent of the Marion District, and Rev. Jesse G. Wilkinson, pastor. Presentation of the building was made by W. M. Henson, chairman of the Official Board.

The lovely new \$105,000 building replaces the old structure which was erected around 1900 as a union church. The educational building was completed several years ago and a chapel which connects the two buildings has just been furnished at a cost of \$1240. The congregation held its first worship service in the sanctuary in February and since that time has completed payment on the indebtedness which amounted to \$30,000.

Lewis H. Asbury of Charlotte was the architect and A. M. Beam Construction Co. of Cherryville was in charge of construction.

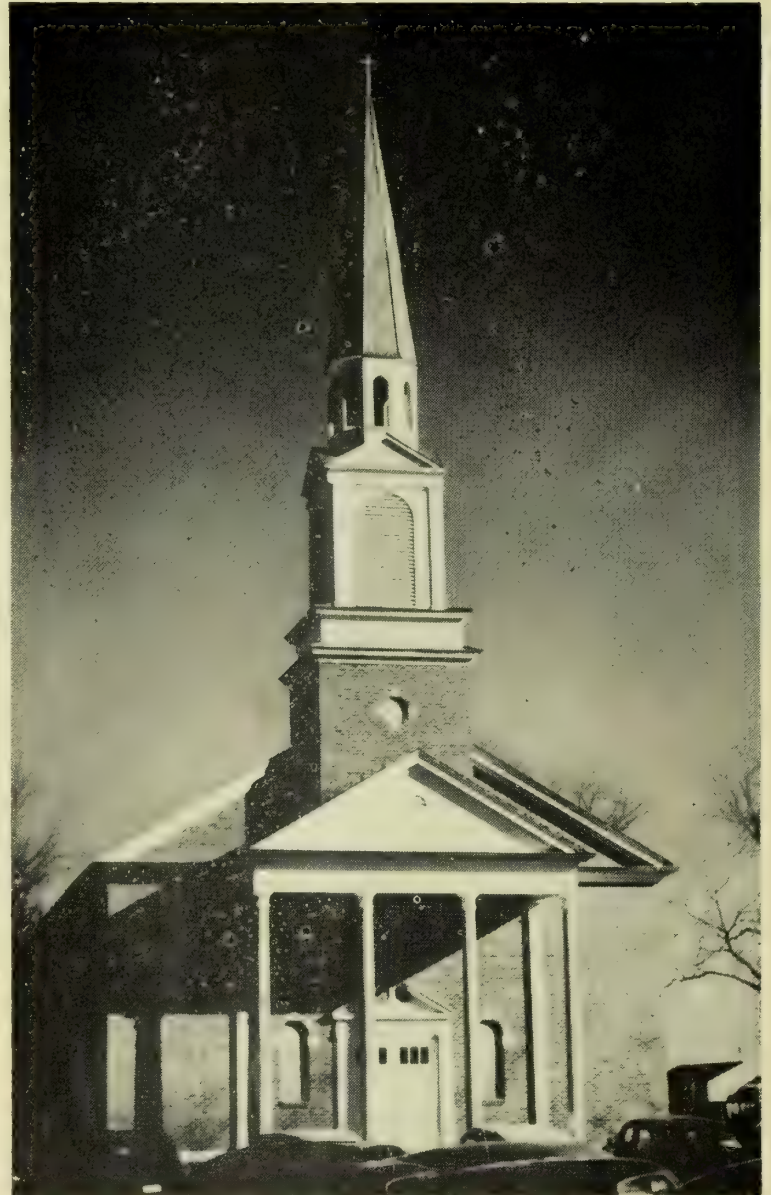
Trustees of the building are: Dr. L. P. Mitchell, Jr., Ivy Cowan, Fred C. Kinzie, Mrs. D. A. Deviney and Mrs. W. R. Wells.

At the dedication service many gifts were acknowledged including an illuminated cross, a Communion set, hymnals, a pulpit Bible and many other valuable gifts. The church parlor was furnished

by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The church received its first part-time pastor in 1919. Two young men, James Gibbs, Jr., and Billy Haire, have entered the ministry from the church in recent years.

Membership of the church is now around 350.



European Caravan Sails; Youth Plan Meet at Duke; Workshop Announced

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE CARAVAN SAILS FOR EUROPEAN WORK

The North Carolina Conference's 1953 European Youth Caravan sailed from New York June 24 on the Queen Mary for ten weeks of travel and work with Methodist churches in Austria and Germany. Counselor for the thirteen-member caravan is Rev. C. W. Robbins of Greensboro, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Members of the team are: Miss Mary Bethea, Louisburg College and Wilmington; William Ormand Bigham, High Point College and Greensboro; Carroll Butler, Greensboro College and Spray; Jean Cobb, Greensboro College and La Grange; John Garrett, III, Duke University and Warren; Richard O. Knight, Vero Beach, Fla.; Meade Nehrig, Duke University and Patton, Pa.; Paula Pegg, Greensboro College and Nashville; Edna Stokes, Greensboro College and Pinetops; Paula Sutton, Woman's College, Greensboro and Clinton; Joel Underwood, Duke University and Durham; and Shirley Wilson, Woman's College, Greensboro, and Rose Hill.

The caravaners will land at Cherbourg, France, on June 29 and will go to Paris and will travel in Switzerland and Italy for about two weeks before beginning their work in Vienna, Austria, around July 13. Here they will be associated with Dr. J. P. Bartak, who is in charge of Methodist evangelistic work in Austria. Dr. Bartak is a member of the North Carolina Conference.

The group will go next to Linz, Austria, where they will work on the Caravan Methodist Church, helping in the actual construction of the building. Other places where they will work will be in Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany.

The summer program will be completed with a six-day sight-seeing tour through Belgium and England. The group will sail from Southampton, England, for the return trip on September 3 and will land in New York September 8.

A special dedication service was held at Grace church, Greensboro, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. in preparation for the trip. Presiding at the service was Rev. D. D. Holt of Greensboro, chairman of the personnel committee.

The caravan which has as its purpose sharing Christ with European youth is sponsored by the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, the Board of Education and the Commission on Christian Vocations. This is the fourth group that has gone from the North Carolina Conference for work in Europe. Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, was counselor for the second caravan and Dave Cozart of New Bern was counselor of the first group. Rev. M. C. Dunn of Wilmington was last year's counselor.

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METHODIST YOUTH CONFERENCE WILL MEET AT DUKE IN AUGUST

An estimated 500 delegates are expected to assemble at Duke University on Aug. 16 for the second Annual Conference session of the North Carolina Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Purpose of the five-day session, held for the first time last year at Duke, is to plan the over-all program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship for 1953-54. New offi-

cers will be elected and installed.

Last year more than 350 high school and college students and other Methodist youth leaders representing some 600 churches in eastern North Carolina attended the meeting and participated in its workshops, forum discussions, business sessions, and special worship services. This year one delegate is expected from each charge and one from each subdistrict of the State.

About 1000 Tarheel young people and adult leaders are expected to participate in the Annual Conference youth rally, which will close the sessions on Aug. 20.

Principal speaker for the conference and for the rally will be Rev. D. C. Whitsett, Sylacauga, Ala., who has lectured at Lake Junaluska and is a well-known speaker at youth assemblies.

Rev. Troy Barrett, in charge of religious activities and recreation at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, will serve as dean of men at the session, with Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, dean of women. Supervisor for the entire conference is Rev. Curtis Gatlin, Durham, North Carolina Conference director of youth work.

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PLANS RECREATION WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

A recreation workshop for adults and workers with adults, youth and workers with youth of the N.C. Conference will be held September 30 to October 4, according to announcement made by the planning committee meeting at Louisburg College early in June. The place of the workshop will be close to the center of the conference.

Sponsored by the adult and youth departments of the N. C. Conference Board of Education, this five-day event will offer training and enrichment in many areas of recreation. Rev. Curt Gatlin of Durham, Conference director of youth work, and John Meares of Raleigh, Conference director of adult work, announce the fol-

lowing areas and leaders: party games and informal drama, Mrs. Ruth Norris of New York; folk games and squares, Rev. R. Harold Hipps of Greensboro; church drama, Miss Susan Estes of Carson Newman College, Tennessee; crafts, Mrs. H. L. Harrell of La Grange, Mrs. Russell Dicks of Durham.

Other areas offered are song leading, Rev. Curt Gatlin; story telling; outdoor recreation, including campcraft and nature games.

In addition, there will be general sessions to discuss the philosophy of recreation, to apply the training to the local church situation and needs, and to give adults and youth opportunity to discuss the types of recreation peculiar to their respective groups. The youth group will also discuss and make application to other phases of the program area of Christian fellowship.

Registration is limited to 150 delegates. It is hoped that adults and youth and workers with these two groups will take full advantage of this training experience and enroll early. Registration blanks and other information will go to the local churches during summer.

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MRS. T. V. CROUSE DIES AT STOKESDALE

Mrs. Sarah Crouse, 80, wife of Rev. T. V. Crouse, died at her home in Stokesdale June 16 following an illness that extended over two weeks. Funeral services were conducted June 17 at the Stokesdale Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Bustle, assisted by Rev. J. H. Armbrust of Reidsville and Rev. J. L. Ervin of Stokesdale. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include three daughters, Mrs. J. M. Powell of Monroe, Mrs. Cecil Pearman of Stokesdale and Mrs. C. B. Johnson of Asheboro; one son, Franklin Crouse of Reidsville; four sisters, Mrs. W. M. Denny of Winston-Salem, Mrs. John W. Badgett of Mount Airy, Mrs. Turner C. Norman of East Bend and Mrs. Eliza Webb of Boone; one brother, T. W. Webb of East Bend; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

DALLAS METHODIST MEN RECEIVE CHARTER



The Methodist Men's Club of First church, Dallas, received its charter at a supper meeting Friday, May 15. Pictured left to right are Jimmy Hayes, vice-president; Max Holland, treasurer; Paul Kiser, president, receiving the charter; Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor; Gordon Good-

son, associate lay leader from Boger City, speaker presenting the charter; S. C. Estes, secretary; and T. R. Kincaid, representative for "The Methodist Layman." The first project adopted by the club is to provide recreational facilities for the church school classes.

Philadelphia Convocation Expected to Draw 65,000; Dedicatory Rites Held

MEMORABLE SERVICE OF RECEPTION PLANNED AT FRANKLIN FIELD

Franklin Field in Philadelphia will be the scene of one of the most memorable services of Methodist history on Sunday, June 28, as over 1,000 new members are received into membership of the church on profession of faith. The service will be the climax of the World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism as the Convocation observes the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

These new members will be won from May 24th, Aldersgate-Pentecost Sunday, through June 28th, by the churches of Philadelphia and the immediate surrounding areas. While the goal has been set at 1,000, the Delaware Annual Conference recently voted to have as its share of this group a number equal to 5 per cent of its membership. This would provide 1,250 should the goal be reached. The prospect of the group being well over the 1,000 set goal is genuine and real.

Each will receive a special membership card serially numbered and specially prepared for the occasion. The cards will continue to be used throughout 1953, numbered up to 250,000, goal for profession of faith during the World Mission of Evangelism.

The address for the occasion will be given by Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Central Hall, Birmingham, England. The conclusion of the service will be marked by the dedication of a scriptural "70" people by Bishop W. Angie Smith, chairman of the Committee of Fifty planning the World Mission of Evangelism.

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THE METHODISTS ARE COMING!!

"The Methodists are coming" will soon be the exclamation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as thousands of Methodists from across the nation complete their plans to be in "The City of Brotherly Love" for the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism June 26-28.

By bus, train, plane, steamship and car from England, Cuba, Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Oregon and Canada delegates will come. Registrations have come from 45 of the 48 states.

Means and methods of transportation are as varied as the number of conferences involved. A Texas conference registered fifty delegates at one time and has chartered a pullman car. A conference west of the Mississippi sends word that a bus has been chartered. A layman has written that he is so enthused that he intends to charter a bus personally and pay the bill if he can get a group to fill the bus who will register and pay their personal expenses.

Car pools are being formed over all the country. A southern conference has promised to pay the mileage for at least one car from each district providing the driver will have four people in the car and all four are registered to attend the Convocation.

With such enthusiasm the Committee of Fifty is making every effort to assure the finest presentation of the cause of evangelism today that it is possible to make. The committee prays that as these thousands of Methodists return home, their faith in the cause of Christ will have been genuinely strengthened and that they will call Methodists everywhere to serve their Lord with a new devotion.

CBS WILL MARK BIRTHDAY ON TELEVISION AND RADIO

Columbia Broadcasting System is co-operating with the Methodists of the nation in observing the 250th anniversary of the birth of their founder, John Wesley.

"The Church of the Air," a regular CBS Sunday morning presentation, directed by Dr. George Crothers, will observe the exact anniversary of Wesley's birthday, June 28, with a service at which the distinguished British Methodist preacher, Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Birmingham, England, will deliver the commemorative message. The service will originate from New York at 10:00 a.m. EDT and will be heard on many stations of the network. Since affiliated stations do not always follow network schedules it is well to inquire of the local CBS outlet.

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RUFFIN METHODISTS DEDICATE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

The educational building of the Ruffin Methodist Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, June 14, with Rev. Herman F. Duncan, superintendent of the Greensboro District, bringing the message and leading the dedicatory rites. That morning Rev. W. R. Thompson, former pastor and now assistant manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, brought the message. In charge of the two services was the pastor, Rev. W. T. Ratchford.

The building, which has eight classrooms on the main floor and a kitchen and an intermediate assembly hall in the basement, was erected in 1951 and was paid for early the following year.

The building committee consisted of George Lee Lauder, Herbert Smith and Jason Collie, Sr.

All classrooms have been equipped by various groups. The kitchen is thoroughly modern and is equipped to serve well over 100.

The present main church building was erected in 1937 and dedicated in 1939. Additions have been made since that time. In 1948 the church became a station. The first church was erected in 1874 and the

second in 1905. This building was used until it was destroyed by fire during a severe electrical storm in 1936.

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DR. HILLMAN DEDICATES FLETCHER'S CHAPEL CHURCH

Fletcher's Chapel church on the Andrews-Fletcher's charge in the Durham District was dedicated Sunday, June 7, with Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, bringing the message at the morning worship service and leading the dedicatory rites at a service at 1:45 p.m. assisted by the pastor, Rev. Forrest G. Nees. Dr. C. D. Barclift, former pastor and now pastor of Trinity church, Durham, brought the message at the afternoon service and Raiford G. Pate presented the church for dedication.

Begun in 1825, Fletcher's Chapel church has a long and illustrious record of growth and achievement. The new building, the fourth at the present location, was erected at a cost of \$35,000 plus donated materials and labor. Plans for the new building were begun in 1947 when Rev. R. H. Sales was pastor but actual work was not begun until 1950 during the pastorate of Mr. Nees. H. N. Haines of Durham was architect and the building committee consisted of the following: A. T. Weatherly, chairman; Kenneth Bailey, S. H. Chandler, Elvis Fletcher, Branham Glenn, Mrs. J. P. Harbison, Ralph Jones, Sr., L. R. McLean, Raiford G. Pate, John Q. Shaw, Jesse Sparrow and C. B. Weatherly. The finance committee was composed of Robert H. Chandler, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Carpenter, J. P. Harbison and Mrs. C. M. Husketh.

Members and friends of the church gave generously to the building enterprise. Mr. Nees gave out 100 silver dollars as talent money which netted \$1,200. The Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension gave \$1,000 and the Duke Endowment contributed \$2,000.

Many memorial gifts were made to the new church including pews, pulpit, windows, altar and communion rail and a number of other valuable items. The organ, which was purchased in 1888, was moved from the old building.

Membership of the church now is 270.

The second church building was erected in 1879 and the third building was begun in 1920 and dedicated in 1922.



Ruffin Methodist Church

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

DR. A. J. HOBBS of Goldsboro was the preacher at worship services in the Duke University Chapel Sunday, June 14.

SHILOH CHURCH, Gaston, will have homecoming Sunday, July 5. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited to join the congregation for the occasion. Rev. W. R. Johnson is pastor.

REV. WILLY N. HEGGOY, missionary among the Moslems of Algeria, North Africa and native of Norway, was the speaker recently at St. Paul church, Asheville.

THE LEWISVILLE CHARGE will have two big events on Sunday, July 12. Brookstown church will observe its centennial that morning with Bishop Costen J. Harrell bringing the message and Union church will be dedicated that afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Bishop Harrell in charge of the rites.

BETHEL CHURCH on the Drexel charge will have homecoming Sunday, June 28, with Rev. G. R. Stafford of Lewisville bringing the message. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend the morning worship service and stay for the picnic lunch which will follow.

MAYLO CHURCH, Gastonia, recently received into the church three generations by baptism. They are: Mrs. Preston Gilbert; Mrs. Gilbert's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Alexander; and the son of the Alexanders, Steven Earl. They were among twenty persons received into Maylo church Sunday, June 7, by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr.

A MISSION RALLY was held recently at Canaan church on the North Davidson charge. The Woman's Societies of that charge, New Mount Vernon-Shady Grove charge and the Midway charge, sponsored this joint effort. Dr. Charles Stokes, missionary to Korea, was the speaker and was able to reach more rural people, many of whom had never heard a missionary. The offering of \$129.39 was sent to fill emergency needs in Korea.

DR. CORLISS P. HARGRAVES, widely-known Methodist leader, retired June 1 after 43 years' service in pastorate and administrative posts. Dr. Hargraves, who will be 74 in August, originally retired in 1949, but returned in 1950 at the church's request to serve as secretary of a special committee created by the Methodist General Conference to survey and co-ordinate the program and financial needs of the denomination's 10 seminaries across the country. Previously, he had been executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education since Methodist unification in 1939.

FACTORY WHISTLES TO ROUSE MINISTERS—A minister-in-industry program, offered at Boston University School of Theology this summer provides ten weeks of daily work experience during the days and classes in the evenings. Jobs in Boston shops and factories have been arranged for the 35 ministers and theological students who are enrolled. Guest lecturers at the evening sessions will include leaders of labor, finance and management as well as university professors. The program director is Rev. Emerson W. Smith, the Industrial Relations chaplain supported by the four conferences of the Boston Area.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH in Chatham County will be dedicated Sunday, June 28. All members, former members, and other friends of the church are invited to be present.

REV. GEORGE BRINKMANN EHLHARDT of Washington, D. C., has entered Duke University Hospital as a patient. Dr. Ehlhardt is a former president of Brevard College and for many years was on the faculty of the Duke Divinity School.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE has let the contract for the replacement of the plumbing section in the Pattie Julia Wright Memorial Dormitory. The work is to start July 1, and the contract calls for completion by September 1. Funds for this work, which is part of the improvement program of the college, were secured through the United College Appeal.

COX'S CHAPEL CHURCH on the Alleghany-Grayson charge in the Winston-Salem District will be dedicated Sunday, June 28, at the eleven o'clock service. Dr. C. Excellence Rozzelle of Winston-Salem will be in charge and will bring the message. All former pastors, their families and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. The parsonage on the charge will also be dedicated late that afternoon. Rev. Avery A. Ferguson is the pastor.

TWO METHODIST OFFICIALS of Nashville were awarded the doctor of divinity degree June 1. Rev. George H. Jones, editor of the Board of Evangelism, was honored by Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., and Rev. Harry C. Spencer, executive secretary of the Radio and Film Commission received his doctorate from Williamette University, Salem, Ore. Both institutions are related to The Methodist Church.

REV. ARTHUR WEST, associate director of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information of The Methodist Church, received the honorary doctorate of divinity from his alma mater, Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, June 1. In conferring the degree President Nelson P. Horn paid tribute to Dr. West's ministry which has combined preaching and the pastorate with unusual utilization of skill in the field of religious journalism.

ON THE NOSE. When Bishop Donald H. Tippet was delivering the commencement address at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., on Aldersgate Sunday evening, he said as he neared his conclusion: "Two hundred and fifteen years ago this very night at a quarter before nine a man's heart was strangely warmed." Bishop Paul E. Martin, sitting on the platform, glanced at his watch. It was exactly a quarter before nine, not a minute before, not a minute after.

WESLEY HONORED BY OLDEST SOCIETY—Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, book editor of The Methodist Church, paid the 250th anniversary tribute of New York area Methodism to John Wesley at a commemorative service at Old John Street Church, New York, Sunday afternoon, June 14. Following the program an informal tea in Wesley Chapel gave opportunity for the examination of trophies and mementos of John Wesley and the organization of the oldest Methodist society in America.

DR. EDWARD T. RAMSDELL of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., will become professor of systematic theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., effective July 1.

REV. J. V. EARLY, pastor of Centenary church, Smithfield, has received a letter from Bishop Pickett of Delhi, India, thanking him and the Smithfield congregation for a gift of \$600 as a mission special to be used for student scholarships.

JENKINS MEMORIAL CHURCH, Raleigh, will have ground-breaking ceremonies Sunday, June 28, at the eleven o'clock service for the new educational annex which will be constructed soon. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited.

THE CHILDREN'S BUILDING of Lake Junaluska will be formally opened Sunday, July 5, at four p.m. Miss Elizabeth A. Jarrett of Charlotte will preside and those participating in the program will be Dr. Carl H. King, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Jr., Dr. Harry Denman and others. All interested persons are invited.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH on the Warren circuit observed Methodist Student Day Sunday, June 14, with a special message by Rev. J. F. Herbert, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District. Also participating in the service were Rev. W. M. Wells, pastor, and Rev. Stephen Ingram, associate pastor for the summer.

THIRTEEN CHRISTIANS were elected to the Lower House of the Diet at the recent elections in Japan. Seven of these are of the Right Wing Social party, two of the Left Wing Social party, three of the Liberal party of which Premier Yoshida is the leader, and one is of the so-called Progressive Party.

THE WASHINGTON AREA led Methodism's 37 areas last year in church school offering to the denomination's World Service fund and conference benevolences, according to a report received by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. The area's church school contributed \$235,414 of the \$2,921,000 given for this purpose by all Methodist church schools. This was a gain of \$8070 over the year before. The area ranked third in Church School Rally Day offerings, contributed \$23,598. It also contributed \$14,324 to the Methodist Youth Fund.

GLENN BANNERMAN, Whiteville, was elected president of the Young Adult Fellowship of the North Carolina Conference, at the final session of the Young Adult Assembly held at Camp Don-Lee, June 12-14. Other officers elected were: Miss Annie Earle Howard, Goldsboro, vice president; and Mrs. Frances Keogh, Burlington, secretary and treasurer. The assembly, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the N. C. Conference, was attended by nearly 100 young adults. Dr. Edwin Perry, of Duke University led the group in a directed Bible study. Mrs. Haywood Harrell, La Grange, and Mr. Bannerman directed crafts and recreation for the assembly. Discussion groups and leaders were: Young Adult Work in the Church, Rev. J. D. A. Autry, Richlands; Christian Home Responsibilities, Dr. Bailey Webb, Duke University; Christian Social Action, Charlie Price, Wilmington. The assembly was directed by John M. Meares, conference director of adult work.

Miss Johnson to Join Staff This Fall; Rev. J. T. Greene Goes to Boston University

MISS ELIZABETH JOHNSON NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Miss Elizabeth Dixon Johnson has resigned as director of Christian Education at Duke Memorial church, Durham, effective at the end of this conference year, to accept the position as director of Children's Work on the staff of our Conference Board of Education. She will begin her work as a member of our staff the first of November.

We are very fortunate in being able to secure Miss Johnson for this important position. We have been without a children's director since the resignation of Mrs. Kitty Cline Cox two years ago this fall. Our district directors of children's work and the children's workers in the local churches of our conference will wel-



Miss Elizabeth Dixon Johnson

come this announcement.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of the Goldsboro High School. She received her A.B. degree from East Carolina College with a major in home economics. After teaching vocational home economics for some time in the Pikeville High School, she entered the Biblical Seminary in New York where she was awarded the M.R.E. degree in 1943. She served as director of Christian Education at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, for 5½ years. For the past 4½ years she has been director of Christian Education at Duke Memorial church.

For the past three years Miss Johnson has served as director of Children's Work of the Durham District. She has taught courses for children's workers in numerous leadership training schools, conducted Vacation Church School institutes, and led in many other sessions for workers with children. She has attended the Laboratory School at Pfeiffer College and the Leadership School at Lake Junaluska for a number of years.

Miss Johnson is ably fitted both by training and experience for this position. She is known throughout our conference and she in turn knows the churches and their needs. She will be a most valuable leader in helping our workers with children improve their skills and in helping the Children's Divisions of our churches to grow and become more efficient. We are confident that all the people of our conference will welcome Miss Johnson to

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this new task and give her their full cooperation and earnest prayers.

REV. J. T. GREENE JOINS STAFF OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Rev. J. T. Greene, who has served as director of Family Life Education on the staff of our Conference Board of Education for the past four years, is leaving us this fall to accept a position on the staff of Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. He was recently appointed assistant professor of Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts of the University.

Mr. Greene will assume his new duties at Boston University in September. He will head up the University's program of marriage education and counseling. The program will include courses in marriage and the family on both the graduate and undergraduate levels; pre-marriage and marriage counseling of students, staff members, and non-campus clients; and the promotion of research programs in the field of family life. In addition to his work at the University, he will participate in some family life education projects for the General Board of Education and work with some of the churches and pastors in the New England area.

While serving on our staff, Mr. Greene has conducted family life institutes, taught in leadership training schools, taught and counseled young people in summer assemblies and youth camps, lectured in several different states, led in district workshops for ministers and local church leaders, participated in many schools, conferences, and workshops on state, jurisdictional, and national levels, and written many articles for church and secular periodicals. He has been of invaluable service to our conference and to other conferences as well. He has been in demand as a lecturer, teacher, and counselor in many states and by different denominational and secular groups. He has established a reputation far and wide in the field of marriage counseling and family life education, as attested by the fact that no less than six invitations have come to him in recent weeks from colleges and universities in widely-separated sections of our country to join their staffs.

The position at Boston University (a Methodist university and not to be confused with Boston College) became open as a result of a vacancy created by the recent critical illness of Professor H. D. Lamson, who had been in charge of the marriage and family program for several years. His illness developed toward the latter part of March and Mr. Greene was called to finish out the semester following the spring recess, April 6.

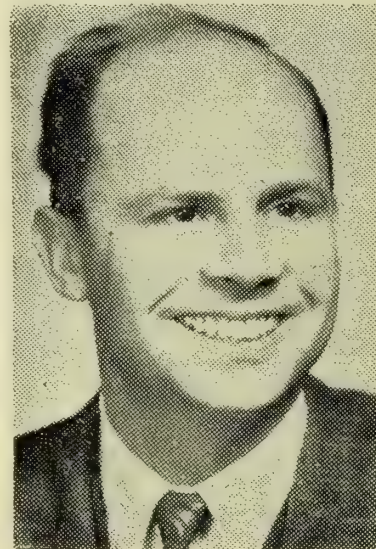
Mr. Greene will spend the summer at the University of North Carolina completing his dissertation which had to be delayed while taking care of the teaching responsibilities at Boston University the past two months. He hopes to be awarded the Ph. D. degree before returning to Boston this fall.

Mr. Greene will still be available for

some consultation services in the family field during the summer. He will participate in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Family Life Workshop to be held at Lake Junaluska, August 25-29. He and his family will move to Boston the first of September.

Mr. Greene received his A. B. degree from Duke University in 1936; his B. D. from the Duke Divinity School in 1938; and his M.A. degree from Duke University in 1940. He served a number of pastorates in the North Carolina Conference before joining the staff of the Board of Education of the conference and beginning his work at the University of North Carolina—under the direction of Dr. Reuben Hill—looking toward the Ph. D. degree in Sociology.

Mr. Greene has been a member of the Groves Conference on the Conservation of the Family for the past seventeen years. He is a member of the National Council on Family Relations, the American Sociological Society, and the Board of Man-



Rev. J. T. Greene

agers of the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches. He is also a staff consultant of the Marriage and Family Life Council, Inc., of Chapel Hill, a marriage counseling organization under the direction of Mrs. Gladys H. Groves. For the past few years he has been chairman of the Family Life Commission of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

We all regret that Mr. Greene is leaving our state and staff. We rejoice in his achievements and congratulate him upon his appointment to this responsible position. Aside from our own North Carolina colleges and universities, we can think of no better place for him to continue his work than at Boston University.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Mr. Greene and his family and our earnest hope that he may soon be returning to our state to teach in some college or university here and to continue his ministry among our people.

CAMP DON-LEE FILLED FOR SUMMER

Camp Don-Lee has been completely filled for the summer. Absolutely no more registrations can be accepted for either Christian Adventure or junior camps. Slightly more than the maximum number of campers recommended have been accepted for each camp session. Many applications are now held in reserve to replace possible cancellations. Registered campers who cannot attend are urged to notify the board office immediately.

Winston-Salem District News; 22 Attend Training School; Charlotte Foreign-born Study

APPRECIATION

Our deepest gratitude is extended to officers and workers all over our Conference for the very fine cooperation they have given in getting material together for the issue of the Advocate promoting the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Many wrote with enthusiasm, saying they did not realize how much had been accomplished until they looked at the work objectively, and a few came too late to be included, but the response was indicative of the love and appreciation a large number of women have for the work of the two organizations.

Likewise, Mrs. Ira C. Shelley appreciates the cooperation she had in getting slides showing the work of our various institutions and rural work, which is being shown at Lake Junaluska during the annual meeting. These slides will be available to any society wishing to use them and may be used as a whole or in sections. They portray the work being done in the institutions in our Conference which are under the Woman's Division and also several foreign fields, all of which are projects of the supply work department. Write to Mrs. Shelley, P. O. Box 508, Greensboro, for bookings.

NORTH WILKESBORO WOMEN HAVE OFFICERS' TRAINING

The new president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro, Mrs. A. B. Johnston, had 22 of her officers at her cabin east of the city for a luncheon June 3, and officers' training was held in the afternoon. Each phase of the work was discussed, and plans were made for a bazaar in the fall and for promotion of the work in general. This is an active group and officers' training on a local level is a good way to start the new year.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

When the Winston-Salem District officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the district parsonage June 9 for a luncheon, with Mrs. C. E. Rozzelle as hostess, all of the five new officers were present. Mrs. Sam Beck, who has been student secretary and recently elected as supply work secretary, was unable to be present because of recent illness, and Mrs. A. B. Macon, president, was absent on a trip to California. Mrs. Ira W. Baity, vice president, presided over the business session. The new officers were given a hearty welcome.

Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference

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Brief annual reports showed the work in good condition. Mrs. Mark Rose reported a total of 179 mission study classes held, 22 of them being jurisdiction studies, and the Wesleyan Service Guild cooperating in many. Most outstanding is the increased interest in action following study. From the study of Africa action ranged from \$600 paid on salary for a missionary in Africa, \$10 on a building fund at Lodja where Miss Lorena Kelly works, to five scholarships for girls at Lodja and other schools in Africa. Bibles and materials have been sent direct to Lodja.

Action following Bible study was sending Bibles to Africa and Korea, and the New Standard Revised version bought for local churches. Action after studying Home Missions and Human Rights has been money sent to Negro hospital, Allen High School, and money sent for the training of Negro students at the Training School in Winston-Salem. Also books were collected for Miss Margaret Calbeck's traveling library, and local Negro churches, county jails and county welfare service has been rendered.

There is a decided increase in the use of visual aids over this district. The secretary of youth work is urging and en-

couraging missionary education among the youth. This district is proud of the number and caliber of its young girls preparing for full-time service—Jean Lewis, will sail in August as an L.A.-3, Gail Whittaker and Helen Kiger, are in the midst of their college training, and a new one, Maxine Reeves from Franklin Heights church, Mount Airy, will enter Pfeiffer this fall.

A lovely gift was presented to Mrs. Rozzelle by Mrs. C. C. Weaver in appreciation of her work in the district, and especially as secretary of supply work.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS PRACTICED IN CHARLOTTE

Outstanding action following the combined study course in Home Missions and Christian Social Relations, "Home Missions and Human Rights," sponsored by Myers Park Woman's Society of Christian Service, and twenty cooperating Methodist churches in the Charlotte district, is special classes in English for foreign-born citizens in the city of Charlotte. Many of the members of the classes were displaced persons and not financially able to pay tuition at Charlotte College. Teachers agreed to teach at minimum salaries, and one teacher, Mrs. K. D. Heinbaugh, a member of Myers Park Woman's Society, offered her services without compensation. Publicity was given the project and between \$1,200 and \$1,500 raised from all sources and responsibility was assumed for financing the classes for the year 1952-1953.

Mrs. Heinbaugh was presented a life membership pin by the Myers Park Woman's Society in recognition of her services rendered to her community through her church.



These are pictures of foreign-born citizens in Charlotte who have attended special classes in English sponsored by Myers Park church's Woman's Society of Christian Service and twenty cooperating Methodist churches in the Charlotte district. The group above, all from Greece, is the intermediate class. They are, left to right, seated: Nick Kastanas, Gus Karres, John Giannoulis, Dinos Michales, Nick Viotis. Standing, Mrs. Gretta Kistler, James Chantis. The group on the left is the advanced class. Left to right, seated, they are: Miss Elizabeth Raney, teacher; Miss Joan Chukas, Greece; Miss Mathilda Boerstler, Germany; Mrs. Karoline Weidlick, Austria; Mrs. H. Freeman, Canada; Mrs. John Grevas, Greece; Dr. Oracely Astorga, Cuba. Standing, Andy Kolovos, Greece; Rodions RieKstins, Latvia; Mrs. Alice RieKstins, Latvia; Elmar WeckKram, Estonia; Charles O. Gubens, Latvia; James Kaperonis, Greece.



Home Has Well-rounded Religious and Recreational Summer Program

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man!" Rev. Troy Barrett, director of recreation and religious activities, seeks to guide this increase among the boys and girls at our Orphanage. Here are some of the ways the group has grown, and is growing this summer.

Shown on the front cover, in front of the bus are some of the 100 boys and girls between 4 and 11 years of age and several teachers and helpers that boarded the bus and cars each morning for the two weeks of June 8 and June 15 to attend the Vacation Church School held from 9:00 to 11:30 at Edenton Street, Fairmont and Trinity churches. Study, worship, fellowship and play were the order of the day. A good time was had by all. A similar experience is being planned for this same group in July. It will be held on the campus.

Assemblies and Camps

There was much enthusiasm among our MYF officers and program area chairmen as the group prepared to go to one of the



The Girls' Softball Team plays about twice weekly

Louisburg Assemblies. Those attending the first week, as shown in the picture on the cover are: first row, Eleanor Pierce, L. B. Catlett, Jean Braswell; second row, Nancy Bell, Rev. F. D. Hedden, our superintendent, inspirational speaker for the week; Joan Braswell, Elsie Pridgen; top, Jack Price, Bobby Braswell.

Not pictured are: Bruce Lamm who attended the first week and Juanita Goins and Doris Horne who attended the second week. The group came back with many new ideas, changed lives and broader outlooks.

Plans are already underway to have a youth activities week in July, sponsored by the Senior MYF. Rev. Curt Gatlin, conference director of youth work, and Billy Baum, conference MYF vice-president, helped our MYF plan for this week.

Nancy Sadler, sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild in Smithfield, went to Camp Don-Lee, June 14-20. Others may go later. Going to Elks Camp are: Bobby Bursell, Freddie Barnes, Paul Horne and Eugene Moore.

We hope to have one or more to attend the Annual Conference of the MYF in August, and several to attend the older youth assembly at Camp Don-Lee that same month.

Christian Adventure Week

The group of boys and girls pictured on this page are a part of the sixty or more intermediates who enjoyed the fun, food, fellowship and study at a Christian Ad-

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venture Week at Edenton Street church, June 8-12. Led by Mrs. Howard Powell, ably assisted by Charles McAdams, Miss Carolyn Dorn and others of the church, the group gathered each evening with other intermediates of Edenton Street to grow through learning songs and memory verses, doing simple crafts, worshipping together. Mrs. Gibson, housemother, and Mr. Barrett, the two adults in the picture, also assisted with the program. A class, "God in Our Lives," was taught by Rev. Carl Walton of Raleigh. The delicious meals were prepared by the ladies of the church. The week was climaxed on Friday evening with a picnic on the Orphanage grounds, followed by the class

Horne, Juanita Goins and Mrs. Larry Yost, Coach and Manager. The girls play about two games each week.

The boys' softball team, not pictured also, plays about twice a week. These experiences give our group contacts and friendships which are fruitful.

In addition to the softball teams, the boys have intramural baseball for the pony and midget ages, to teach the spirit of cooperation, fair play and sportsmanship. The girls of this age play dodgeball, hopscotch, kickball and other outdoor games.

Frank Daniels and Jerry Hunt are in charge of the outdoor equipment which includes tether ball, paddle tennis, deck tennis, badminton, volley ball, tennis, bowling, horseshoes, croquet, dodgeball, kickball and other outdoor games. Recently, under the direction of Mrs. Larry Yost, the boys and girls had orientation day, to learn rules and regulations for these group games. "The thing I like about most of these games," commented one of the girls, "is that it doesn't take a lot of people to play them. Two or three can go out and play all afternoon."

Swimming

Of particular interest on these hot summer days is the swimming pool, where all ages swim and play in the sun. Pictured on the cover is a group of boys in swimming. Lifeguards who have been helping are: Jerry Hunt, Wilbur Hardin, Ed Parker and Jack Price. Assisting them are the housemothers. Typhoid shots keep some from swimming for a day or so, but they are back in now and hard at it. There are to be classes in learning to swim and life saving. A water meet is in the making.

A project of the program area of Christian fellowship is to open the recreation room each evening and on the weekends issue equipment and the like. Those who wish may play ping pong, checkers, Chinese checkers and other indoor sports.

Many find it interesting and somewhat educational watching TV over the screen which is in the snack shop, adjoining the recreation room.

Devotions

Some of the homes, and various ones over the campus, gather at different times for devotions, prayer groups, and Christian cells. The group pictured on the cover, sitting on the steps of their home Page Cottage, saying Psalm 100 chorally with Ralph Catlett leading, gather each morning before breakfast, overlooking the beautiful Campus, to worship God through song, prayer, Bible study and meditation. Others meet after supper, before bedtime, and during the day.



This is part of the group that enjoyed the Christian Adventure Week at Edenton Street Church, June 8-12

What Is the Joy of Christian Living?

By Charles M. Laymon

Philippians 1:12-20, 14, 19

Joy is where you find it, and it appears sometimes in strange places. A prison would not seem to be conducive to vibrant happiness, and yet the most joyful letter in the New Testament was written in a house of detention.

In Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, penned in the midst of such limitations, the apostle declared: "I shall rejoice" (Phil. 1:19). This announcement was an expression of his intention to discover God in a setting which many would have regarded as hopeless.

Olin Stockwell made such a discovery while in a Chinese Communist prison. The deteriorating experience of being thrown into solitary for 14 months and the harassing subjection to "brain washing" for nine additional months did not keep his missionary from using his dark hour to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

During those days he wrote manuscript notes on the margins of a paper-backed copy of Moffatt's translation of the New Testament. When he was released these were smuggled past the guards. They were edited and published recently under the title, "With God in Red China." The writing of this book is an event in Christian witness in our generation.

Another suggestive parallel to Paul's experience as told in Philippians is the two-year imprisonment of William Oatis in Czechoslovakia, just ended. This newspaper reporter was charged with being a United States spy and arrested. Tutored in the traditions of American journalism, he had written openly of what he found as he gathered the news.

Without realizing it, William Oatis in jail became a symbol of a free press throughout the world.

It was the same with Paul. The Christians were challenged by his sacrifice. As the apostle put it: "Most of the brethren have been made confident in the Lord because of my imprisonment, and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear" (Phil. 1:14).

Paul's joy while a prisoner in Rome was based upon a confident faith that God was at work in the situation that surrounded him. The joy of Christian living is the joy of believing that whatever the circumstance, God is concerned actively for our highest good. Final defeat is impossible. —The Christian Advocate

it did five years ago, although there have been gains in some sections of the church.

As a means of reaching this goal, the last General Conference of The Methodist Church authorized a youth emphasis that will continue through 1956. The field service of the entire staff of the Youth Department is now centered upon helping the church's six jurisdictions evaluate their youth programs and plans for more effective work in the days ahead, he said.

The six jurisdictions reported the following gains or losses in youth for 1952: North Central, 4,542 loss; Northeastern, 2,004 loss; Central (comprising the Negro conferences), 367 gain; Western, 2,084 gain; Southeastern, 4,602 loss; South Central, 369 gain.

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THREE SUPPLY PASTORS' SCHOOLS SCHEDULED

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Methodist Board of Education's national headquarters here has scheduled three new summer schools for supply pastors.

Dr. J. Richard Spann, director of the Department of In-Service Training in the board's Division of Educational Institutions, said the schools are scheduled as follows:

1. Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., July 19-August 7. The dean will be Dr. Harold S. Huff, professor of religion at Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D.

2. Boston University, August 3-21, with Dr. Walter Lewis Holcomb, of the university's School of Theology, serving as dean.

3. August 10-28, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. The dean will be Dr. Richard W. Miller of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

His department has arranged for 2,929 other supply pastors to enroll in special correspondence courses in lieu of seminary training. The courses are given in cooperation with the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

A total of 4,129 supply pastors and undergraduate ministers are receiving ministerial training through the department this year. In addition, 42 one-week schools are being sponsored for regular pastors. Attendance is expected to exceed 8,000.

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FIGHT COMMUNISTS, PROTECT INNOCENT

"How to Uncover Communists without Throwing Mud on Innocent People" is the title and subtitle of an article by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to appear in Parade's issue of June 28.

This weekly magazine circulates as a Sunday supplement to 36 U.S. newspapers and reaches an estimated 13,000,000 readers.

"Communism is a clear and present danger," Bishop Oxnam declares. "It constitutes the most menacing challenge to freedom and faith of recent centuries"

Branding the Communist Party a conspiracy, Bishop Oxnam calls for these conspirators to be "discovered, tried, and, if found guilty, punished."

The Bishop asserts the "right and duty

of Congress to conduct investigations to secure the information upon which sound legislation may be based" but he also warns: . . . "we dare not, in the name of combatting Communism, allow the practices of the police state to be established in our free state."

Misuse of files for which the committee makes no claim of accuracy is to play into the hands of the enemy, Bishop Oxnam believes. "No Communist could want more than to see us divided, suspicious, without trust, fearful, defensive."

Bishop Oxnam recommends that the task of ferreting out Communist conspirators be turned over 100% to the F.B.I. He suggests a program for the Congressional investigators that would protect against false attacks upon reputations.

"The Church," writes the Bishop, "is one of our most effective agencies in destroying the Communist threat to freedom. In teaching faith it strikes at the fundamental error of Communism, which is atheism . . . in teaching a spiritual view of life, it undermines the Communist philosophy of materialism."

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METHODIST YOUTH GROUPS NEED TO TREBLE ENROLLMENT

Nashville, Tenn.—"If The Methodist Church is to meet its responsibility, the membership of the Methodist Youth Fellowship should be 4,600,000 by 1960," according to Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education.

On the basis of the 1950 census, it has been estimated that by 1960 the youth population of this country will be 32,124,000, and that The Methodist Church has responsibility for 14 per cent of this number.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship now totals 1,125,000.

At a time when three out of four youth are outside the church (Catholic, Protestant or Jewish), The Methodist Church is working with 23,000 fewer youth than

CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

THOSE BIG LITTLE THINGS

By Booth Mooney

Bobby Davis swung into the newspaper office with a discontented expression on his usually sunny face. There were little wrinkles on his forehead as he climbed on the stool in front of the desk of Mr. Arthur, editor of the Parker County Post.

"Hello, Bobby," the editor looked up from his typewriter as his young friend seated himself. "Why, boy, what's wrong? You look like a thunder-cloud about to burst."

"I'll tell you," Bobby said earnestly. "I've been reading a book called 'Heroes of the World' and, Mr. Arthur, I found out that lots of boys not a bit older than I am have done big things—things that really counted."

"And you are unhappy because you can't do something like that," the editor said gently. "Is that it, Bobby?"

"Yes, sir, I guess that's about it. I never have a chance to do anything that really amounts to something. It's just the same old thing day after day."

The editor leaned back in his chair and stared at the ceiling. "Well, Bobby," he said slowly, "your problem is not exactly new. I suspect boys—yes, and men, too—have been feeling about as you do for a longer time than anybody can remember."

"You know, Bobby, I have been knocking around the world for a good many years, and I have come to the conclusion that the biggest thing in life is doing all the hundreds of little things, doing them conscientiously and well. Every day we have a chance to do dozens of little things that appear mighty small—but they mount up Bobby, they mount up."

"You mean," Bobby asked, "that lots of little things count as much as one big thing?"

The editor nodded. "That's it, exactly. Offering to do errands for your mother, giving a hearty, respectful greeting to everyone you meet, going out of your way to do kind deeds, trying to cheer up your friends when they feel discouraged—some people would call these little things. I don't, Bobby. If you consistently look after the little things the big ones will take care of themselves."

"I believe you are right," Bobby smiled, his discontented look disappearing as if by magic.

"I believe I am," Mr. Arthur replied. "I used to want to do big things and here I am running a newspaper in a small town. But I am happy, Bobby. I'm contented, and that is more than many of the important men can say."

Bobby slipped off the stool. "I just happened to think," he remarked, "that I must wash the car."—Sentinel.

METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP SEEKS 10,000 MEMBERS

(Continued from page six)

policy for the church and the conferences and to promote legislation to that end.

4. To help the church create a program for rural churches.

5. To define the kind of church needed in this new day and discover methods by which rural churches can be strengthened.

6. To foster cooperation among all churches through the Christian Rural

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With joyful hearts and cheerful faces.

And through sunshine and stormy hours,
You'll have your own determined mind,
And God himself to help you find
The way unto your self-sought goal;
And, most inspiring to your soul,
You'll feel His presence every day;
And all along adventure's way
There'll always be life's lovely flowers.

Raleigh

—Ernest C. Durham

Fellowship and to keep in touch with the latest developments in the rural church movement.

7. To promote cooperation between the church rural life organizations, governmental agencies, and community groups in community development; and to lift up the importance of serving all of life.

8. To advocate increased emphasis on specialized training for the rural ministry.

9. To initiate studies of conditions which affect the churches in town and country and to sponsor the use of new methods and techniques which are proving effective.

10. To organize and support the work of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work.

11. To seek the proper recognition for the rural pastor and the rural church.

12. To recruit youth for full time dedication to service to the rural church and rural life.

LET'S MOVE OVER AND MAKE ROOM

(Continued from page five)

may be wondering just how he can get that beautiful circle to open up a bit and let him slip in.

Putting New Members to Work

It is our prayer that throughout our Jurisdiction there will be thousands of lay persons who will be big enough and Christian enough to go to the pastor and say, "After serving in my office all these years, I'd like to propose the name of Mrs. New Member. She has all of the qualities that are needed and I'm sure her peculiar talent fits her perfectly for the responsibility."

There will not be many new members who will lapse into inactivity, if the leaders of the church will be gracious enough to nominate them for places of service and responsibility.

In addition to this, each of us now in the church can be a "committee of one" to never fail to smilingly greet the new member, warmly shake his hand, and be diligent in introducing him to as many others as possible.

Now we will let you in on a great secret. These new members, with a fresh experience of Jesus Christ, and with a new enthusiasm for His cause, can make a tremendous contribution to the church fellowship. If we will be big enough, gracious enough, and Christian enough to move over and let them in, and if we will be broad enough to listen to their new suggestions, soon we will be wondering how we ever managed without them.

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ESCAPE TO NEW YORK CITY TRANQUILITY

To my friends of the Western North Carolina Conference:

I am registered as a member of the Methodist Home for the Aged in Charlotte, but I have slipped off to New York to get out of the rush of things and have a little quiet visit with my children, Henry and Margaret. You have no idea how quiet and peaceful it can be on the eleventh floor of an apartment house in the Peter Cooper Village, amid cool breezes, above the noise, surrounded by books, the radio cut off, with your blind eye fixed on TV and your seeing eye watching the movement of the boats, to and fro, on the East River, through your open window.

Three months in the Methodist Home, with its regular habits of rest and exercise, long hours of sleep, wholesome food directed by scientifically trained dietitians, together with the fellowship of the high class brothers and sisters of the home, have given me such an uplift physically and spiritually, that I am tempted to say—will say—that if needed—**only if needed**—I am available for a few revival meeting dates between now and the meeting of our Annual Conference.

Having devoted sixty years to the preaching of the gospel—46 years without a break and fourteen years of semi-activity as a superannuate—I find that there is yet a lingering desire to preach. I can still say with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

H. C. Sprinkle

WESLEY QUARTER-MILLENNIUM AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

The 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley will be commemorated July 2-4, 1953, at Lake Junaluska. The program will be sponsored by the World Methodist Council and the American Association of Methodist Historical Societies. British and American leaders will participate.

The theme of the observance will be "Theological Emphases Recovered by Wesley." Among the speakers are Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, United States Director of Defense Mobilization and former President of Ohio Wesleyan University; Rev. E. Benson Perkins, European secretary of the World Methodist Council; Dr. Dorothy Farrar, vice president of the British Methodist Conference; Dr. Harold Roberts, vice president of the World Methodist Council of Great Britain; Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, minister at Birmingham Central Hall, England; and Dr. Frank Baker, general secretary of the Wesley Historical Society, London.

American participants include Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Dr. Jacob S. Payton, and Edwin L. Jones.

The program will culminate on the evening of July 4th in a Wesley Hymn Festival, the theme of which will be "The Evangelical Emphasis in Methodist Hymnology." Dr. Frank Baker will give the theological background of the hymns to be sung and singing will be directed by Mr. Joe Emerson Rose, director of the radio program, "Hymns of All the Churches."

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1953

The editorial committee of the historical societies desires to purchase several copies of the three-volume edition of the Journal of Francis Asbury for use in editing a new edition. The one-volume "heart" of the Journal is not wanted. The committee will pay \$15 per set. If you have copies of this work send them at once to Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N.C., and payment, plus postage, will be made by return mail.

District Appointments

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Last Round

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	July
Fairview-Nesbitt's Chapel, 8	8
Acton, 8	9
Abernethy, 8	12
Tabernacle, 8	10
Asbury Memorial, 8	13
Black Mountain, 8	14
Biltmore, 8	15
Emma, 8	16
French Broad, 8	17
Saluda, 2:30	19
Tryon, 7:30	19
Haywood Street, 7:30	20
Brevard, 7:30	21
Trinity, 7:30	22
Oakley, 7:30	23
Ivy, Pleasant Gap, 7:30	24
Laurel Hill, 2	26
Piney Mountain, 7:30	26
E. Flat Rock—Upward, 8	28
Bald Creek, 7:30	29
Hendersonville, 7:30	30
Skyland—Avery's Creek, 7:30	31
	August
Elkwood—Riverview, 7:30	1
Balfour, 2:30	2
Edneyville, 7:30	2
Newdale, 3	9
Burnsville, 11	9
Rosman, 7:30	10
Ecusta—English Chapel, 7:30	11
Horseshoe, 7:30	12
Fletcher, 7:30	13
Francis Asbury, 7:30	14
Mills River, 11	16
Brown's View, 7:30	16
Leicester, 7:30	18
Bell, 7:30	19
Oak Hill, 7:30	20
Swannanoa, 7:30	21
Montmorenci, 11	23
Little Sandy, 3	23
Swannanoa Ct.—Bethel, 7:30	25
Weaverville, 7:30	26
Marshall, 7:30	27
St. Paul, 11	30
Weaverville Ct.—Salem, 3	30
	September
Central, 7:30	2
Hot Springs, 7:30	3
Groce Methodist Church, 7:30	6

Check Up Meeting at Rhododendron Park, August 17 at 3 p.m.

In Memoriam

DORSEY H. EDWARDS

RED OAK—Dorsey H. Edwards suddenly left this life on the morning of March 2. A man of simple dignity in all situations, his life was marked by those attributes which denote true nobility of character, devotion to his family and community, to his country and to his church. He always bore cheerfully and uncomplainingly the ill health incident to wounds suffered in the Battle of the Hindenburg Line in World War I.

As a member of Red Oak Methodist Church, Mr. Edwards was chairman of the Board of Stewards, chairman of the Board of Trustees, general superintendent of the Sunday School, and chairman of the Board of Education. In addition to official duties, he was self appointed to signal the people to worship by ringing the bell on Sunday mornings, and on week days when services were scheduled, and to see that the House of God was made comfortable and open on time for any occasion.

He is survived by his wife, the former Pearl Ervin of Troutman, N. C., and by a daughter, Jane Edwards, a student at Greensboro College. Three sisters and three brothers also survive: Misses Lillie and Annie Edwards, Mrs. Mary Strum, M. E., W. W. and S. A. Edwards all of Red Oak.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Pegg, and a former pastor, Rev. L. A. Watts. Graveside services were in charge of a color guard of the American Legion Coleman-Pitt Post No. 25 of Rock Mount of which he was a member.

T. H. Fisher
Chairman of the Board of Stewards
Red Oak Methodist Church

REV. LEMUEL WILSON COLSON

ASHEVILLE—The Rev. Lemuel Wilson Colson of 252 Brevard Road, Asheville, N. C., answered to the roll call of the Church triumphant May 6 at 12:05 p.m. in the Asheville hospital. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, J. H. Brendall, Jr., assisted by J. W. Fitzgerald and T. A. Groce in Trinity Methodist Church, Friday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m. Internment was in Green Hill Cemetery, Asheville. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Irene Hall Colson; two sons, Dr. J. William Colson of Lawrence, Mass., and Dr. Clyde L. Colson of the University of West Virginia; four daughters, Mrs. Leighton W. McRae of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. James McCord of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Frank C. Hall, and Mrs. A. C. Reynolds, Jr., of Asheville.

Brother Colson entered the ministry and became a member of the South Georgia Conference in 1896. Prior to entering the ministry, he was a teacher, and at one time was president of South Georgia Normal and Business Institute. In the South Georgia Conference he served in an official capacity on the Board of Missions and Church Extension, district superintendent, and other church activities. In 1921 he was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and appointed to the West Asheville church, now Trinity. After a four year pastorate, he was appointed chaplain to Oteen Hospital, a work at that time supported by the conference. Later the Federal Government assumed the responsibility. For 17 years he served his church in this capacity, retiring in 1942.

His noble and effective ministry in Western North Carolina will long be remembered by people of all creeds. How many souls were touched and blessed by his gentle and tender ministry is a story that can only unfold before the altar of the church in Heaven. We think of him as one described in Isaiah 32: 2, "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

J. W. Fitzgerald

MRS. J. C. WILLIAMS, SR.

SWAN QUARTER—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Providence Methodist Church, Swan Quarter, pay sincere tribute to the memory of our beloved friends and co-worker, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Sr., who passed away April 22, 1953.

Resolved, that in the death of Mrs. Williams our Society has lost a faithful and beloved member.

Resolved further, that our heart-felt sympathy be extended to her family, and we pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Resolved, that a copy be sent to the family, the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Hyde County Herald and be recorded in our minutes.

Mrs. H. E. Griffin
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General Secretary, American Bible Society

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The American Bible Society has on hand ready for shipment to Russia 84,891 Russian Bibles, 193,714 Russian New Testaments with Psalms and 522,946 Russian Gospels. These are all in the Holy Synod version and in the new Russian orthography. These are from the first editions of Russian Scriptures in the new Russian orthography printed on American soil. They were published by the American Bible Society from 1943 to 1948.

These Scriptures can be purchased for \$1.00 for a Bible, 35 cents for the New Testament with Psalms and 2 cents for a Russian Gospel. They are given without charge to those who can demonstrate real ability to place Scriptures in the hands of Russian speaking people who will read them.

The American Bible Society has published 1,698,200 volumes of Scripture in the new Russian orthography. Of this number, it had in stock on December 1, 1952, 84,891 Bibles, 193,714 New Testaments with Psalms and 522,946 Gospels. This means that the Society has distributed 896,649 volumes in the new Russian orthography. Of this number, 220,000 were shipped into Russia through official channels.

The Desire for Russian Scriptures

But do the Russians really want Bibles? Through the years they have always been eager to receive the Holy Scriptures when the way was open. In 1945 the Society shipped 5,000 Russian New Testaments with Psalms and 100,000 Gospels in the new Russian orthography to the Patriarch of Moscow.

When Metropolitan Gregory of Leningrad and Novgorod was in New York in 1947 he stated his willingness to accept 200,000 Bibles, 500,000 Russian New Testaments with Psalms and 1,000,000 Russian Gospels on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church. The American Bible Society at once shipped through the Amtorg Trading Corporation all of the Russian Scriptures the Society had in stock; 10,000 Russian Bible, 5,000 Russian New Testaments with Psalms, 100,000 Russian Gospels and 1,000 Ancient Greek New Testaments, to the Patriarch Alexei of Moscow for distribution to seminaries and to the Russian people.

Letters have been received telling of the delivery of these Scriptures and describing the joy with which they were welcomed.

Metropolitan Gregory donated to the American Bible Society, in gratitude for the publishing of the Scriptures in the new orthography and for making the generous offer of Scriptures for Russia, a beautiful icon showing our Lord holding His hand on an open book with the following quotation:

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." St. John 13:34-35

So far it has not been possible to com-

plete the shipment of Scriptures. In the meanwhile, the American Bible Society has distributed outside the U.S.S.R. 676,649 copies of the Russian Scriptures in the Holy Synod version and in the new orthography. There is, of course, no way of knowing how many of these may have gone into Russia. We do know Russian people have received the Scriptures with eagerness when they are able to get copies.

Why Not Smuggle Bibles to Russia?

If it were possible to smuggle Scriptures into the U.S.S.R., such activity should not be publicized. There is seldom much smuggling done by a noisy smuggler. Published claims and bungling attempts by uninformed or ambitious groups can result in serious reprisals on Russian Christians and can destroy Scripture distribution to Christians in border countries.

The whole history of God's Word in the world demonstrates that the people will have the Bible. The ultimate victory is always God's and the Bible always breaks through to the people.

The struggle of the Russian people for the Bible has been long and hard.

The ancient Slav language "Slavonic" was the language in which Scriptures for the inhabitants of the Slavic countries were produced for several centuries. The Bible was first printed in 1581. This language is still in ecclesiastical use.

Bible Work by Russians

The translation into modern Russian currently in widest use is that made under the auspices of the Holy Synod between 1819 and 1872.

Under the stimulation and assistance of the British & Foreign Bible Society, a St. Petersburg Bible Society was founded in 1813 and in 1814 became the Russian Bible Society with Imperial approval. It was disbanded by the Tsar in 1826 but in its twelve year life it had produced translations of the Scriptures into 17 languages, printed in 30 and circulated over 600,000 Scriptures. Such was the life of Russia's only Bible Society. There has

never been another national Bible Society of Russia.

Until 1923 the British & Foreign Bible Society continued work through its own staff. When it was forced to cease it had produced in Russia, 344,000 Bibles, 7,132,000 New Testaments and 10,972,000 Gospels and other Portions.

From 1922 until the large printing of Russian Scriptures by the American Bible Society 1943-48, there were a number of relatively small editions printed. These include the first Bibles in the new Russian orthography, an edition of 25,000 printed in Leningrad in 1926 with type set and plates made possible by a subsidy from the American Bible Society.

So it is that today the Russian Scriptures are printed and ready for shipment. The Russian people have ever shown a desire for the Scriptures. But the way is not now open. These are days when American Christians must pray and wait upon the Lord. Our horror of atheism must not be allowed to stampede us into rash actions which are not of the Lord. We must guard against false prophets. Church leaders and our American Bible Society are alert and ready. Our prayers can hasten the opening of the way.

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CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON PROTESTANT RADIO CENTER

Construction has begun on the first unit in a \$500,000 production center in Atlanta for the Protestant Radio Center, according to Dr. John M. Alexander, center president.

A contract has been awarded to the J. A. Jones Construction Co., of Atlanta and Charlotte, N. C., for construction of the first unit, expected to cost approximately \$125,000. It will be adjacent the Emory University campus.

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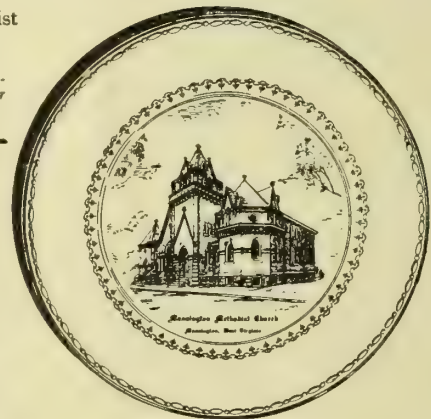
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A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

By MRS. METTA FOLGER TOWNSEND

Grant us Thy wisdom, Lord, that we may be
Well fitted for our leadership while true
Of heart and strong we undertake the new
And fearful task of helping men be free
Or giving back their ancient liberty.

The loftier vision grant to us where through
We see more clearly all that we should do
To reach the spirit of humanity.

But first, dear Lord, cleanse Thou our hearts from greed
And fratricidal strife that in our deed
And thought we may stand fair and bring no shame
Upon democracy's time-honored name,
The while we live through Thine own righteousness
A nobler life to comfort and to bless.

From *Songs in the Night*



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was born a man contrary to the laws of life. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity.

He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood. He possessed neither wealth nor influence.

In infancy He startled a king. In childhood He puzzled the doctors. In manhood He ruled the course of nature, walking upon the billows as if pavements and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service. He never wrote a book and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song and yet He furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined. He never founded a college, but all the schools together cannot boast as having as many students. He never practiced medicine, yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack gun and surrender without a shot being fired. Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone, but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour. (Author Unknown)

TRUST IN GOD

By trusting in God one gains that quietness and confidence which Isaiah says shall be our strength. It is far better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. Trust in the Lord does not spring out of the ground. It must have some knowledge upon which to rest. They that know God must fully trust Him most completely. Sometimes we go on heedlessly, never seeking God at all, and at the last, when baffled and, may be, crushed, we shift the whole matter on the good and gracious Lord. In business and in our work, whatever it is, we must trust God at the beginning as well as in the progress or at the end. Sometimes God does not wait for us to start. He opens the door and bids us enter. That is how Paul got over into Europe. Trusting God at the start, we can trust God for strength as we go through. "As thy day thy strength shall be." Trusting God does not mean we will surely get what we want or expect. God is kind and we get what He wants for us, which is infinitely better than what we want for ourselves.—The Presbyterian

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

ALLIES WE DO NOT SEE

It is not a pleasant feeling to know that we are being watched by persons we cannot see. During recent years I have been in four countries ruled by dictators. In those lands we were pretty sure that our movements were observed by secret police. We did not like it.

In fact, most of us do not like to be exposed too much to the eyes of the curious, though they be not hostile. Refined persons have modesty.

On the other hand, while we dislike to be watched by the hostile and the curious, there are times when we crave to have friendly eyes upon us. The little boy, when he is learning to turn somersaults, cries, "Look, daddy" and he does it better when father's encouraging gaze is on him. The little girl, tossing feverishly on her bed, can go to sleep better when she knows that mother is sitting near enough to watch over her.

And how about adults? I think of a school teacher whose father died when she was three. Growing up in a family circle dominated by older step-sisters, she was deprived of normal parental love. Somewhat starved for affection, she married a man who turned out to be a rotter. After being supported by her for some years, he ran away with another woman. And now this teacher tries bravely to keep up her spirits during the day for the sake of her pupils. But after hours she finds the loneliness of her four walls almost unbearable. Although we like the privacy which shelters us from prying eyes, we also long for kindly and sympathetic eyes to save us from our loneliness.

After the famous British surgeon, Lord Moynihan, had performed a delicate operation before a group of fellow surgeons, he was asked how he could do what he did with such a crowd around him. "Well," he said, "it's like this: there are just three persons in the room when I operate—the patient and I." "Three?" said the questioner, "but that is only two. Who is the other?" The surgeon answered, "God." Yes, God is our unseen ally.

As I write this I am flying from Eugene, Oregon, to San Francisco. I have just given a commencement address at a great university. It is my wedding anniversary. As I spoke to the seven thousand commencement guests, I felt the presence of my wife twenty-five hundred miles away. She has been my unseen ally on countless similar occasions.

Yet there are still more unseen allies. Does it sound silly and superstitious to talk about angels? Of course, we might ask whether it should seem to us any more improbable to say that there are invisible angelic messengers in the air than it would have seemed to our grandfathers to be told that there are ether waves which would make it possible to carry our voices by radio and our faces by television through walls and across continents. When we think how full the air is of mysterious radioactive powers, we should be a bit loath to deny the possibility of invisible spiritual presences around us.

Whether we believe it or not, the Scripture asserts that "we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses"—those

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

Help us, O God, to know what we want, when we come to Thee in prayer. For if we do not know what we really want, our prayers will remain largely without an answer.

We wonder if we are actually ready to accept what we ask for.

Do we want to follow Christ? If so, do we know the price? Do we know what He meant when He said: "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head"?

Then, God, do we want power? Power for what? And are we willing to use the enormous power that God is able and willing to give us at any time? Help us to know that power is dangerous if we do not use it in the right way.

Or do we want happiness? Show us that we can get it, if we make sacrifices to make other people happy.

We thank Thee, O God, for the insight into spiritual truth which Emerson had when he said: "What you would have, pay for it and take it." May we have such insight. Through Christ. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

persons of faith whose bodies have left the earth but whose spirits still form an invisible fellowship. I am not very mystical and I hope I am not sentimental. But I feel that the mother who watched over me in my infancy, who went with me in spirit when I left home for school is still with me at certain moments when my mind is properly in tune.

According to the records, my mother has been gone almost thirty years. But I am pretty sure she has been my "guardian angel" many, many times.

Let's think about our "guardian angels" they help to bring out what Lincoln called the "better angels of our nature."

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Editing the Editor

On June 29 our editor landed in Cherbourg to be out of the States for several weeks as leader of the European Caravan. Now that he is away, let's talk about him for a moment.

Coming to the editor's chair in 1949, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins has brought our church paper to a place of unusual prominence in the two Conferences in North Carolina. Thousands upon thousands of new readers are enjoying an Advocate which perhaps has no superior. Pastors and laymen recognize Dr. Robbins' journalistic talents, and they are appreciating the church and the Christian religion more because of his excellent ministry. This good man did not happen into or stumble into this position of such tremendous responsibility and opportunity. Through the years he has believed in the value and the power of the written word; and long ago he dreamed of the day when he might be able to make a real contribution in the field of religious journalism. Now hundreds of thousands of Methodists up and down the State of North Carolina and beyond are recipients of the fruits of his lucid mind and his facile pen.

Possessed of a keen and discerning mind, Editor Robbins is giving a challenging Christian interpretation of current religious and moral problems. Many pastors in making calls upon their parishioners are finding the church paper on the table in every home, and hearing endless words of praise and appreciation for the help which comes to them through the columns of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. Because of his superior journalistic talents, Dr. Robbins was chosen to edit the *Daily Christian Advocate* of the 1952 Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Roanoke, Virginia.

To keep our paper a vital force in our church, we can be ever alert for new subscribers and to renew subscriptions now running out. This is a service not so much for the editor, but for ourselves and for our churches, and for the sacred cause to which we have dedicated ourselves.

Returning from his European sojourn at the end of the summer, Dr. Robbins will be better qualified than ever before to give us a paper that should be a must for every Methodist home. Let's continue to support the Advocate that it may be even more fruitful for Christ and his Church.

Editorial Writer This Week:

**Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Pastor
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Inform the Committee

On the editorial page of the Advocate of June 11 appeared an interesting article, "Have You Thought About What You Owe Your Pastor?" It would be most appropriate for all members of the committee on Pastoral Relations to read these observations before entering upon their "before-conference" activities. If they do not receive the church paper, lend them your copy for perusal. I have two qualifications which perhaps justify my speaking here: 1. I am not a district superintendent. 2. I have served nine years as a district superintendent.

Says the Discipline of 1952: "The primary purpose of the Committee is to aid the pastor in making his ministry most effective." These are unfamiliar words to thousands of committee members who really want to meet their responsibility but unfortunately do not know just what that responsibility is. Turn to paragraph 145, section 2, for light and Christian guidance.

Again, "The Committee shall confer with the pastor." Too often the opposite course is taken as the committee secretly inquires here and there, "Don't you think we had better get rid of him?" I have had visits from approximately 300 of these committees. Many have rendered great service to the church and to the ministry while others have rendered a distinct disservice. Information gleaned from one interview:

1. His wife does not visit the homes of the community.
2. He sings too many stanzas of the hymns.
3. He takes too many collections.
4. He does not draw enough people from other denominations to our services.
5. He is too old.
6. He cannot preach so well as we think he should.

Asked whether they had discussed these things with the pastor, they said, "Heavens, no; we are leaving all that to the district superintendent. We want this matter handled quietly and without hard feeling. After all, the superintendent does have the authority to move him, does he not?" And the superintendent replied, "It's true, I have that author-

ity; and fortunately I have another authority also—to be Christian."

The Discipline speaks again, "The committee shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference." Now listen as Mr. Webster explains the word "amenable:" "Liable to be brought to account or judgment; answerable; accountable." Here we come to one of the most serious weaknesses of the committee's work—when they take matters into their own hands and keep the members of the Official Board and of the church ignorant of their plans and efforts, forgetting that the committee is a creature of the Quarterly Conference and answerable to it. Superintendents and bishops have a grave responsibility in dealing with these problems. Insist that the committee members know their duties and responsibilities and that they approach them in a Christian manner. Then and only then will the committee render a valuable service to the ministry and to Christ and the Church.

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How Much Shall We Give?

She had been tithing for just a few months. What happened? She had more money to give than ever before, so much that she called her pastor to inquire whether she would be justified in adding several good causes to those she was already supporting.

But the church has never encountered this problem. Through the years she has had only a lean diet, and she has wrought mightily with the support that she has received. Many good causes have to wait because the church has insufficient means to expand and maintain necessary and important programs. While crime and liquor, two ignoble but very friendly companions, reach into the pockets of the people and take millions and billions of dollars which should be used to benefit mankind, the church is left with a budget unbalanced. It is still true, "The less we give to the church, the more we have to pay for the fruits of sin." There is no luxury so expensive as sinful living.

Although the tithe may not equal genuine stewardship of possessions, it would so strengthen the church that her power would challenge men around the entire world. And what is our Christian duty at this point? Shall we continue to give God and the church only a pittance? In the New Testament we find that our Lord mentioned money more than anything else. If we are to be truly loyal to him, we may need to rethink our program of giving to God and the Church.

JACOB RIIS:

"The Ideal American Citizen"

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

Theodore Roosevelt once wrote: "If I were asked to name a fellow-man who came nearest to being the ideal American citizen, I should name Jacob Riis." Now who was Jacob Riis? Any man that Theodore Roosevelt would name as "the ideal American citizen" should be worth knowing.

Jacob Riis was a native of Denmark who came to this country when he was 21 years of age. His life was not without romance. Had it not been for the sweetheart of his boyhood days, Elizabeth Nielson, a beautiful girl of his native town, Ribe, Denmark, Americans might never have heard of this Dane. Jacob was an ardent lover and when he proposed to her and she rejected him, he took ship for America, "to get as far away from her as possible—and to make money enough to come back and claim her as his bride." They were made for each other, he declared, and all the fates that be could not prevent their marriage. Six years later he brought her to America as his bride. On their silver wedding anniversary, surrounded by their five children, he wrote: "I dreamed a dream in my youth, and I awoke and found it true."

Young Riis landed in New York in 1870, when this country was passing through a severe financial depression. After working at different jobs, as carpenter, miner, sales agent, etc., he became a newspaper reporter. From his father, who was a school teacher, he had received his education, and as a boy had learned something about journalism by assisting his father, who published a weekly newspaper. One day, while attending a revival service, he professed conversion. Then and there he declared his purpose of giving up writing and becoming a minister. But the preacher counseled, "No, no, Jacob, not that; we have preachers enough, what the world needs is consecrated pens."

From that day Jacob Riis wielded a consecrated pen, and felt called to expose the iniquities of the slum, with the graft, greed, and political corruption which often accompany that evil institution. "The best way to bring on reform," he said "is to make the facts of wrong plain." His work as police reporter carried him into the worst dens of the slums: "Hell's Kitchen," "Blindman's Alley," "Bandit's Roost," "Bottle Alley," "Murderers' Row," "Tramps' Nest," "Poverty's Gap."

Fought Battles for Underprivileged

Riis carefully collected the facts, using his camera to verify his reports, and by newspaper articles, addresses, lectures and books, he fought the battles of the underprivileged. His first book, "How the Other Half Lives," published in 1890, gave shocking revelations of slum life at that time. This book, with his other books, "The Battle With the Slum," and "The Making of An American," (Macmillan, 1901-1902), did much to improve slum conditions throughout the country.

Riis found housing conditions in the slums deplorably bad. In one of the Mott Street barracks, the death rate among its

inhabitants was 325 per 1,000—about one-third. Bedrooms in many of the tenements were often dark closets utterly without ventilation. The houses were built like huge square boxes, several stories high, and daylight could reach only a few of the outside rooms. The death of a child, in one case, was registered as "plainly due to suffocation in the foul air of an unventilated apartment." A Tenement House Commission called the worst of the barracks, "Infant slaughter houses." Such conditions made Riis cry out, "Why should a man have a better right to kill his neighbor with a house than with an axe in the street?"

Children robbed of the influence of a wholesome home life naturally drift into crime. Riis counted "eighteen professional cracksmen" between nine and fifteen

The story of a Danish immigrant boy who became a great American humanitarian.

years of age who had been caught with burglar's tool or in the act of robbery." "The slum is the poorest investment the city can make, and when once made is not easily unmade," says Riis.

Lincoln Steffens says: "Riis hated passionately all tyrannies, abuses, miseries, and he fought them. He was a 'terror' to the officials and landlords responsible as he saw it, for the desperate condition of the tenements, where the poor lived."

Had Faith in the Fallen

A thoroughly religious man, Riis was impressed with the possibilities of the human soul and the moral recovery of those who have fallen. "City toughs," he said, "in nine cases out of ten are lads of normal impulses whose resources have all been smothered by the slums." With better opportunities they might have been heroes." When he saw rum-sodden old hags defending the purity of a girl who had drifted into the slums, protesting, "Not her, not her! we are old and tough but she is young," Riis was moved to exclaim: "Let it stand as a testimony that on the brink of hell itself human nature is not wholly lost. There is still the spark of His image, however overlaid by the slum."

Riis didn't like to be called a reformer. He said his object was not to change people but to give them a chance. That through his efforts many were given a "better chance" is amply shown by this partial list of achievements attributed to him: "He exposed the contaminated state of the city's water supply, and caused the purchase of the Croton water-shed; he abolished the police station lodging houses that had been breeders of vice and crime; he worked for child labor laws and their enforcement and for school playgrounds and recreation parks; he demanded light

for tenement darkened hallways, and revealed to a horrified community long-ridden dens of vice, crime and filth; he drove bake-shops, with their fatal fires, from tenement basements; he rejoiced that he had a part in the destruction of many tenement houses, but nothing rejoiced him more than the wiping out of Mulberry Bend, the worst tenement block in the city, and the building in its place of the Mulberry Bend Park, and his own Jacob Riis Neighborhood House."

A commemorative article on Jacob Riis appeared in the New York Times four years ago, a paragraph of which reads: "On the hundredth anniversary of this great American, a busy metropolis pauses to pay him tribute. Contrary to the cynics, he has not been forgotten. His memory is still green, and as thousands this summer swim and rest and play on the sands at Jacob Riis Park in the Rockaways, named after him by a grateful citizenry, they will reflect on the eloquence, the singleness of purpose and the unselfish patriotism which this forthright Scandinavian immigrant brought to the service of our city and country."

"I Knew That It Was My Flag"

Riis' description of an incident which occurred while on a visit to his mother in Denmark leaves no doubt that he was indeed a loyal American citizen. During the visit he was taken ill at the home of a friend in Elsinore, "upon the shore of the beautiful Oeresund." The concluding paragraph of his book, "The Making of An American," reads: "One day, when the fever had left me, they rolled my bed into a room overlooking the sea. The sunlight danced upon the waves, and the distant mountains of Sweden were blue against the horizon. Ships passed under full sail up and down the great waterway of the nations. But the sunshine and the peaceful day bore no message to me. I lay moodily picking at the coverlet, sick and discouraged—and sore—I hardly knew why myself. Until all at once there sailed past, close inshore, a ship flying at the top the flag of freedom, blown out on the breeze till every star in it shone bright and clear. That moment I knew. Gone were the illness, discouragement and gloom! Forgotten weakness and suffering, the caution of doctor and nurse. I sat up in bed and shouted, laughed and cried by turns, waving my handkerchief to the flag out there. They thought I had lost my head, but I told them no, thank God! I had found it, and my heart, too, at last. I knew then that it was my flag; that my children's home was mine, indeed; that I also had become an American in truth. And I thanked God, and, like unto the man sick of the palsy, arose from my bed and went home, healed."

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EARLY MORNING EVANGELISM

I have long been convinced of the value of visitation evangelism, but I went to North Carolina with serious mental reservations concerning the value of mass evangelism. The reasons for these reservations are many and varied and are of little relevance to this article. They had grown up largely, because, on the one hand, of the manner in which I have seen mass evangelism become a lucrative racket for religious charlatans; and, because on the other hand, of the manner in which I have seen too many sincere preachers appeal to fear and dread to win men into the Kingdom, rather than to preach the good news of the Gospel, with its promise of abundant life. Suffice it to say, however, that as a result of the week I spent in North Carolina I have come to see the value of mass evangelism. I saw people make first decisions that could never be reached in other ways. I saw families resolve their differences at the altar. I saw those who had become "backsliders" reclaimed by staking down their new resolves with a public declaration at the altar.

All of these discoveries, are, of course, commonplace knowledge to most of you. I did observe something during the week in North Carolina that I do not think is common knowledge—something that I feel can enrich any man's ministry. It is the application of the principle of "timing" to the practice of visitation evangelism. It is what I would call "Early Morning Evangelism" and is, so far as I know, the discovery of the consecrated pastor with whom it was my privilege to work. Because he is an extremely modest fellow and demurs at having his achievements cited as being unusual, and because of some of the experiences I wish to relate I have deemed it best to write anonymously.

What Early Morning Evangelism Is

What is "Early Morning Evangelism?" It is the attempt to help a person nail down a decision by appealing to him in the early hours of the day when he is of all times most receptive. Any pastor who is at all familiar with his congregation will be aware of people who are struggling with spiritual decisions. Knowing their background and needs as he observes them while he preaches or while his guest preacher speaks he will know at least some of those who know they ought to make decisions of one sort or another but cannot quite bring themselves to it and, therefore, need help. Likewise, any pastor who knows the rudiments of psychology knows that if the emotion has been aroused but not executed it acts as a poison in the mental and spiritual life, leaving behind each such experience a residue of insensitiveness that makes the person increasingly impervious to future spiritual appeals.

My host pastor recognized all these facts but he saw something which seems to have eluded the rest of us, namely, that when a man has wrestled with such a problem during the night he is particularly receptive as he faces a new day. Very early each morning during the week, therefore, he made it a point to visit some person whom he had observed the night before to be approaching the crisis of decision. Knowing something of the person's daily routine he planned to arrive at his house about the time he knew he would be having breakfast. Here is what happened in three different cases.

By a Visiting Virginian

Three Cases Where It Worked

The first was the case of a man in his thirties, the only member of a large family who had not committed his life to Christ and the church, and had rather beligerently resisted all previous appeals. One night it was evident to the pastor that this man was pondering the matter with great seriousness. The next morning the pastor called upon this man and he made his commitment happily and sincerely. Undoubtedly, the decision was reached because this prospect, after grappling with the problem during the

A Virginia pastor, helping in a North Carolina Methodist Church during the United Evangelistic Mission, finds that the soul is particularly responsive to Christ early in the morning.

long hours of the night, was in a mood to settle it. When the invitation was given at the service the next evening this man sealed his decision with a personal commitment at the altar.

Early morning evangelism was helpful again in an entirely different situation. Two families had been unhappily estranged for years. Because they had formerly been the closest of friends, members of the both groups and other persons had tried to assist them in reconciliation. In the service one evening I illustrated how unconfirmed emotional urges fall back and become sources of poison and the lesson seemed to strike home. The next morning the pastor called upon the principals in the estrangement and suggested that he knew there were times when each had wanted to do something about the aggravated situation which had caused them anxiety and much unhappiness. He suggested in both households that the principals should meet and say sincerely, "Whatever has transpired between us to cause this pain and sorrow, I am sorry for it and I want you to forgive me and I certainly forgive you." It was agreed and in both instances the matter was sealed with a prayer. The story of how those two families met and made up that difference of years' standing is as thrilling as any fiction. The point is, however, that the pastor combined the preaching ministry (the message) with personal counseling and in the early morning hour caught those people when the tender mood was on them after the

night hours of sober reflection had made high resolve easier to execute.

The other example of early morning evangelism had to do with an alcoholic who had sought our help. We tried honestly to help him see that there was no quick and easy solution to his problem. However, if he would give God a chance, if he would commit his life to Him, and walk one day at a time, God would help him in the solution of his problems. This explanation was made to him in a counseling period. At one service one evening this man accepted the invitation to commit his life to God, one day at a time. After the service the pastor and I discussed the man's response. I suggested that I wanted to be sure if the man understood the invitation and if he interpreted the matter as I had intended. The next morning as we drove to our period of power, the pastor described how he had had breakfast with the man and his family. His family had been reared in the "old school." They thought because the fellow had gone to the altar the problems of his alcoholism were forever solved. The pastor asked the alcoholic what he understood the preacher to mean when he accepted the invitation. The man said, "I am glad you came because last night I asked when I got home, if I had misunderstood the preacher." Then he explained that he understood the preacher to mean that if he would commit his life to God just one day at a time and he would seek His help, then God would help him solve his problems. The family was overjoyed, but this man was even more grateful that his pastor had taken the trouble to come and explain to his family that by the help of God and with the help of an understanding family who were willing to hold him up with patience and prayer this man's life would be remade. That visit may well mean the difference between success and failure in that life's struggle to find himself.

An Enriching Ministry

In the early morning hours when a human soul has struggled through the night with a matter brought to a head by the inspiration of the service the night before, when the unseen powers are at the flood, and the presence of Christ is very near, is a time of unsurpassed opportunity for us to lead others to make decisions they know they ought to make. "Early Morning Evangelism" may cause us to lose some sleep. It will certainly require, as does all personal evangelism, the very best understanding of the principles of personal counseling, but it can, if we let it, immeasurably enrich this ministry of ours.

"IN ACCOUNT WITH LIFE"

One midnight deep in starlight still,
I dreamed that I received this bill:

... in account with life:
Five thousand breathless dawns all new;
Five thousand flowers fresh in dew;
Five thousand sunsets wrapped in gold;
One million snowflakes served ice-cold
Five quiet friends; one baby's love;
One white-mad sea with clouds above;
One hundred music-haunted dreams

Of moon-drenched road and hurrying
streams,

Of prophesying winds, and trees;
Of silent stars and drowsing bees;
One June night in a fragrant wood;
One heart that loved and understood.
I wondered when I waked that day,
How—how in God's name—I could pay.

—C. W. Sayers, Washington
Cathedral Publication.

Pastor at Belmont Passes; Newlyn Street, Greensboro, Building; Brevard Alumni Unite

REV. R. L. BASS PASSES FOLLOWING TEN-DAY ILLNESS

Rev. R. L. Bass, 62, pastor of Park Street church, Belmont, died Wednesday evening, June 18, at 9:45 p.m. in a Charlotte hospital after an illness of 10 days.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 19, at 3 p.m. by Rev. C. W. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia District; assisted by Rev. C. B. Ross of First church, Belmont, and Rev. W. J. Miller of Wesley Memorial church, High Point.

Burial was in Palm Tree Methodist Church cemetery, Lincoln County.

Mr. Bass was born February 21, 1891, in Lincoln County the son of the late Nelson and Sara Roney Bass.

He was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference for 27 years. He received his education at Rutherford College, Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., and Emory University Divinity School.

He had served pastorates in Whittier, Elmwood church in Iredell County, Epworth church in Concord, Spindale church, Lafayette Street in Shelby, and Park Street church in Belmont, where he had been pastor since September, 1951.

Mr. Bass was a member of Shelby Masonic lodge.

His survivors are his wife, the former Miss Vangie Wood of Lincoln County; one son, Bill Bass of the home; three daughters, Mrs. H. A. Allred, Jr., of Durham, Mrs. R. A. Bigler of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. G. N. Tolbert of Greensboro; two brothers, J. E. Bass of Notasulga, Ala., and George Bass of Vale; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Kirby in his brief remarks had this to say about Brother Bass, "No one could know Brother Bass without loving him. Brother Bass not only wholly followed the Lord his God, but he was possessed of a beautiful and Christlike patience. He dared to be himself, and to do his own work in his own way. Thus, because of these noble characteristics, his life shall forever be a benediction to all who knew him.

"The relationship that existed between this pastor and the members of his church was something beautiful to behold. One could not witness without saying, 'Behold how they love one another.'

"He had the heart and devotion of a true pastor. He was a good minister of Jesus Christ, and preached the simple Gospel of our Lord. His greatest passion was to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of his people."

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GREENSBORO CHURCH BUILDS NEW SANCTUARY

The Newlyn Street church, Greensboro, building has been torn down to make room for a new building now under construction. The building is expected to cost \$50,000.

Newlyn Street church was organized in 1921 as Grace Methodist Church. At the organization there were thirty charter members. Seven of those are living: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allred, S. W. Vaughn, Mrs. Estelle Robbins, Mrs. I. D. Cockman, John Cagle, and A. A. Summers. Four of these were in the last service in the old church, June 14, 1953. Rev. W. A. Barber was the first fulltime pastor.

The old church, built as a temporary building more than thirty years ago, is

now being torn down to be replaced with a modern structure.

The present enrollment of the Sunday School is 285 and the present membership of the church is 350, 38 of these having joined this Conference year.

The building committee for the new church is C. P. Jackson, Robert Morphis, V. M. Gamble, Cecil Smith and R. C. Maness.

The finance committee consists of R. C. Maness, W. F. Allred, Boyd Allred, J. L. Barbour, Sr., Colon Craven, L. B. Beal, C. T. Ferree, S. R. Vaughn, H. J. Hilliard, J. D. Leonard, Raymond Meadows, Robert Morphis, W. E. Ritter, J. Cecil Smith and P. B. Winslow.

The new sanctuary is to be 38 by 72 feet in size, and will seat 300. It is to be modern in every respect, and to be constructed of cement blocks and brick throughout with a full basement.

W. F. Allred, a charter member, is the contractor to erect the new building. Plans are being made to install an electric organ and new pews in the new structure.

The congregation will worship in the local theatre building during the period of construction.

Rev. L. E. Mabry is pastor of the church.

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BREVARD COLLEGE ALUMNI GROUPS UNITE

Auxiliary groups representing the parent institutions of Brevard college voted at the annual meeting Monday morning,

May 25, to merge the alumni groups into one organization whose principal object shall be "to promote the interests of said college and to establish mutually beneficial relations between the college and its alumni."

This merger of the alumni of Weaver college, Rutherford college and Brevard Institute with the Brevard college association came on the eve of the centennial celebration of the founding of Rutherford.

Special guest speaker at the meeting Monday in Dunham Hall was Dr. L. B. Hayes of Sylva, nephew of the founder and once a trustee of Rutherford college. Dr. Hayes based his talk on Rutherford college and the part it once played in the education field.

Synonymous with the merging of the alumni groups was the adoption of a new constitution which provides for the association.

New officers were elected with vice presidents chosen by the auxiliary groups.

Rev. Leon Stubbs, Denton, vice president, was elevated to the presidency. He succeeds Rev. Delbert Byrum of Nashville, Tenn. Vice president of the association is Rev. John Lowder of Weaverville. Auxiliary vice presidents and the groups they represent are: Eston Stokes of Lexington, Brevard college; Zeb C. Williams of Biltmore, Weaver college; Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs of Charlotte, Rutherford college; and Miss Hattie Aiken of Brevard, Brevard Institute. Miss Lillian Zachary, Brevard, was named secretary-treasurer of the association.

The alumni also voted to erect a memorial gate at the entrance to the college campus, on which would be plaques commemorating Rutherford and Weaver colleges. This gate will be erected within the next few weeks.



Newlyn Street, Greensboro, Now Under Construction

Twelve Young Women Enter Full-time Christian Service; Federation Action

HIGH POINT COLLEGE GRADUATES TWELVE YOUNG WOMEN FOR FULLTIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

By William R. Locke

Professor of Religion, High Point College

High Point College this year graduated twelve young women who are entering Christian vocations. Three are going out under the Board of Missions, and nine are ready for religious education in the local church. All were active members in Alpha Delta Theta, "Sisters in the Service of Christ," a student organization which includes about fifty girls of all four classes.

Jean Lewis of Winston-Salem, appointed under the L A-3 plan, will train this summer at the Hartford Seminary Foundation and begin her work in Latin America in the fall. During her senior year at High Point, Miss Lewis was president of the Methodist Student Fellowship. Edith Harper of Greensboro, appointed under the US-2 plan, will be a children's worker at a community center in this country. Ruth Craven of High Point, appointed under the Board of Missions, will go on a youth caravan this summer and will train at Scarritt College this fall. Jewel Jones of Charlotte has been appointed director of religious education at Davis Street church in Burlington. Vivian Simmons of Lenoir will be director of religious education in the Methodist church of Conway, S. C. Jane Wilson of Gastonia goes to Newport News, Va., to be director of religious education in Grace Methodist Church.

Anna Patrick Kendrick of Salisbury, product of a Western North Carolina Methodist parsonage and president of Alpha Delta Theta during her Senior year at High Point, will serve as director of religious education in Burkhead church, Winston-Salem. Helen Coltrane of Winston-Salem will go on a youth caravan

this summer and in September will become the director of religious education at First church, Laurinburg. Mary Catherine Overfelt of Lynnhaven, Va., received her degree in June but completed her college work in February and since then has been director of religious education in Mount Vernon Methodist Church, Danville, Va. Willie Jackson Davis of Durham did not have a free day following graduation but went at once to the church



Dr. William R. Locke

camp to begin her duties of director of religious education in First church, High Point. Jo Anne Frazier of High Point will be the director of religious education in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Wytheville, Va. Norma Bogle of Albemarle, voted by the faculty as the outstanding girl in the graduating class, has been appointed director of religious education at Trinity church, Troy.

A commission service for these twelve girls, consecrating them for service in

the church, was held in Lindley Chapel on Sunday evening of the Commencement weekend. The ritual for commission was prepared by Dr. William R. Locke, professor of religion, and Miss Clarice M. Bowman, assistant professor of religious education. Others participating in the service were Alice Paige White, assistant professor of religion, and Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of the college.

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METHODIST FEDERATION VOTES CHANGES

Decisions made at a national membership meeting of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (unofficial) held in Palos Park, Ill., June 1-3 will result in closing the New York office, occupied by the Federation for more than forty years.

This will comply with a request made a year ago by the General Conference of The Methodist Church that this organization vacate the Methodist Building as one means of helping to avoid the impression that its statements on social and political matters represent the denomination's official attitude.

Action on a request that the Federation eliminate the word "Methodist" from its name for the same reason does not appear to be in immediate prospect. An earlier mail ballot on the subject of name change failed to receive approval on two-thirds of the ballots returned.

The recent meeting, however, recommended a mail ballot which, while ignoring the General Conference request, would, if supported, change the name to Methodist Fellowship for Social Action.

A new plan of leadership, eliminating the present executive secretariat, calls for four secretaries: Rev. Mark Chamberlin, Gresham, Ore., with responsibility for membership, records, etc.; Rev. Jack McMichael, California, with editorial responsibility for the Social Questions Bulletin; Dr. Willard Uphaus, New Haven, Conn., and Rev. I. DeQuincy Newman, Sumter, S. C., to do field work. There will be no New York office after mid-summer.



HIGH POINT COLLEGE GIRLS ENTER CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

Twelve graduates were commissioned for Christian vocations at the recent Commencement. They are: Front row: Left to right, Willie Davis, Norma Bogle, Alice Paige White, assistant professor of religion; Mary Catherine Overfelt, Jo Anne Frazier. Second row: Jane Wilson, Edith Harper, Vivian Simmons, Jean Lewis, Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of the college. Third row: Miss Clarice M. Bowman, assistant professor of religion; Ruth Craven, Anna Patrick Kendrick, Helen Coltrane, Jewel Jones.

Drama Workshop in Greensboro Next Week; Methodist Ministers Study at Lees-McRae

RELIGIOUS DRAMA TEAM TO LEAD WORKSHOP

West Market Street church, Greensboro, will be one of five churches to be visited this summer by the drama caravan of the Board of Education, working in the United States. A similar Caravan will tour Europe.

Scheduled to direct a religious drama workshop the week of July 5-11, the drama caravan is made up of seven specially selected and highly trained leaders in the field of religious drama. The team is under the leadership of James H. Warren, professor of religious drama, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The religious drama workshop is planned especially to stimulate interest and insight into the use of drama as a means of developing Christian growth, and to educate and train leaders in the use of drama in the local church or on the college campus. It is the only project of its kind ever held in North Carolina.

The daily schedule for the workshop will be divided into discussion groups, periods of technical instruction and experimentation, interest work groups, and actual rehearsal for several dramatic presentations and the final production which will be the culmination of the workshop experience.

Interest work groups will deal with directing plays and pageants, stage-craft (scenery, lights, costumes, make-up), religious drama resources, religious drama as a program aid (play reading, drama and discussion, stimulation drama, speaking choirs, Bible reading, etc.), drama and worship.

The workshop is designed for youth and adults with lay or professional interest in the use of religious drama in the local church, church school, college, or community. It is sponsored by the West Market Street Methodist Church, the W. N. C. Conference Board of Education, and the N. C. Methodist Student Movement in co-operation with the Methodist Youth Caravan project of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

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COLLEGE MEETING TO DRAW 250

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Advance registrations indicate that about 250 officials of church and independent colleges throughout America will attend the tenth annual Institute of Higher Education here, July 28-30.

College presidents, finance officers, deans, registrars, directors of public relations, directors of Wesley Foundations, and other leaders will meet for study and discussion of their work.

They will hear Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, professor of historical theology at Yale University, deliver three lectures on the topics: "Christian Faith and Higher Education," "The Day's Work as Vocation," and "The Nature and Task of a Christian College." Dr. Calhoun, well-known lecturer, preacher, and teacher is the author of *God and the Day's Work, What Is Man?* and *God and the Common Life*. He is co-author of *The Meaning of the Humanities* and other books.

Rev. F. Olin Stockwell, missionary of The Methodist Church who was held prisoner by the Chinese communists for 23 months on trumped-up charges of espionage, will speak on his experiences both as a missionary and as a prisoner. Dr. Stockwell was a missionary in Chung-

king, West China, when the communists overran that city. He chose to remain in China to carry on his work. Several months later he was arrested and sentenced to prison after a communist trial in which he had no chance to defend himself. He was released to return to America last November.

Dr. Frank Bowles, consultant, the Fund for the Advancement of Education, New York City, will speak on "A Unified Program of Student Recruitment," and Dr. Bernard P. Taylor, executive director, Penn State Foundation, State College, Pa., will discuss "Alumni Funds: Their Place in College and University Financing."

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METHODIST MINISTERS STUDY AT LEES-McRAE COLLEGE

Lees-McRae College graduated this year the first of three Methodist ministers who are now enrolled as regular students at the college.

Morris J. Byers, pastor of the Avery circuit of five churches graduated May 25. Morris was married in 1946 to Louise Tate of Caroline. He is the seventh of nine children. Following graduation from high school, he followed the brick mason trade. On the 16 of February, Morris said: "I yielded my indifferent mind and soul to the task that had been a burden for ten years." The Western North Carolina Conference first assigned Morris to the Table Rock circuit in October 1948. In 1951 when he came to the Avery circuit, Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., district superintendent, urged him to enroll at Lees-McRae College.

The other two students entered during the last school session are J. C. Lane of Avondale, who is now serving the Linville Falls circuit, and Collins Benfield of Altamont, now serving the Elk Park circuit.

J. C. Lane is a former professional baseball player. He is married to Margaret Handsel of Cliffside.

Collins Benfield is well known to Avery County as a construction contractor and was much sought after as a lay speaker in local Methodist churches before he made a decision to offer himself as a minister last year and began his studies at Lees-McRae College in the fall of 1952. Collins has been an honor student this year and though he is older than either Morris or J. C., his enthusiasm for

his work and for the cause of Christ is evidenced in the practical way in which he attacks the problems of the church.

Dr. Fletcher Nelson, president of the college, in speaking of these three young men, enthusiastically endorses the plan of work and study which has been given the blessing of the Western North Carolina Conference. Hoke Stroup of Altamont, long-time member of the Altamont church and who has worked with both Collins and Lane, believes that no better plan could be worked out for the continued training of the young men, as well as supplying the small rural church with enthusiastic ministers.

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IN TRAINING FOR SERVICE

The Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has set up a Scholarship Fund at Pfeiffer College for worthy young women who have pledged themselves to do mission service at home and abroad. Contributions to this fund are badly needed and local societies and individuals are urged to replenish it with generous gifts. Young girls from the Western North Carolina Conference in training at present are:

Betty Johnson and Jane Stenz from the Salisbury District both at Scarritt College.

Modena Penland, Asheville District, and Peggy Virginia Polk, Charlotte District, are at Greensboro College. Also at Greensboro College is Marlene Harmon, Gastonia, being supported by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

High Point College graduated four scholarship girls this year. They are Ruth Craven, Thomasville District; Edith Harper and Ruth Madison, Greensboro District; and Betty Jean Lewis, Winston-Salem district.

Barbara Ann Cox, Charlotte district; Martha Jean Henson, Marion district; Eva Gray McClamrock, Salisbury district; Laverne Wright, Gastonia district; and Helen Kiger and Gail Whitaker, Winston-Salem district; are all at Pfeiffer College.

Ethel Mae Chavis, Waynesville district, is at Paine College; and Florence Livingston is at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.

Do little things as if they were great, because of the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ who dwells in thee; and do great things as if they were little and easy, because of his omnipotence.—Pascal



J. C. Lane

Morris Byers

Collins Benfield

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

ARCHDALE CHURCH was host to the Subdistrict Youth Fellowship Monday evening, June 29.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH has just received a legacy gift of \$6,500.00 for building and improvements from the late Stanton R. Norman.

THE MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of St. Paul, Asheville, will be host to the entire membership of the church and their families for a picnic supper, recreation and entertainment in Fellowship Hall Saturday night, July 4.

REV. MILES A. McLEAN, pastor of Asbury Memorial church, Asheville; Rev. Ray F. Swink, pastor of Davidson charge, Lexington; and Rev. F. E. Howard, pastor of Midway, Kannapolis, are attending the school on Alcohol Studies and Social Action at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, June 29-July 3.

DR. AND MRS. T. B. HOUGH of Jacksonville celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Monday, June 15. In honor of the occasion the Woman's Society of Christian Service entertained at a reception at Trinity church that evening. Present from out-of-town to take part in the affair were their daughter, Mrs. T. F. Hassell of Charleston, S. C.; Dr. Hough's brother, Harvey Hough, his wife and daughter Jeannine of Rockingham. Also present from former churches served by Dr. Hough were several members of Verona, Garner, and Oak Grove.

MISS MARY JO WHITTED began her work recently as director of Christian Education at Trinity church, Asheville, succeeding Miss Lucille Duncan, who has taken a similar position at Dilworth church in Charlotte. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Whitted, Sr., of Canton, Miss Whitted received her education at Canton High School, Pfeiffer College and High Point College. She was graduated from the latter in 1952 with a B. A. degree in religious education and social studies. During the summer of 1951 she did caravan work in the North Alabama Conference. During the past year she has been on the faculty of the Waynesville Junior High School. While at High Point College she was president of the Religious Education Club.

RANDLEMAN AREA METHODIST CHURCHES sponsored a camp at Camp Adventure, Lake Junaluska, for approximately 85 youth the week of June 22-29. Teaching courses during the week were Rev. Sherrill Biggers, Rev. Frank Edwards and Mrs. Claude Young. Groups studying nature, crafts, music, and the fundamentals of worship were led by Mrs. Weaver Lineberry, Miss Phyllis Kistler, Mrs. Claude Young, and Rev. Frank Pennigar. Mr. Pennigar was the vesper speaker for the weekend and Rev. Claude Young was the recreational leader. One of the highlights of the week was on Saturday when the campers visited the Cherokee Indian Methodist mission church and attended the 1953 opening performance of the pageant "Unto These Hills." This camp was unusual in that so many churches were able to unite in enthusiastic and generous cooperation to plan and finance it. Participating churches were Bethany, Gray's Chapel, First, Mt. Lebanon, Old Union, Level Cross, Worthville, and New Salem. Camp dietitian was Mrs. Phil Upton of Randleman.

CAMP TEKOA: All places for the rest of the summer are taken. Please do not send any more registrations. A number of cards now in hand will have to be returned.

REV. J. C. CORNETTE, superintendent of Salisbury District, led the dedication service for the new recreation building at Ann Street church, Concord, May 31. The building and furnishings are valued at \$12,000. D. A. Hamilton is pastor.

REHOBOTH CHURCH, Granville charge, will have its annual homecoming service July 5. Morning and afternoon services are planned. All former pastors and members are invited. Rev. J. D. Stott is the present pastor.

DUE TO CONTAMINATION from overflow of Waynesville sewer lines, the swimming area of Lake Junaluska, N. C. Methodist Assembly has been closed by health authorities, but other recreation facilities and programs are being expanded for the remainder of the summer, assembly officials announced.

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Raleigh, has just completed a leadership training school with two courses running for six weeks. Thirty-seven were enrolled and 24 received credit. Included in these was every regular and substitute teacher and every officer of the Sunday School except one. Rev. Thomas Collins was dean of the school.

MISS MARY ESTHER BROWN is youth worker this summer at Trinity church, Asheville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mack Brown of Asheville, and is a rising senior at Greensboro College where she is majoring in religious education. She has served as a counselor at Camp South Toe, and last summer was with a group of students in a work camp sponsored by The Methodist Church among the Cherokees in Cookson, Oklahoma. She has been elected president of the Student Christian Fellowship at Greensboro College for the coming year, and is serving at present as secretary of the North Carolina Methodist Student Fellowship.

THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Subdistrict met recently at Zion church, with the president, Gene Brown, presiding. The devotional was conducted by the host church. Mrs. Basil Garriss, of Conway, talked to the group on "The Christian Home." Rev. J. C. Chaffin spoke for a few minutes on "Leadership" and the duties of an officer of the M.Y.F. The officers for the new year were elected as follows: president, Carrie Sykes; vice president, Rebecca Turner; secretary, Marjorie Clark Brown; treasurer, Fred Gray Ricks; publicity chairman, Charlotte Turner. Commission chairmen: worship and evangelism, Dal Bridgers; community service, Carol Conwell; mission and world friendship, Junius Martin; recreation, Joe King. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Chaffin were elected as adult Counselors. Refreshments were served to around 60 young people by the W.S.C.S. after which the group was led in recreation by the recreation leader, Linda Stephenson. The next meeting will be held at Milwaukee church on the second Monday night in August.

THE PITTSBORO SUBDISTRICT has recently completed a Christian Workers' School with an enrollment of 75. Dr. J. T. Greene, Dr. Edmond Perry, Dr. David Bradley and Miss Elizabeth John, all of Durham, were the teachers. Mrs. W. M. McAllister served as dean and all sessions were held in the Pittsboro Methodist Church.

THE JOHN WESLEY CAMP, interdenominational camp meeting, will be held June 25-July 5, at the camp which is located near High Point. Speakers will be Dr. James Gibson of Wilmore, Ky., and Dr. John R. Church, Winston-Salem. Prof. Marvin Dean of Asbury College will be in charge of the music. Rev. C. M. Fogleman of Ayden and Rev. G. H. Allred of Pelham will be in charge of youth services. Preaching services daily will be held at 10:30 a.m., at 2:30 p.m. and at 7:45 p.m. The children's service will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the youth service will be at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

"TESTIMONIES FROM NORTH KOREA" is the title of a recording of the voices and experiences of the five Methodist missionaries who recently returned from three years internment in North Korea. One after the other, Miss M. Helen Rosser, Miss Bertha A. Smith, Lawrence A. Zellers, Nell A. Dyer, and A. Kristian Jensen tell their internment experiences in the thirteen different places in which they were interned from June 25, 1950 to May 5, 1953. This recording has been made on two sides of a 33 r.p.m. record and can be used in churches or in other groups to stimulate interest in the experiences of these Methodist missionaries and the Christian movement in Korea. It can be obtained for \$1 by application to the Department of Visual Education, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH observed Methodist Student Day, Sunday, June 14, by having the entire youth of the church to present the program at the regular morning worship hour. At the same time also "Marion Burton Day," who is a missionary in Uruguay, having gone from the Bethel church, was also observed. Mrs. Robert Davis, secretary of student work, was assisted by the minister, Rev. N. W. Grant, and Mrs. Harvey Manning, secretary of Youth work, in planning the program. Presiding during the worship hour was Jack Wynne at which time Norma Williamson read a letter from Marion Burton. Afterwards a poem was recited by Shirley Hardy in honor of Miss Burton. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary in Marion's honor. Frank Hemmingway, a college student, was the speaker for the morning hour. His topic being "The Youth in the Church." The choir included 26 young boys and girls. Four boys served as ushers, as follows: Tommy House, Buddy Benton, Billy Whitehurst, and Sammy Carson. A special offering was received for the Methodist Student Fund, and a special prayer was given by Michael House. Following the offering Mary Ann Manning presented a solo as the response. Concluding the program, Tommy House gave the benediction. The large crowd of visitors from neighboring towns and local members were enthusiastic in their praise and everyone received a joy they will remember forever.

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Sharing ideas with those who are working at the same job makes the task much more challenging and easier to handle. The number ONE purpose of this convention is to help you become a more effective leader for Christ and His Church. How will that be done? Some of the greatest leaders of the church will speak on things that matter to you. Then they will be available for your questioning. Work groups planned around problems you face will be led by persons who have faced the same problems. They will help you discover the answers. Worship, music, and inspirational moments are planned throughout the days together. You will be better because of the experience. You will remember this for years as a high point in your church life.

TIME

The first session will be on Friday afternoon, August 14, at two o'clock in the auditorium of Shackford Hall. Come early; check in at your room; then spend some time browsing among the exhibits and meeting friends before the two o'clock hour. The convention will close on Sunday at noon after a very full morning. You will not want to miss the sessions at Shackford Hall followed by the morning worship message by Bishop John Branscomb at the assembly auditorium. The bishop is speaking on "Recapturing Our Dreams."

WORK GROUPS

Each delegate may choose three of the following work groups, spending one session in each: How to use lesson material more effectively; making the church school record system serve your needs; newest thing in films, slides and recordings; a missionary program that really clicks; how the church school and family work together; budgets and other stewardship concerns; using the commission on education and the workers' conference; winning people to Christ through the church school can help the community.

LEADERSHIP

Some excellent leaders have been secured for this convention. They include: Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp, staff member, General Board of Education; Dr. John Branscomb, bishop of the Jacksonville Area; Rev. Henry Bullock, editor of Methodist Church school publications; Rev. J. A. Engle, executive secretary, General

Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions; Rev. Nathaniel Forsyth, associate executive secretary, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education; Mr. Robert Mayfield, executive secretary, Board of Lay Activities; Rev. Donald Maynard, head of the department of Christian Education, Boston University School of Theology; Rev. James Sells, executive secretary, Southeastern Jurisdiction; Rev. Fagan Thompson, pastor in Birmingham, Alabama, a much sought-after leader in church music; Rev. Walter Towner, director of Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, and the director of the convention; Mr. James E. Ward, professor, George Peabody College for Teachers.

HOUSING

We suggest that you make your own housing arrangements before you come . . . the sooner the better. For your convenience a list of lodges and hotels is printed below: All addresses are Lake Junaluska, N. C. Prices are those quoted to us. Please make your own price arrangements. **Brookside**—Mrs. B. C. Thompson

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COST

There is no convention registration fee. You will be expected to pay a small grounds fee as you enter the ground and during the convention an offering will be taken to help defray expenses. Good meals are served at current prices at the cafeteria near Shackford Hall.

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New Societies Organize; Emphasis Is On Recruitment; Children to Study Africa

NEW WSCS AT PINNERS

The women of Pinners Methodist Church on the Rich Square charge have recently organized a WSCS, according to announcement by Mrs. Kerr Harris, Rocky Mount District secretary of promotion.

Officers elected include Mrs. Raymond Jones, president; Mrs. Robert Futrelle, vice president; Mrs. Noah Brown, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Bryant, missionary education and service; Mrs. Carroll Bryant, Christian social relations and local church activities; and Mrs. Grover Harrell, reporter. All addresses are Rich Square, N. C.

The Society is organized under the modified plan. Thirteen of its 18 charter members are subscribers to The Methodist Woman.

HAYMOUNT WSG ORGANIZED

Mrs. Margaret Hamby was elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Haymount church, organized on June 3, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, Fayetteville District WSG secretary, has announced.

Other officers elected were Miss Katie Price, vice president; Mrs. T. C. Lewis, secretary; Mrs. R. V. Horton, promotion secretary; Miss Mary Frances Lewter, treasurer; Mrs. E. N. Tindell, chairman Christian social relations and local church activities; Mrs. J. D. Lytch, spiritual life; Mrs. Morris Murphy, recreation and supply work; Mrs. C. D. Linkous, missionary education and service.

Twenty-one charter members attended the initial meeting.

OUTER BANKS SUBDISTRICT MEETS

"The Hope of All the World Thou Art" was the topic for the inspirational address by Mrs. L. L. Gibbs at the spring meeting of the Outer Banks Subdistrict WSCS held at the Buxton Methodist Church.

Other speakers were Mrs. M. B. Gillam, who told of the urgency for more prayer groups; Mrs. N. L. Mixon, district president, who emphasized the need for acquiring a deeper spiritual life through prayer.

A baby life membership was presented to Deborah Starr Gray, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Mrs. Damon Gray. A memorial service was held for the late Mrs. Josephine Miller of the Buxton Society. Mrs. Nacie Austin, subdistrict leader, presided.

SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS

Mrs. George Jackson, Conference secretary of supply work, has announced the supply work askings for the respective districts for the first quarter 1953-54.

The Durham, New Bern, Raleigh, and Rocky Mount Districts are requested to donate "cash" for India. This fund will be used for the operation of a jeep in evangelistic work in the Belgaum, Gulbarga, Kolar, Raichur, and Yadgiri districts of the South India Conference. The jeep was purchased last year by the women of the Durham, New Bern, and Raleigh Districts; therefore, this project should make a direct appeal to them, as well as to the women of the Rocky Mount District.

The Elizabeth City and Raleigh Districts are asked to give "cash" to be applied on the purchase of a tractor, Bible pictures, and furniture for new dormitories, kitchen, and dining room at Quessua in the Angola Conference in Africa. These districts should be inspired to give generously to this cause, as a result of the study on Africa last year.

Woman's Society of Christian Service North Carolina Conference

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The Fayetteville Districts askings of "cash" for the United Christian Hospital in Pakistan, will bring the joy of having had a part in Christian ministry to Pakistan. This hospital, as new as the Pakistan nation, has rapidly become a first class hospital and nurses' training center. Expansion is a part of its nature because it is meeting the physical needs of thousands of people in India. Equipment for a new ward is to be supplied by cooperating missions.

Mrs. Jackson points out that the amount of the askings assigned to each district is an increase over the amount of cash given by the same district during the first quarter 1952-53. Each local society, therefore, is urged to refer to its contribution for supply work during that period last year, and to increase this amount. This will be necessary if each district is to meet its particular asking.

WFMW IN PAKISTAN

News from The World Federation of Methodist Women unit in Pakistan reveals that there are four organized groups of Woman's Societies of Christian Service in that country. They are Karachi, Stuntzabad, Raiwind, and Lahore, with a total membership of 407. In the Multan District there are village women who make contributions at harvest time and efforts are being made to organize these women into regular societies. Already there are signs of growing interest in this enterprise.

Meetings are held monthly at Karachi and Lahore, weekly at Raiwind, and twice each month at Stuntzabad. In Raiwind women from the neighboring villages are taught to cut out their own garments and sew them neatly. The response has been very gratifying. Formerly, it was a sewing project by which women earned money by sewing, but this year it has been changed to a training project. Instead of a decreased enrollment the number has increased. In Stuntzabad the sewing project still enables the women to earn a few extra pennies and also makes possible the sale of clothing which these women make over from used clothing at reasonable rates to the village people.

THE CRY FOR HELP

The great need for fulltime Christian workers both in the foreign fields and on the home front was reiterated by several speakers at the Mid-Century Conference on Missions, held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., this spring.

Miss Emma Burris, secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Medical work of the department of work in home fields of the WDCS, said: "The cry comes from every institution in this work across the country for more workers. Last year it was reported that 68 deaconesses were eligible for retirement and less than 16 were commissioned. This means that workers untrained or unrelated to church work must be used. There are more than

100 vacancies in the home field. The educational institutions have 45 open to commercial, music, and dietitian skills. There is also need for workers in homes for retired workers, residence halls for girls away from home, and in children's homes."

Mrs. Frank Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, summarizing some startling facts presented by secretaries and missionaries, emphasizing the need for more trained workers, writes: "In the next four years 34 per cent of our present missionary force will be lost by retirement and completion of term. The results of the Laubach Campaign are all but nil in many parts of Africa because of the scarcity of missionary leaders. In Latin America, we have a fine lot of physical plants—sufficient buildings—but some of them will have to be closed unless we get more workers. Previously we have had nine missionaries on the faculty at Isabella Thoburn College; this year we shall have four. Bishop Liu of Korea says that they need workers so badly they could use blind people.

One of the emphases for the next few years, according to a statement in the June issue of The Methodist Woman, will be to enlist young women for service through the local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SUMMER PLANS FOR CHILDREN

Miss Ruby Van Hooser, secretary of children's work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, writing in the June issue of The Methodist Woman, reminds workers with children that the summer program for children of The Methodist Church offers many and varied opportunities for the children to receive additional missionary education, and to share in the work around the world.

One of the significant projects about which Miss Van Hooser writes is the Medical Work in Africa. "If boys and girls, who study about Africa during the vacation months, could visit a mission station in the Belgian Congo," she says, "they would see the many ways in which the doctor and nurses minister to the people." Miss Van Hooser quotes Dr. W. S. Hughlett concerning the medical work at Minga:

"The work in the out-village dispensaries is a kind of miniature of the work done in the station clinic. With occasional supervisory visits, the dispensary is carried on by one of the nurses' aids we have trained in our hospital school. We like so to arrange those dispensaries that there is a church, a school, and a dispensary in the same village, working as a center or unit on this threefold ministry in Christ's behalf. The children coming in to the school can be cared for when they are sick; people will come in from the area for help at the dispensary. Once when we made a regular medical inspection trip to the dispensary, we were proud and happy to find there were special meetings being held, and that the nurses' aid and teacher were taking turns with the minister in preaching to the people.

PROGRAM MATERIAL 1953-54

The general theme for the program material for the WSCS and WSG for 1953-54, "A Sower Went Forth," sounds a challenging note for every Methodist woman. Using the information concerning the work of the WDCS in the various countries and areas, as depicted in the monthly programs, and the worship booklet, its companion, must needs increase and strengthen the outreach of Methodist women around the world.

Children Getting Shots; Dentist's Visit Next; Lightning Kills Eight Choice Cattle

A DEADLINE

This scribe has been trying to get in mental shape for dictating a few lines to our friends, the Advocate readers. Every time we have got ready to start, somebody would come along with a very important matter and must be given an opportunity to talk about it. Now that the dinner bell has rung, maybe we can get a few lines started before anybody else comes along. One of the matters we have been talking about this morning has had to do with whether a given family of children can be accommodated here at The Children's Home. But for the fact that one case can blend over into another case, we would have a case of our own to deal with.

SIGHTSEEING

This scribe went by the infirmary yesterday and noted that a bunch of youngsters were dressed up and ready to go somewhere. Inquiry revealed that the youngsters were going over town to have their eyes tested and glasses selected for a better opportunity to see things. It is our opportunity to see that none of our children is penalized by not having the best of any aid that will give the youngsters a good chance to do well.

LITTLE LOIS

This little girl has just joined The Children's Home family, coming to us with three older sisters. The older sisters are happy in their adjustments here but little Lois is lost for the time being. This little sister is undernourished. She is a bit ill at ease in trying to take care of the glasses that have been recently fitted on her. Most of all, little Lois needs a lot of loving. Checking with her home mother, it was learned that the little girl is continually with the good woman who is in charge of the building in which a bunch of little girls live. Yesterday when little Lois came in with a disturbed appearance the home mother wanted to know where her glasses had been placed. After discussing the matter for a while, little Lois remembered that she had laid her glasses down by a little bush, there to stay until she got a better feeling about wearing them. We have the feeling that this little girl with slightly crossed eyes will have a good opportunity to get into not only a better way of seeing things, but a better way of enjoying them.

ON GETTING SHOT

One group of children after another is appearing at our infirmary for dates with the nurse and the young doctors from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. One little girl came out of the infirmary the other day to show where she had been shot. The needle had left a little white bump around the injection. This little girl remarked that she had already been shot five times and she wished she knew when the shooting could stop. Well, all that medical science knows about how to prevent a breakdown in health is being used as we are advised by the specialists in the health center at the Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

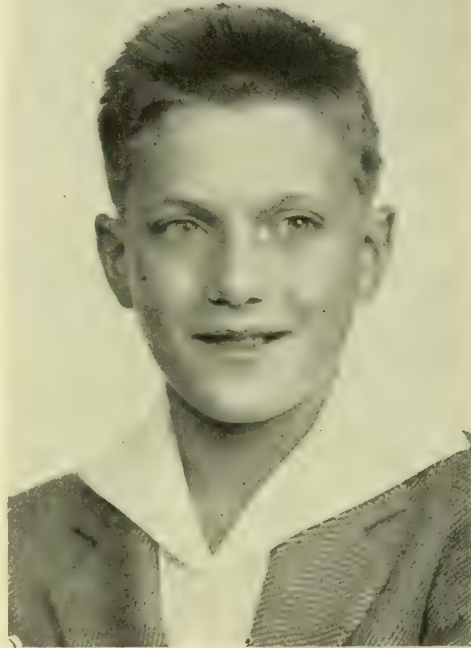
THE TOOTH DENTIST

The boys don't seem to be asking about when the dentist is coming but a number of the little girls have been wanting to know when the "tooth dentist" was coming. They say that they have some work to be done on their teeth. Even though it

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A Bristling Suntanned Lad

is very seldom that any of our children have the toothache, occasionally there is a need for some treatment in this regard. Beginning Monday, July 6, Dr. Ethridge, the dentist who comes to us from Dr. E. A. Branch's Health Department in Raleigh, will serve our youngsters again. He is a very good dentist. His stay with us will be for five weeks in the summer and another week just about the time school is getting ready to begin again.

SENIOR SITUATIONS

Word comes that all the youngsters who graduated from us and the Richard J. Reynolds high school on the evening of June 2 are now well placed. Every youngster feels that he or she has done a good job and a splendid opportunity for not only earning some money but to also help some good cause along. Of course a part of the reason for our seniors' writing to us is that they would like to have some more of their "savings." We have a habit of telling our graduating seniors that we will hold a bit of their honorarium accumulation in order that we may hear from them from time to time. So, each letter tells something about how well things are going and before the letter is concluded, usually in the last paragraph, there is the request for a portion of the money that is left on our books as belonging to the given youngsters.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Recently a fine young man came to our house and when he was met at the door

his first statement was, "Do you know me?" The hearer willingly admitted that he did not know who he was talking to but he was impressed with the attractiveness of the fellow, and a conversation was started. The young man said: "This is my first trip back to The Children's Home. Fifteen years ago, you may recall, that I left the Home without permission. I hadn't reached the place I was going before I realized my big mistake. I was planning to come back and ask for readmission. Before I could make up my mind, my younger brother followed and we both decided to stay wherever we could with any relative who would accept us."

The man went on to say that his leaving the Home was the biggest mistake he had ever made. His wife, accompanied by two interesting children, chimed in by saying, "I'll venture he has said a thousand times that he made a big mistake in leaving before he had finished his high school education."

A subsequent report was that the young man with his wife and children went to the Duke cottage where the young man called in the youngsters who were about the house and pointed out to them the bed where he slept. He said to the boys, "Don't ever leave this good place until you have completed what it has to offer you or until you have a good home to go to. The boys were very much interested in the sincerity of the fellow, who we hope will come to see us again.

BRISTLING BOY

Just take a peep at the picture of the boy whose hair is standing in an upright position. It so happened that when the time came for taking the lad's picture it was noted that he had recently been to the barber shop where he secured a G. I. haircut, it being explained by the lad that it was much easier to get to breakfast on time when he didn't have to comb his hair. This interesting lad goes by the name of Jerry Murdock. He is sponsored by the Men's Bible Class of First church, Hendersonville, Mr. M. B. McDaniel being the correspondent.

GROWING STUFF

For the past two weeks we have had a lot of rain and during this time the farm and truck farm plantings are growing very rapidly. The corn has a fine color and is stretching up for its place in the sun, the sunshine being a limited aid for the past several days. The boys, as they are directed by several of our men helpers, are seeing to it that the growing stuff is not crowded out by the grass and weeds. The barebacked boys are working hard, eating a lot, and playing at the recreation time with a joy that is exhilarating.

THE LIGHTNING HIT

The rains that have been coming to our place have called on us at most any time of day and night. A few days ago a heavy electric storm came our way and did considerable damage in this area. Eight head of our choice cattle were killed while standing under a tree that was struck by a heavy load of lightning. Three choice Holsteins, three fine Guernseys and two big healthy white-faced beef cattle were laid low as they were instantly killed.

TIMELY GREETINGS

A good lady writes as follows: "I am mailing to you a postal money order for \$100 to be used in your work. For this gift I wish no mention of my name be made. I only bless the gift and hope it may be of help to carry forward your good work."

Do We Encourage One Another?

By Charles M. Laymon

Romans 1: 11-14, 3:21-22a

The fact that such great recognition has been given recently to a certain popular song indicates that our need for encouragement today is marked. The "Hit Parade" is not the final criteria for good music, but when a lyric such as "I Believe" makes the No. 1 spot on that score sheet, it suggests that more than 1,000,000 people have found it meaningful.

Here is a song that expresses belief in prayer, guidance, and the beauty of living. In its direct and simple message it brings encouragement to those who have grown disheartened and weary under the pressures of modern living. The words of this lyric proclaim that the beauty of a leaf, the glory of the sky, and the disarming wonder of a baby's cry are sources of courage.

It is not unfitting that Jane Froman has recorded this song when we recall her own valiant struggle to walk again following the plane accident in which she was injured severely. In any case, the nation is singing it heartily just now, and it sounds like a Christian hymn—almost.

A truly Christian expression that encourages can be found, however, in Paul's letter to the Romans. He wrote it to prepare the way for a personal visit. On several occasions he had planned to come to them but had been prevented. Now that the way seemed to be opening again, he wanted to establish contact with them (1: 11-13).

In his introductory greeting to the Roman church Paul complimented them upon their faith, told them that he had prayed for them, and assured them that he was as eager to learn from them as to contribute to the enrichment of their lives (1: 12, 14.) This was a heartening approach which would endear the apostle to the great church.

Most of all the epistle to the Romans is an encouraging letter because it defines the nature and character of the Christian faith. It is what a Christian believes that lifts him above his depressions. Nothing is more practical in this regard than such faith in Christ as Paul describes in this letter (3: 21-22a). It enables one to face the present and to move into the future with confidence.

Paul would have had little patience with today's substitutes for faith as a source of encouragement. Ritualism, psychological calisthenics, and church authority would not have satisfied him. Nor will they satisfy us long.—The Christian Advocate.

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TED'S NEW JOB

By Mary C. Odell

One afternoon each month the school on the hill was closed while the teachers met together to plan for the next few weeks. The 5th grade boys usually spent this time playing baseball on the vacant lot near the school. Sometimes they played the sixth graders; more often they practiced or played against themselves. At any rate it was a day looked forward to with anticipation.

Ted Crandall was one of the leaders among the fifth grade boys and the best pitcher they had. It was not only his good pitching which made him popular. It was his good sportsmanship. They knew they could depend on Ted to do his best and to play fair. In fact, they often appealed to him when some question arose concerning the game which was likely to lead to an earnest scrap, because they knew he would do the fair thing.

So as the boys hurried home one of these Friday noons they were making plans to be at the lot for a practice game.

"You'll be sure to be there early, won't you Ted?" the boys asked. "We want to get organized as soon as we can."

"I'll try," said Ted. "But maybe I can't come today."

"Why not, I'd like to know, asked another."

"Well," said Ted hesitatingly, "I sort of made up my mind to stay home today."

"What's the big idea? You're not going back on us, are you?" asked one of the boys, expressing the question of the group.

"No, I'm not," said Ted slowly. "And if you must know, here's the reason. You know I've got a little sister. And Mother never gets to go out anywhere because she has to take care of her. I kind of thought it would be only fair if I took a turn at staying home so she could go out."

The boys hardly knew what to say. Some may have thought of their own mothers. Others probably were disappointed because of the game. One said, "Well, if you'd rather play nursemaid, I guess Chuck can pitch for us." And so Ted left them.

When he reached home he said nothing about the game. He saw the tired lines about his mother's eyes. "Say mother," he said cheerfully, "there's no school this afternoon. Why don't you put on your best dress and go downtown or something?"

His mother's eyes brightened, and she flashed him a loving smile. "I couldn't, Ted. I'd love to but the baby might awake just when I would be in the midst of whatever I wanted to do. And, besides, you have your game, haven't you?"

"No, not today mother," Ted quickly replied. "I'm free to stay, and I could take care of sister. You could put her to sleep and fix her a bottle so I could give it to her when she wakes. Go on, mother, I'd like to do it."

"I would like to go over to see Aunt Bessie," said his mother. "But I don't know that I ought to do it."

"Please, mother," Ted begged.

And so in the end she went. Ted worked on his ship model while his sister slept. Then he fed her, put on her things and took her for a ride up and down the street in her carriage.

When his mother came home Ted was happy to see how rested she looked. The

tired lines were gone, and she was cheerful and gay as she took the baby and told Ted to run along.

That evening Ted was called to the phone. It was Jack, the boy who had made a reference about playing nursemaid.

"Say, Ted," he said, "I'm sorry for what I said at noon. We didn't have any game. We decided to wait for you. I don't know what the rest of the fellows did. I cleaned the shed for mother."

"Good for you," laughed Ted. "And I found playing nursemaid wasn't so bad either. Better come around some time. I'll show you the cutest baby in town." And they laughingly hung up.—Religious Herald

BESIDE A BABY'S BED

I stood beside a baby's bed

And looked into his lovely face,
And wondered what there lies ahead
For him along life's future race.

He looked so innocent and pure

To be in such a fallen world,
With many evils to allure
Where Satan's banners fly unfurled.

I knew he'd need a lot of prayer

Across the weeks and months and years
A lot of love and tender care
To save him from remorseful tears.

The world, I knew, would tempt him sore

To waste his talents and his time,
And turn from Jesus, more and more,
And from the life that is sublime.

I thought, perhaps, he'd make a saint

To bless the nation and the earth,
If kept from sins that blight and taint,
And held to things of greatest worth.

I knew this little bed contained

A mighty force for right or wrong,
And prayed that he be saved and trained
To lead to God a blessed throng.

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A FATHER'S PRAYER

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; and who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

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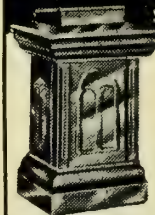
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NO ADVOCATE NEXT WEEK

Following a custom of long standing, the North Carolina Christian Advocate is not published during the week which includes July 4. We are publishing the Advocate this week, but will not have an issue next week, thus making it possible for several members of our staff to have a vacation. So don't look for the Advocate July 9. Our next issue will be July 16.

District Appointments

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Thomasville Circuit, Prospect, 7:30	3
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Advance, 11	6
Liberty-Concord, Concord, 3	6
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in Memoriam

MRS. VICTORINE FRAZIER FAULKNER

CHEROKEE—The members of the Cherokee Methodist Center W.S.C.S. wish to express their love and devotion to the family of Mrs. Victorine Frazier Faulkner, who died on February 10, 1953, in Knoxville, Tennessee, after abdominal surgery. Mrs. Faulkner was born December 14, 1872, at Chuckey, Tennessee, and was the daughter of the late Josephine Brown Frazier and Rev. Andrew Jackson Frazier of the Holston Conference.

Mrs. Faulkner was married to John L. Faulkner in 1894, a land title lawyer of Knoxville, Tennessee. They lived there until his death twenty years ago. Since that time she has divided her time between her two daughters, Mrs. Caswell Boyd of Knoxville and Mrs. Joe Jennings of Cherokee.

For the past seven years Mrs. Faulkner has been an active and devoted member and a faithful worker in the Methodist activities of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, first as a member of the Chapel Oak church and later as a member of the Cherokee Methodist Center when the Methodist churches of the Reservation united to form the new church.

Mrs. Faulkner carried on the tradition of her family—her father, a brother and two uncles were members of the Holston Conference—by giving her strength and love to the work of the church all her life. She continued to teach the adult Bible Class of The Methodist Church until two weeks before her death. She was active in mind and body until a few days before she passed on, and was beloved by all those who knew her.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will surely miss this devoted Christian worker in every way. Her life was one of much beauty and graciousness. Her days were full of Christ and full of life. Now at last, they go hand in hand together living in a heaven eternal with God, the heavenly Father.

Rev. P. F. Snider of the Cherokee Methodist Center was in charge of the funeral service which was held in Knoxville. Rev. I. P. Martin of Knoxville assisted.

Mrs. P. F. Snider, Promotion Sec. of W.S.C.S.
Mrs. Jessie Fuller, President of W.S.C.S.

MRS. GEORGE KIRK

MOUTH OF WILSON—We, the members of the Potato Creek Woman's Society of Christian Service wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our much loved, second oldest and charter member, Mrs. George Kirk, who died April 4, 1952.

We greatly miss her presence, her prayers, her interest in and support of the church in its whole program. In appreciation of her consecrated life we ask that this tribute be recorded in our minutes, a copy be sent to the family, one to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to the Alleghany News.

MRS. LESSIE LEE PARKER

ANSONVILLE—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ansonville Methodist Church, wish to express our deep sense of loss in the passing of our beloved member, Mrs. Lessie Lee Parker on April 20, 1953. Her life was one of faithful loving service to God, her church and unselfish ministering to others.

We offer the following resolutions: First, that we extend our sincere sympathy to her family. Second,

that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed in our minutes, and a copy be sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Robert Cratty

MRS. C. D. PEEBLES

ADVANCE—The members of the Advance Methodist Church and community mourn the loss of one of its beloved members. Mrs. C. D. Peebles, known to her many friends and loved ones as "Aunt Sue," was born in Davie County, August 6, 1879. Having spent her early life in Davie County and Advance, she married C. D. Peebles on May 19, 1910. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, one son, and one foster daughter.

The writer of Proverbs must have had in mind such a person as "Aunt Sue" when he wrote the 31st chapter, in which he says, "Her price is far above rubies . . . The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

For many years, "Aunt Sue" taught music in the Advance School. Only a year ago due to ill health she had to give up part of her work, teaching only a few students privately in her home.

Not only was "Aunt Sue" devoted to her own family but she also had a deep concern and love for others. She shared her happiness with the shut-ins and sick. We shall not forget the interest she took in the orphan at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem sponsored by the Sallie Sue Peebles Sunday School Class.

Her church received her love and undivided loyalty. She was always willing to serve wherever she was needed. She was an active member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and organist of the Advance Methodist Church for many years, and up until the time of her death.

She will live on in our hearts. Her love for everything beautiful, her devotion to her family, her deep concern and love for others, her love and loyalty for her church, her love of life, her radiant and happy disposition, and her confidence and faith in God and his eternal goodness.

MRS. MARY MEYER MCGINN

PINEVILLE—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Harrison Methodist Church wish to express our feeling of loss in the passing of our beloved member, Mrs. Mary Meyer McGinn, February 10th, 1953. We would like to pay tribute to her as our faithful member and for her loving service.

Mrs. McGinn was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. She was quiet and sincere. Her strong Christian character is a challenge to each of us to follow in her footsteps.

Be it resolved: That these resolutions be put in our minutes and a copy sent to the family and the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Kate Hawfield
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REMEMBER THE SABBATH

By D. W. Charlton

During a revolutionary period in the history of France, the calendar was revised. There was to be no Sunday. But the calendar doesn't have to be changed to destroy the true meaning of the Sabbath. If the modern trend of neglect and misuse of the Lord's Day continues, it appears that Sunday will be leveled down to the other days, with no more significance than an ordinary day.

Sunday began officially with an edict of Constantine, in 321, when he decreed that all towns, workshops, and courts should rest on the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ.

Numerous laws and regulations regarding the Sabbath were binding on men in the time of Christ. Some of them were meticulous and silly. Should a man with a wooden leg walk on the Sabbath? Wasn't the leg a burden, and one must not carry burdens on the Lord's Day. Nor should one ride a horse on the Sabbath, for that would be requiring the beast to work. Healing was forbidden, too.

Sabbath Made for Man

Christ disregarded these foolish restrictions and laid down a principle touching the Lord's Day. The Sabbath was made for man, and we should do good on the Lord's Day.

The Sabbath, or the week-end, is now a time for amusement or indulgence for millions of people. The machine has brought more leisure time, and with leisure has come license to do as we please. More cars are on the roads on Sunday than any other day of the week. The beaches and other resort places are crowded.

Many stay at home and offer the stock excuses. Future generations, digging up the remains of modern civilization, may call us "body worshippers," as George Buttrick says. The greatest threat to our religion is our absorption in the immediate, physical things.

Purpose of Sunday

The purpose of Lord's Day should be remembered. It's a day to be set apart for rest, worship, Christian fellowship, and service. The proper observance of this day would help to keep the balance between worship and work, contemplation and activism, man and the machine, motives and methods.

Every Sabbath should include some rest and relaxation. The tensions of modern life are terrific for many people. A periodic let-up may well avoid a breakdown. A battery runs down and has to be re-charged. A plane has to have ground-work before a sustained flight. The human body needs rest and replenishing. A person who rests one day a week, gets more done during the remainder of the week.

Running to the beach or elsewhere, often means more strain and weariness of body. A man took a trip recently upon the advice of his doctor, but he said that he felt worse upon his return home. Under the pressure of going places and his inability to "run away from himself" he was unable to rest.

Worship Is First

The central purpose of the Lord's Day is worship. Fatigue of body is not infrequently due to anxiety or a neurotic condition. A person needs inner resources for living, or spiritual renewal. "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden," said Jesus, "and I will give you rest." A girl who was very tense and in mental distress, said that she found rest

for the body and peace of mind at church. Millions affirm the Scriptures on the Sabbath: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Living too closely to the earthly scene, we are lost in confusion, or we have a sense of the meaninglessness and futility of life. Since life makes no sense, there is no real purpose and drive in living. In a world that makes "maximum demands," men are living on a "minimum" basis, said Halford Luccock.

"Whoever is without God in the world, soon becomes tired of himself . . . and is bored with life," said Kirkgaard, "but who has fellowship with God lives with one whose presence gives even the most insignificant and infinite significance."

A Fellowship Reaching Across the World

At church on Sunday, we join a fellowship that reaches across the world. We recognize that Christian people have more in common than the things that separate us.

The Sabbath also gives us an opportu-

ity of sharing in our community and in a world program. Many troubles come upon us because we are too self-centered. Instead of thinking only of ourselves on Sunday, we have a chance to share some of our time and talent with lonely and needy people. "When I am disheartened," someone said, "I go out and do something for somebody." We have time to do things on Sunday in Christian sharing and witnessing that are crowded out during the week.

Now the Lord's Day, which should be the best day in the week, is adding to death's toll through accidents, in the waste and depletion of body, and on this day men are running away from the church and God.

Leslie Weatherhead, the noted London preacher, once visited a dying man. The man was afraid to die. The minister talked to him about God and the things of the spirit. The dying man said: "I have been too busy for those things. I have never had time." But he had had over 4,000 Sundays.

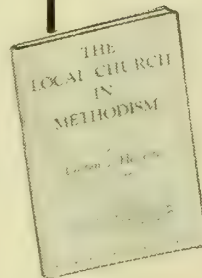
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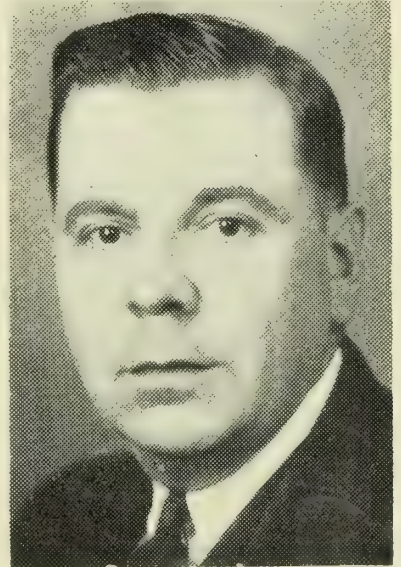
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Reidsville Circuit Makes Great Progress

(See story on page five)



Rev. C. G. Isley, Pastor
The Reidsville Circuit

Mt. Carmel church, above, was opened for the first worship service Sunday, October 26, 1952. The congregation was organized near the close of the eighteenth century. The present building is the third house of worship. The church is located in the Oregon Hill community, six miles north of Reidsville.



The new Lowe's church, center, was opened for public worship on Sunday, May 3, 1953. Lowe's church was organized in 1796 and believed by many to be the oldest church in Rockingham County. The new church is located just across the highway from the original building, which is five miles from Reidsville on the Burlington Highway.

The new educational building of the Wentworth Methodist Church, right, was put into use May 31, 1953. This congregation was organized in 1837, but had never had Sunday School facilities until the current building was erected. The educational building includes six rooms and a social hall.



THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

CREDO

I believe in being honest and kind, willing to live and to learn in the growing light, taught by our mistakes and patient with those who blunder, rising every time we fall and helping the man who is down, looking for good in everybody and finding it.

I believe in the light that lighteth every man, in the chance for every man, in the glorious possibilities in every man.

I believe that the real values of life are in thoughts; not in things; in the love that gives insight, the faith that ventures, the patience that endures, the joy that triumphs, the peace of God; and that these values can be found by any one through work well done, through comradeship, great with good-will, through the spirit of worship, reverent and obedient.

I believe the noblest word man has learned to speak, embodying his deepest duty, his loftiest desire and his profoundest faith, is the word Christlike.

I believe in Friendship as a communion of souls, in Business as a fellowship of brethren, in the School as the pursuit of the truth that can set us free, in the Church as the union of all who seek to embody and express the spirit and ideas of Jesus, in the Home as the fountain of love and law.

I believe that the Universe is the Temple of the Infinite Spirit, radiant with Beauty; that History is the gulf-stream of the Eternal Purpose, majestic in its onward sweep; that the Kingdom of Heaven is the goal of all our efforts, imperial in its challenge, that Humanity may become the dwelling place of God, transformed by His Wisdom and Love.

I believe that when this faith becomes the outline of our daily walk we may look for a world wherein dwelleth righteousness and peace. —Raymond C. Brooks

SAVING THE SOIL IS SAVING LIFE

By C. B. Riddle

The earth is man's rightful domain, but history proves that man has not properly kept the earth. He has permitted large portions of it to go to waste, creating the possibility of starvation—the very thing which man first set out to avoid.

Wherever man has touched the earth it has broken down and washed away. A path to a cabin means the beginning of a gully that may be destined to destroy the whole hillside. Until recent decades man has not worried about erosion of soil for he could move when his land no longer produced, but increased population and other economic factors have overtaken him in his flight from less productive to more fertile acres. He is now forced to rebuild his land because he can no longer migrate to virgin soil.

Saving the nation's soil is an engineering job, but efforts of engineers must be supplemented by man's love for the soil, his willingness to cooperate, and a vision to realize the size and importance of the problem.

All this becomes more thought-provoking when it is realized that the United States is helping to feed the world. And tragic is the thought of what would have happened in many portions of the world in recent years had it not been for what the soil in this country has produced.

Saving the soil and saving lives are becoming more and more inseparable—and the church has an inescapable stake in this twofold task.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

LIFE'S LONG OUTLOOK

When we pray, what do we expect God to do? First of all, I think we should expect God to give us a new and larger outlook. Before we expect things from God, we must first look toward God.

We are told that one reason we often do not remember the names of people we meet is that when we are introduced we are thinking less about them than about the impression we are making on them. One day I was introduced to a woman at a public luncheon. We were standing before a mirror in the hotel. I do not believe the lady remembers how I look, for she was looking over my shoulder at her own reflection in the glass.

May it not be that we treat God in the same fashion. When we say our prayers we talk to God but we are really thinking about ourselves.

A well-known actor recently told of a devout man who had invited some friends to his home for dinner. Bowing his head reverently, he began to say grace. He was suddenly interrupted by a guest seated at the far end of the table. "Louder!" he shouted, "I can't hear you." The host paused, raised his head and said quietly, "But I wasn't speaking to you."

The first effect of true prayer is to lift our gaze from ourselves. Our daily living tends to make us ingrown. The pace is so swift that we do not raise our eyes to the long view.

When we have been looking long and intently at some close work on our desk or in our home and then turn to look out the window, we know how the long view rests our eyes.

Also it reveals the purpose and pattern of what we are doing. Alfred Noyes says that we are so often misled by small clever minds. That is, in this age of specialization we know our own lines of work. But we do not lift our eyes to see where the lines meet. We need to see life steadily and see it whole.

This common experience gives us an inkling of what the Psalmist must have had in mind in the 121st Psalm: "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills." Then he adds, "Whence shall my help come?" He answers his own question, "My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

The long view of the hills and the thought of the God of the hills help to restore our poise and perspective.

Recently I flew from Denver to Portland. The captain of the plane called back that because of the good visibility he would take us over Yellowstone Park. The sight of the majestic peaks and the steam of "Old Faithful" seen from three miles above it made some of my personal worries look smaller.

Do our world problems seem so dark and dismal that we have grown tired looking at them? The godless Communists who rage that Americans are war-mongers while they themselves foment strife and uprisings, the revolts which shake kingdoms, the release of atomic force which could conceivably burn up this earth itself—do all these seem to much for us?

Well, when we take the long view of history these seem very much like the things that have happened before. Listen to the Psalmist again: "The heathen

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

by

Rev. Ernest C. Durham

We open our eyes upon Thee, O God, when the night is gone and a new day is on. The thought that inspired the Psalmist is the thought that inspires and lifts us up today. "When I awake, I am still with Thee."

Whatsoever we lose, we never lose Thee; whatsoever is stolen from us, the thief can never take Thee from our lives; whatsoever the storms may destroy, the Eternal Rock is always unmovable. What greater wealth could we possess than the perfect assurance that Thou art forever with us? And with us Thou art, as our very present Help, our eternal Refuge, our unfailing Light, our Life, our Way.

So when the new day comes, we start with Thee; when it ends, even the night is light about us, because Thou art there. Thou art our eternal Victory, O God, through Christ. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

raged, the Kingdoms were moved; he uttered his voice, the earth melted." Then the Psalmist interprets God as saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

Do our daily troubles tire us? Are we so bothered and distracted that we "can't see straight?" Then let us lift our eyes to God's long view.

When I was learning to drive an auto I kept my eyes focused too short a way ahead. The car took a wobbly course. I was likely to hit the very ruts I wanted to miss. But with experience I lengthened my gaze, relaxed the tension and drove more steadily. It was amazing, too, how the steep hills which looked so forbidding seemed to level out as I reached them.

This enlarged outlook should lead to an enlargement of our souls. Having caught God's outlook, we are ready to look with Him at our own nearest needs. Only as minds and hearts are opened to God are we able to receive an income from God. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Getting a New Preacher

This is the time of year when Official Boards, and Pastoral Relations Committees, have great stirrings of mind as to whether the present pastor will remain with them, or whether they shall look for another. And preachers, in particular Methodist preachers, have been known to engage in a certain amount of speculation upon the same general theme!—Are they to remain where they are, or shall they move—or be moved—to some other field? Some look forward to the Annual Conference with much trepidation, others with great hope. What about next year?

Many can testify—who cannot?—that one of the deepest anxieties and sorrows of the preacher's heart comes from the awareness that his people, or some of them, wish his removal; they "want a change." How many good nights of sleep have been sacrificed on this altar! Laymen rarely appreciate what suffering there is in the parsonage when the family learns that, from the standpoint of many, "it will be better for the church or churches to have a change." Sometimes there is great pain, too, in the hearts of the people.

But that "new preacher": he can be either the "old" one with a new spirit of zeal and Christian love, or a stranger who moves into the parsonage after Conference. And here is a little hint for laymen: not all problems of the church can be solved by getting a new pastor, not even by getting one the Pastoral Relations Committees goes out and "calls." Mostly, these must be solved by the people, by godly laymen and laywomen. No minister will "have everything." He, like the rest of us, is human, "all too human." He is not perfect; he will certainly have some deficiencies or defects or shortages. But he is a conscientious man, dedicated to do the most he can for Christ and His people.

If Official Boards and other leaders of the churches could remember that, if they would in love analyze their minister's faults and good points, and then set themselves to make up for his lack in different areas of service or personality, if they would advise with him in patience and Christian brotherliness, if they would pick up the ball and carry it when

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God created this a moral world in which disregard of truth, justice, the needs and the well-being of others, and the placing of material values ahead of spiritual is bound to bring disaster.

—Francis B. Sayre

he is for any reason unable or disqualified to do so, if they would learn to adjust and help and encourage—why the old preacher might become new, and the work of the church be set forward by many degrees.

Try that on your pastor this summer, and then after Conference this fall. It would make many a preacher and many a church "new," and save us all many a heartache.

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How Are You Today?

Often more than otherwise when we meet a friend, we exchange greetings by asking each other, "How are you this morning, or this evening?" In Roman times, people used to say, in greeting one another, or beginning a letter, "If you are well, I am well," a form bespeaking the highest courtesy and consideration.

But if one wants to know the church's state of health, what shall be the form of inquiry? One of the surest gauges of her soundness and vigor is the number of young men and women hearing the call to Christian service, in the mission field or in the ministry in the home field. The spiritual fervor of a congregation can generally be measured by the number of young men it has sent into the preaching ministry. Some very small churches, negligible as the number of members goes, will often send more of their sons into the ministry than large city churches. Rare is the large church that "supports itself" by sending into the ministry as many men as it uses in its service. A fit subject for prayerful and searching meditation on the part of pastors and Official Boards and members of large churches!—and, of course, of many others! How is your proportion running, ministers produced to members?

Judged by such a standard, Meth-

odism is one of the healthiest and most vigorous churches of our time. Last year more young men were received into the Annual Conferences of our church than ever before in a single year. At our own Annual Conference in Charlotte last September, 38 young men were received on trial, more than ever before. This spring and summer similar reports are coming in from the Conferences—more young men admitted than ever before. And there have been the past year more young men enrolled in theological seminaries than in any previous year. This is a greatly encouraging sign. If anybody tells you the church is dying, or on the way out, tell him this story, and also the story of the many thousands received into Methodist churches this year on profession of faith. Thank God, and take courage!

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"Nature Never Did Betray the Heart That Loved Her"

So wrote Wordsworth on July 13, 1798, almost exactly 155 years ago.

Summer time is camp time for hundreds, thousands, of boys and girls. They leave their homes in towns and cities, and go away to some site off the highways, where usually more or less primitive huts or cottages are their sleeping places and shelter for a week or several weeks.

It is a most salutary thing for them to do. They get loose from apron strings for a while. More than ever before, they are thrown upon their own resources. They have to do things for themselves. They get homesick, but they "tough it out." They learn social living in a new way. They learn to respect others, and find that others have rights as well as themselves. It is one of youth's most wholesome experiences.

They also come face to face with Nature in a fresh and fascinating way. Poor and rare indeed is the camp that does not emphasize appreciation of mountains, hills, rivers, lakes, trees, flowers, birds, forests, fields, the beautiful everywhere. How great and lovable is God's great out-of-doors!

What boy or girl is not better off, and better throughout life, for a camping experience close to the heart of Nature?

NEWCOMERS AND THE CHURCH

By **FREDERICK A. SHIPPEY**
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New houses are springing up in the countryside of America as numerous as blades of grass. Large-scale alterations in travel, in business, in industry, in education have penetrated to the Main Streets of thousands of towns and cities. In the wake of these alterations lies a changed America and a changed world.

Truck gardens, corn fields, orchards, farms, and estates have been broken up to satisfy the demand for building lots. In place of daisies, wheat and corn may be seen the nodding heads of happy children at play. The decentralization of industry, the reclamation of desert land, and the establishment of atomic plants have helped to put one American out of six on wheels. The pursuit of employment, or search of better climate, or the following after relatives and friends explain the extensive case of itching feet.

Twenty-five and a half million persons live in different houses this year than last.



Trailer villages appear overnight. This one is in the Savannah River atomic development area.

Who has not seen the spectacle of the busy moving vans on the open road and the boulevards, and felt wistful about their destinations? The enormity of this mass migration can be described in simple terms. It is as though all the people of New England, plus the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, loaded their household goods on vans and moved away. Or, it is as though the people of one hundred communities the size of Nebraska's Omaha (252,000 residents) decided to shift to other homes. Of the 25,500,000 who migrated last year, seven out of eight are dwellers of the city or suburban fringe. The south and the midwest reported the greatest mobility.

New Communities Grow Fast

To thousands of new communities, the acres of new homes mean sudden growth. Cities have doubled, tripled and quadrupled during the last decade. In an equally spectacular manner small villages have burst their bounds and invaded the unsuspecting countryside. Indeed, where is the hamlet or town or city which does not even now teem with new population and resound with the noise of hammers? Changes in population often mean expanded and improved commercial facilities, new schools, additional fire engines, heavy traffic and many strangers.

If one were to sum up the changes which have come to the United States, he might be inclined to say: This is the largest population in U.S. history! There are more villages, towns and cities—and 90% are growing! Respecting children, this is the largest rising generation known! It is the largest number of housewives thus far reported!

These comments underscore an important fact: **Newcomers are numerous everywhere in the United States and are trying to get adjusted to life in a new neighborhood or community.** These uprooted people are away from familiar surround-

ings. It is good to remember that many were your neighbors and mine, and as speedily as possible they wish to assume that familiar role again if someone will but help them.

Finally, in the midst of change, many a village church stands on its hill unchanged. For some undisclosed reason it seems to have become weaker with the passing years. The congregation which once proudly boasted of a full-time minister today shares its pastor with another church on a rural circuit. Perhaps the lack of paint on the building reveals an inward need of spiritual renovation. One wonders why the congregation has not accepted

the challenge so apparent in the changed community.

The Church in the New America

These changes have had a sledgehammer impact upon organized religion in America. Despite distress, and confusion, and some failure to change the churches have made some response to the new needs.

First, many new congregations have been established Because homes are erected today by an entire street or a whole acre at a time, great numbers of

The moving van has become the symbol of million of restless Americans. The church must follow.



new residents have found themselves near a school and a shopping center, but remote from a church. Newcomers can buy groceries and educate the children but are compelled to do without the Bread of Life. Hundreds of thousands of relocated Americans find themselves in this predicament.

"How shall these persons be served?" is the question on the lips of many religious leaders. In response to this need, 771 new Methodist churches were built during the past quadrennium. New congregations were organized from scratch, housed in temporary or modest facilities (often

poorer than that to which the people were accustomed) and provided a minister. From inception to completed edifice, the projects represented a pooling of local and national Methodist resources.

All of these provisions cost money, a great deal of money, and unfortunately financial resources are inadequate for the current demand. In April 1953, there were 52 additional communities where new Methodist congregations are needed. From every viewpoint the projects are ready to go. But since the funds for this purpose are already exhausted, the work cannot be started. Currently the growth of communities outdistances our capacity to finance and to man new churches . . . Right now 52 neighborhoods of newcomers must do without Methodist churches. This is part of our unfinished task.

Second, by the exploration of new types of ministry The U. S. Government has listed more than 150 emergency defense areas that are "critical" in terms of labor shortages, lack of housing, hospitals, schools, recreational and welfare services. Among such situations, note may be taken of the atomic research plants in Paducah, Savannah River and Ohio. Here, as elsewhere, thousands of people are jammed together into enormous trailer camps, barracks and other temporary housing projects. According to a survey made by the National Council of Churches, nearly all of the workers are Protestants and 75 percent are family men.

Because there are so many uprooted people living under special circumstances, the attention of organized religion has been caught. These are people with normal religious needs. Residing as they do at places too remote from towns to receive an intensive ministry, they are commonly neglected. Even the nature of their housing sets them apart from the townspeople who are usually reluctant to take up with "outsiders."

Experimentation with a trailer ministry has brought encouraging results. A Methodist worker was told, "I have lived

in trailer courts for six years and this is the first visit any Christian worker ever paid me." In another state several new churches have been organized from the doorway of a trailer. Subsequently, these units developed into thriving self-sufficient congregations. This mobile ministry is an example of carrying the resources of religion to people living under special circumstances.

But the surface has hardly been scratched in this exploration of new ministries. Experiments need to be multiplied and various types undertaken. Slum areas in cities certainly demand a broadening

of the traditional concept of church work. Large scale and residential hotels present a further challenge. Public housing projects of great magnitude belong in this category for they dump a disturbing problem into the Christian's lap. Further, we are told that the back-country rural territories are not adequately church-ed either, and they present a distressing challenge to the experienced worker.

Third, by the extension of old and existing parishes But there are also many strangers who have taken up residence within serving distances of older churches. Vacant lots have been built upon, bringing new families into the parish. Old houses have been converted into flats and utility apartments. Occasionally, newly-developed subdivisions are close by the old church.

What Is Being Done?

What is being done about these newcomers?

I made inquiries in a dozen widely-scattered places across the United States. Most surprising was the fact that though from 2,000 to 40,000 newcomers have settled in these communities during the past five years our denomination has reached only one out of fifteen of the new people. This information is instructive and encouraging, but religious censuses show that a ratio as high as one out



Playgrounds, churches, and schools are in short supply in the defense housing developments.

of five is possible. We are overlooking two-thirds of our possible intake! Thus it may be said that the outreach of our churches in the older parishes is, at best, but a frail effort. To win only one out of three available Methodists is not enough.

Of the newcomers attracted to the church, how many were sufficiently impressed by the work to accept positions of leadership? Replies show that one new Methodist out of six belongs in this noble category. Probably the friendly but generally complacent attitude of old-timers makes this possible.

Among the programs most attractive to and successful in reaching the newcomers are, in order of importance, cultivation by adult church school classes, activities of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service, morning worship (including choir) and pastoral calling. Personal contacts and a systematic program of integration appear to count most in winning new residents.

This ministry to newcomers is everybody's business. Who can be sure that he will never join their ranks? Newcomers mean change. Change means adaptation in business, in school, in the church, and in most phases of community life. For better or for worse, the little village will never be the same again. The same may be said respecting America.

A RURAL PASTOR BY CHOICE

By C. Ralph Arthur*

Rev. C. G. Isley is a rural pastor by choice. When he moved from a town station appointment in 1940 he asked to be given a circuit. He has served circuits since and has demonstrated that country churches can prosper when given vigorous leadership and an adequate program of Christian ministry for all ages. Mr. Isley has made an unusual record on every charge he has served. His work on the Reidsville circuit illustrates this unusual and effective ministry.

Mr. Isley believes that the rural church can serve as effectively today as it has in years past. But he believes that the effective rural church for today must be a different kind of church. First, it must be adequate in buildings and facilities. Consequently, he has built two new and modern churches on the Reidsville charge to replace the older buildings that had served so long and so well. These new churches, Lowes and Mt. Carmel, are valued at \$100,000 each. They were built for less because the pastor and the people effected saving through donated material and labor. In addition to the new churches, Mr. Isley has added an educational building to Wentworth church and has one under construction at Salem church. Bethlehem church has plans ready for a new educational addition and a remodeled sanctuary which will feature a new tower. This building program has been undertaken this year but it is the culmination of four years' work on the circuit. Mr. Isley also found time this year to organize a new congregation into the sixth church on the Reidsville charge, in addition to carrying on his regular work as pastor, and in addition to the building programs. A look at the record shows that Brother Isley has built a new church on every charge he has served.

Meeting the Needs of the People

Mr. Isley believes that the rural church today must have an adequate and effective program which fits the rural community and which meets the needs of

rural people. His first objective when going to the Reidsville charge was to organize the church for effective work. Today all of the churches have the regular organizations recommended by the church, such as the MYF, the WSCS, the Official Board, and the Sunday School. In addition, there are special groups organized to do specific work. Each of the churches has a program of worship, education, fellowship, community and

A pastor with a devotion to rural people carries on a well-rounded program on a circuit with five churches and 800 members.

world service. Stewardship is an integral part, and many members tithe. These emphases are yielding fruit. Already there is talk of making the circuit into two or even three charges. And the people realize this should not be done until each of the new charges can be as strong financially as the present one.

Mr. Isley's specialty has been youth work. Today many young people play important and leading roles in the churches. Each church has an active MYF. As a result of the youth work and the over-all program of the church, many young people have entered the full time service of the church. Someone has entered the ministry during the pastorate of Brother Isley on every charge he has served. Today there are three students for the ministry from the Reidsville circuit.

Leadership recruitment and training has been another strong point of Mr. Isley's ministry. He makes it a habit to discover leaders in the communities and

put them to work for the church. Newly found leaders are responsible for the remarkable "come-back" of one of the churches which was about to close for worship.

2,118 Pastoral Visits Last Year

Mr. Isley believes that today's rural church must give pastoral guidance and help to people in a troubled world. Last year, in addition to all church and community activities, he made 2,118 pastoral visits.

Another principle of Mr. Isley's philosophy of the rural church is that it must minister to the community as well as to individuals. Naturally, this has been a significant part of his work. He has worked with the agricultural agencies, the farm organization, the civic clubs, and the community groups dedicated to building a better life for rural people. He was one of the sponsors and organizers of the community development program in the Mt. Carmel community. This community won first place in the county contest two years in a row, and the county, Rockingham, won first place in the State contest last year.

Mr. Isley has been a leader in church cooperation in his area. He works with pastors of other churches and takes an active part in ministerial organization.

Mr. Isley has been interested in and dedicated to rural life for a long time. He has a deep insight into rural life and the problems and opportunities of the rural church. The Western North Carolina Conference has recognized his interest and ability by sending him to the great rural life conferences of the church at Lincoln Nebraska, and Sioux City, Iowa. He has been a member of the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work.

*Mr. Arthur, who is executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country work of the Virginia Conference, assisted Mr. Isley in the recent United Evangelistic Mission, and was so impressed by his outstanding work that he wrote this story at the editor's request.

Hearing Aid System Given As Memorial; Parsonage Is Dedicated; Church Pays Debt

NEW BERN CHURCH DEDICATES HEARING AID SYSTEM

On Sunday, June 28, during the morning worship hour at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, an impressive ceremony was held dedicating the Mary Etta Thomas Memorial. This memorial, a hearing aid system, was presented by Mrs. Wallace Brinson, daughter of Mrs. Thomas, on behalf of her family and friends to be dedicated to the worship of God and service to mankind, and was accepted on behalf of the church by the pastor, Rev. John A. Russell.

Mrs. William F. Dowdy, a close friend and neighbor, read a tribute to Mrs. Thomas, citing her love for the Bible, her loyalty to her church, her faithful work in the Woman's Society, and her beautiful Christian spirit.

At the time of her home going, her family requested that friends in New Bern, instead of sending floral designs, contribute to a memorial fund for installing hearing aids in the church. Her class in the Church School, with Mrs. Lee J. Taylor as chairman, sponsored this fund which has materialized in this dedication.

glory of God and the home of the Methodist ministry of this church. There was a feeling of relief among the members of the church when the trustees burned the mortgage. The service ended with a feeling of thankfulness and appreciation that the task undertaken had been so well carried out.

The parsonage was started in the Spring of 1948 when Rev. Russell Caudill was the pastor. The finance committee was composed of John R. Lowry, chairman; James A. Sampson, Ira Pate Lowry, and Dr. R. D. Wellons, who so ably worked out ways and means of seeing that the structure was started, completed, and financed. The building committee was composed of Holland Lowry, chairman, and Bernard Lowry, who deserve much credit for supervising and seeing that the structure was carefully erected.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service had the privilege of selecting the furnishings for the parsonage, a task which they enjoyed and did well.

On February 14, 1949, the parsonage became the home of Rev. Linwood Blackburn and family. Mr. Blackburn served as



Parsonage of First
Methodist Church at
Pembroke.

This memorial, the hearing aids with provision for radio broadcast, is most appropriate for one who attended services regularly, although she did not hear well, and upon occasions when unable to attend enjoyed the radio sermon.

The congregation participated in a brief dedication service which was closed with prayer by the pastor.

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PEMBROKE DEDICATES PARSONAGE

June 14 was a very important day for the members of the First Methodist Church of Pembroke for it was Dedication Day for the church parsonage. The event has been highly anticipated since the parsonage was started in 1948.

Rev. V. E. Queen, superintendent of the Wilmington District, preached the morning sermon at the 11 o'clock hour, giving a very challenging and inspirational message on "When the world is at its worst, the Christian should be at his best."

About 12:15, the audience assembled in front of the parsonage for dedication, with Rev. V. E. Queen in charge. The church trustees, Mrs. John R. Lowry, Sr., Bernard Lowry, Delton Lowry, Foster Thompson, and Lee Neville, presented the parsonage-home to be dedicated for the

first full-time minister until August 1952, when the family started back to Luanda, Angola, Africa, to serve as missionaries. The parsonage is now the home of Rev. Christian White and family. The church is very fortunate in having a full-time pastor, and is very grateful for the fine leadership its ministers have given over the years.



METHODIST MEN'S CLUB CHARTERED

On Friday evening, June 19, at a dinner meeting, the Methodist Men of Commonwealth Methodist Church of Charlotte ratified the Constitution and will henceforth operate under the General Board of Lay Activities. Twenty-five men were present on the charter night.

Reading from left to right—Second row, C. M. Albright, vice president; J. Vaughn Boone and T. S. Hill, cabinet members; E. S. Hamilton, guest speaker. Front row, Rev. J. L. Pittard, pastor; Earl A. Howie, president of Methodist Men; W. L. Thames, secretary; H. C. Taylor, treasurer. Two cabinet members, Robert L. Simpson and W. T. Kincaid, were absent when the picture was made.

ABERNETHY INDEBTEDNESS PAID

Sunday, May 31, was a day of peculiar significance for the membership of Abernethy Methodist Church, Asheville. On this date the entire indebtedness was liquidated. This includes the church building on Haywood Road and the parsonage facing Ormond Avenue. The evaluation now placed on these assets is in excess of \$90,000.

Some two years ago the officers of the church decided that it was expedient to finish paying for the church and parsonage before going further into their building endeavor. To aid in this progress the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the fall of 1950 assumed the responsibility of paying the remaining indebtedness on the parsonage. This phase was carried to completion in April 1952 with the payment of \$2,100.

It was decided at the beginning of the conference year, October 1, 1952, that the liquidation of the final \$6,000 owing on the church would be the major emphasis of the congregation. A Buy-a-Brick campaign was inaugurated and special tithes and givings were commemorated at Christmas and Eastertime. And then the final day, May 31, at which time the entire amount was paid in full. Service on that morning was concluded by the chairman of the building committee, E. D. Chandler, announcing to the congregation that through the morning offerings and other endeavors reported, the church was free of debt. It was from this announcement that the congregation joined in moments of thanksgiving in singing the Doxology and "Blest Be the Tie," after which they were led in a prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. T. A. Groce, who was the organizer and first pastor of the church.

Abernethy Methodist Church was a project of the Asheville Mission Society and had its beginning on March 15, 1946. The church was officially begun on Oct. 1, 1946, and Mr. Groce was appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference as its first pastor. The congregation met from this time at 1155 Haywood Road, in which is now the Dunn and Groce Funeral Home, until the church building was completed and services were held there December 13, 1948. The membership at this time was approximately 80 people. With the continuing growth of the church it was decided in December 1949 to begin construction of the parsonage, which was completed September 30, 1950. In October the same year, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., came as the second pastor of the church. Under his leadership Abernethy Methodist Church has grown with the community and has every reason to believe that it shall continue to grow.

Opening Services Held in New Cordova Church; Wake Forest Men Organize

The opening service was held in the new Cordova Methodist Church, Sunday morning, June 21. Dr. Walter C. Ball, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, delivered the sermon at the eleven o'clock worship service, dinner was served in the spacious dining room of the church, and a song service was held in the afternoon.

Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the East Rockingham charge and a former pastor of the Cordova church, spoke in the afternoon service on the progress made at Cordova since his ministry there twenty years before. Rev. L. A. Tilley, pastor the First Methodist Church in Rockingham, also addressed the congregation.

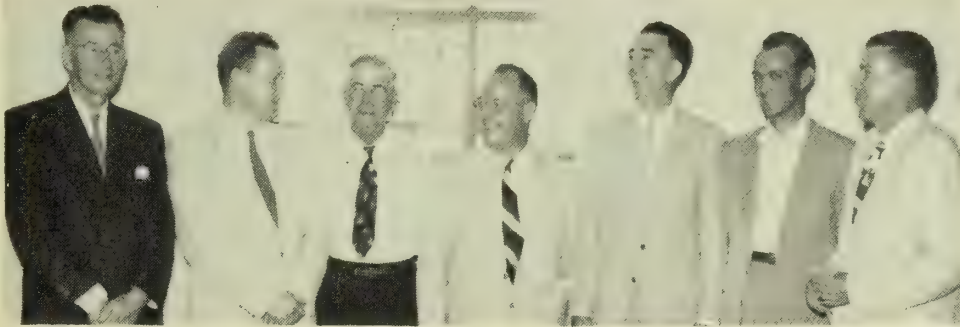
The Cordova church was, until the annual conference of 1948, a part of the Roberdell charge. At this annual conference the Roberdell charge was divided, with Cordova and St. Paul church being withdrawn to form the Cordova charge. In 1948, as a part of the Roberdell charge, Cordova and St. Paul paid a combined pastor's salary of \$1,025 and a total budget of approximately \$1,800. For the conference year of 1952-53 these two churches composing the Cordova charge has a pastor's salary of \$4,000 and a budget of \$10,680. The church membership has been doubled in these five years and the church school enrollment has increased from 188 to 435. This two-point charge has enjoyed a phenomenal growth, and the building committee at Cordova in anticipating further growth in the future planned and

the sanctuary are of light oak, and the sanctuary contains a divided chancel. An electric organ has been installed and a set of altar-ware is to be purchased at an

early date. The educational building is a three-story structure with eleven classrooms and restrooms on the first two floors. The third floor was added with an anticipation of future growth, and seven classrooms can be added when the need arises. A large room, 36 x 60 feet, is under the sanctuary. This space can be used for small assemblies, for a dining room and



THE NEW CORDOVA CHURCH



Left to right: Dr. W. C. Ball, Rev. Carl A. Johnson, J. R. Diggs, S. C. Mahaffey, J. B. Diggs, W. R. Whitley, Charlie Fritz.

other purposes. A kitchen adjoins this room. The church also contains a church office and pastor's study.

The following served the church in a very able and efficient manner as members of the building committee: Charlie Fritz, Chairman; S. C. Mahaffey, J. R. Diggs, J. B. Diggs and W. G. Whitley.

A very small indebtedness remains on the church as much of the money was raised during the period of construction. A very modern 8-room parsonage was built in 1949, the year the new Cordova charge was organized, and no indebtedness was made as the money was in hand when the parsonage was completed.

Rev. Carl A. Johnson is in his first year as pastor of these industrious and spiritual minded people.

built wisely, building a sanctuary and an educational building that will amply take care of our needs for years to come.

The construction on the new church at Cordova was started in March 1952 under the ministry of Rev. O. C. Melton. The educational building was completed and put in use in April 1953. Since that date, the large assembly room beneath the sanctuary has been used as a place of worship. This plant was completed at a cost of seventy thousand dollars. Its estimated value is about one hundred thousand dollars, but work and materials donated by the members of the church kept the construction costs at a minimum. The electrical, plumbing and much of the interior work of the church was donated by members skilled in that line of work. The Conference Board of Church Extension made a grant of \$2,000 and the Duke Endowment, a donation of \$3,500.

The building is a brick structure with a sanctuary of 300 seating capacity. The memorial windows are richly colored pictures illustrating incidents in the life of Christ. The pews and the woodwork in

WAKE FOREST METHODIST MEN'S CLUB



The president is Bruce Keith, holding the charter to the right; J. W. Hollowell is secretary and treasurer, holding the left side of the charter. Mr. Hollowell is also an associate layleader of the Raleigh District. The names of the others in the picture, starting from the left side, are L. S. Jackson, Graham O'Neal, W. H. Wall, J. W. Hollowell, Bruce Keith, Macon Becton, W. R. Lanier, the pastor, M. W. Warren. Back row, Leon Walters, Roy Powell, W. E. Shearon, Grady Lyon, M. P. Bridge, Dr. Nash Underwood, Hal Moses. Other members who were not present when the picture was made, D. M. Lowie, W. H. Guest, J. P. Hall, Bob Allen, H. O. Ross, Frank Timberlake, T. K. Sewell, Howard Breevort, O. M. Smith.

Church Dedication; Rural Church Boasts Large Scout Troop; Rebuilding Program

BISHOP HARRELL DEDICATES CHURCH AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The Mt. Pleasant church, Mount Pleasant, was dedicated July 5, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell preaching at 11:00 a.m. Rev. J. C. Cornette, Salisbury district superintendent, assisted in the dedication.

While historical records of the church are scanty, there is a record showing that the land was deeded to the church trustees on September 17, 1847. This makes the church the oldest church organization in Mount Pleasant.

A fund for the new building was started in 1941 during the pastorate of Rev. H. L. Creech, Jr. The building fund was continued during the pastorate of the late Rev. L. S. Furr and during a year the late Rev. J. P. Hipps, then retired, supplied the charge. The present pastor, C. W. Avett, came to the charge in 1947 and construction on the new church began in the summer of 1948.

The building was completed and first services held August 21, 1949. The Duke Foundation contributed \$5,000 and the Conference Mission Board \$1,000 of the total \$62,000 cost. The building contains

a sanctuary which will seat 200 persons, ten class rooms, restrooms, pastor's study, social hall and kitchen.

The structure is equipped with Carillon Bells, the gift of the late A. N. James in memory of his wife, and an electronic organ, by Mr. James' children in his memory. These and other gifts and memorials were dedicated in this service.



Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant

A BURKE COUNTY INSPIRATION

On the Table Rock charge of the Marion District, there are three churches—Linville, Oak Hill and Mountain Grove. When the present pastor was assigned to this charge in September 1951, this was the situation:

Linville had been ordered abandoned but the dozen or so active members refused to close the church. A former pastor, Morris Byers, came down from his charge in Ingals, Avery County, and with his brother, layed all brick necessary to brick veneer the church which was built in 1877. The few men of the church started a complete renovation project. The present pastor cooperated and by early 1952 the entire renovation project was completed. Credit must be given to the wives of these three men for they carried building materials to the men and cooked meals on an old fashioned wood heater. Last year the membership was doubled and in July 1952, Linville was dedicated. This year a new pulpit, pulpit furniture, the communion rail and all new pews were donated as memorials. Nineteen

members were taken into the membership of the church by profession of faith.

In the same period—starting in September 1951—Oak Hill, a practically new church, owed a balance of approximately \$4,000. Due to the wonderful work of the ladies in the W.S.C.S., which is an unusually active group at Oak Hill, the indebtedness was paid off and the church dedicated in May of this year. Oak Hill has the distinction of having a large and active Methodist Youth Fellowship group with Miss Nancy Nantz as President and Mrs. Garlan Saulman as Adult Counselor.

The envy of the youth in the Morganton community is the Boy Scout Troop at Oak Hill. It is one of the largest, if not the largest, in North Carolina with a membership of 74 boys. The Scoutmaster is Millard Hennessee and much credit must be given him and the church executive committee for the fine work being done in the community by the troop.

Last, but certainly not least, is Mountain Grove church on Table Rock Road.

In the fall of '52 the membership of the church realized the desperate need for additional Sunday School classrooms and a modern heating plant. A full story was constructed beneath the church giving the church two large classrooms, a very large room for the Methodist Youth Fellowship or dining room, and a furnace room. The frame church was brick veneered, new roof put on, automatic oil heating system installed and the church grounds levelled. The men of the church installed a Celotex ceiling, panelled walls and wainscoting.

All pledges have been paid far in advance, and Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School will dedicate the church on August 16th.

The entire charge made what seemingly is a record by securing one new member by profession of faith for every eleven on total combined memberships for the conference year ending last September.

Roy H. McDuffie, present pastor, and his people deserve a word of commendation for this remarkable record.

CENTRAL, ALBEMARLE, IN MIDST OF REBUILDING PROGRAM

Paul W. Townsend, pastor, announces that Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, is in the midst of a rebuilding program which is to cost approximately \$100,000. This includes enlarging and redecorating the sanctuary, increasing the seating capacity by 200; and installation of air-conditioning. Also included in the work are several Church School classrooms, and church offices. One feature is an all-purpose room to seat 200 for supper, youth meetings, entertainments, dramatics, and family nights. This will be adjacent to a modern kitchen for the serving of suppers.

The building committee for this work is under the leadership of J. R. Austin, while the chairman of the finance committee is Elbert Whitley. W. T. Huckabee, Jr., is chairman of the official board of Central church.

At the same time Central church is the recipient of a gift of approximately fifty acres of land, given by Mrs. E. E. Snuggs, for a recreation center for the young people of the church. This tract of land, beautifully wooded, lies just on the outskirts of Albemarle and is ideally situated. There will be ample grounds for picnics and a playground for the use of the children and young people. Mrs. Snuggs is erecting a building for worship and recreation, consisting of a worship center, a dining room and kitchen. All these facilities will be available not only for the young people, but for the other various organizations of the church. This gift is in memory of the late E. E. Snuggs of Albemarle, a member of Central church and one who was always interested in the young people of the church and community.



The Junior Choir, above, of Severn Methodist Church, ranging in age from 12 to 3, sang at the charge revival at Conway. Their names are Gladys Johnson, Peggy Maddrey, Jean Long, Bettie Maddrey, Peggy Jean Johnson, Marie Johnson, Pearl Love Maddrey, Margaret Ann Long, and Bettie Johnson. Mrs. Elise Vinson is director. Two members, Mickey Martin and Carol Martin, are not in the picture.

Have thy tools ready; God will find thee work.—Charles Kinsley

.. News in Brief .. Personalities ..

MAIN STREET, Gastonia, has adopted the slogan: "Instead of a Slump . . . a Surge. Save the Summer for the Saviour."

REV. B. A. YORK is spending the summer in Hendersonville, 714 Florida Avenue.

DR. W. A. KALE, professor at Duke University, was the guest preacher at First church, Salisbury, July 5.

REV. C. E. WILLIAMS was the visiting preacher in the Brookstown revival meeting the week of July 5. Mr. Williams was pastor there from 1935 to 1939.

CENTENNIAL SERVICES at Brookstown church on the Lewisville charge were held Sunday, July 12. Bishop Costen J. Harrell was the guest preacher.

DAN RANKIN of Main Street church, Gastonia, was elected vice-president of the Western North Carolina Senior Assembly at Lake Junaluska at its recent meeting.

REV. A. P. RATLEDGE was guest speaker at Memorial church, Thomasville, Sunday, July 5, in the absence of Mr. Robinson who was participating in the youth camp at Camp Adventure.

FIRST CHURCH, Belmont, has set aside every Tuesday night during July and August as family night. Fun begins at 7 and ends at 9 o'clock. Mr. Don Stowe and Miss Jean Armstrong will have charge of the programs.

GARLAND YOUNG, First church, Charlotte, was elected Chairman of Christian Witness program for the Older Youth Assembly which met for the annual meeting of the Conference at Lake Junaluska June 19.

REV. AND MRS. J. M. G. WARNER of Charlotte announce the birth of a son, Joseph Mark, on June 25 at Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. Mrs. Warner is the former Carolyn Pope of Rosehill. Mr. Warner is the pastor of St. Luke church, Charlotte.

HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, has just completed a very successful Vacation Church School. 141 registered during the two weeks school; 105 received attendance certificates; and 54 had perfect attendance. The school, which was in charge of 28 loyal workers, closed with a picnic at Rowan Street park.

REV. ALTON LANCASTER, pastor of the Pasquotank charge, announces the summer revival for Mt. Hermon church. Services began July 12 and will close July 19. Two services will be held on the 19th, which is homecoming day, one at 11 a.m. and one at 3 p.m. Rev. D. J. Reid, evangelist, is the guest speaker. All former pastors and friends are invited.

THE PIEDMONT PRESS has just printed another booklet for Rev. C. T. Thrift, 406 Bon Air Ave., Durham, N. C., "Why Christ Was Baptized in Infancy." This booklet sells at 25 cents and can be had direct from the author. Every Methodist should have a copy. This is his twelfth book and booklet, ranging from 14 to 330 pages. More than a hundred thousand copies have been circulated. All this printing has been done by Piedmont Press, which is working right now on another book of about one hundred pages, which should be out early in August.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1953



REV. WILLIAM LEMUEL CLEGG, above, pastor of Front Street church, Burlington, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Elon College at Commencement exercises held Monday, May 25. A native of Cleveland County, Mr. Clegg received his A.B. degree from Duke University in 1924 and completed his work in the Duke Divinity School in 1929. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference in 1924 and has served as pastor of the following charges: Aulander, 1924-27; Garner, 1927-30; Maxton, 1930-35; Bethel, 1935-38; Asbury church, Durham, 1938-42; superintendent Elizabeth City District, 1942-44, Fayetteville District, 1944-48; Front Street church, Burlington, 1948-. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1932 and in 1948, and to Jurisdictional Conferences in 1944, 1948 and 1952. He was a delegate to Methodism's Ecumenical Conference in 1947 when it met at Springfield, Mass., and again in 1950 when it met at Oxford, England. Mr. Clegg is co-author of the Ministers Retirement Fund of the North Carolina Conference and served as its financial secretary 1937-45. He is the son of the late M. B. Clegg, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Louise Hoyle Clegg. He is married to the former Dorothy Woolley Kanoy, and they have two children, Dorothy Louise and David Pierce.

DR. F. OLIN STOCKWELL, author of "God and Red China" who spent fourteen months in solitary confinement in Red China and ten additional months in the "brain washing" process will be the preacher at Central church, Asheville, Sunday morning, July 19, according to the pastor, Dr. E. H. Blackard. His subject will be "A Prisoner of the Communists; A Prisoner of Jesus Christ." Special speakers at the evening services during July will be Mr. J. C. Penney of New York on July 19, and Bishop John Branscomb of Jacksonville, Florida, on July 26.

LEAKSVILLE Methodist Church plans to erect a new sanctuary and educational unit as soon as the architect, H. N. Haines, can prepare the plans. It is hoped that the building can be started by early fall. Recently, the Leaksville congregation launched a campaign to raise \$60,000. The program was launched on June 8th and on July 1 a total of \$90,370.00 was pledged. This amount is in addition to \$45,000 cash that has been raised over the past ten years. The campaign was directed by Dr. Alexander Stewart of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the Board of Missions.

DR. F. S. LOVE, district superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, was the guest speaker at Edenton Street church, Raleigh, Sunday, July 5.

DR. ROY L. SMITH will preach at First Methodist Church, Marion, July 19-24, Monday through Friday—7:00 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

DELTA METHODIST CHURCH on the Sandy Ridge charge had homecoming July 12 with a picnic lunch at noon and group singing in the afternoon.

MISS NANCY McRAE HOBBS, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Hobbs, pastor of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, was married to Mr. Myron Carroll Banks in St. Paul church, Saturday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock.

REV. AND MRS. C. H. DICKSON, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Clarence Harley III, on May 31, 1953. Mr. Dickson is pastor of Coleridge charge and Mrs. Dickson is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Ruffy of the Cherryville circuit.

BROOKSTOWN CHURCH SCHOOL on the Lewisville charge as just closed a Vacation School with a perfect attendance record for 35 children enrolled. The children sent some of their hand work to the children in the County Hospital and to the Children's Home.

LEWISVILLE CHURCH was given one of the four second-place awards in the Church Development Program in North Carolina. The award carries with it a grant of \$100 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. Mrs. Clark Taylor was chairman of the reporting committee.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, has designated every Wednesday night as Youth Recreation Night. The youth will meet at 7:30. Rev. Richard Crowder will provide programs of wholesome leisure-time activities.

PLANS ARE under way to organize a Methodist church in the Providence Road area in Charlotte. The commission on missions of Myers Park church met in the church July 1 to consider the matter. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Mr. Edwin L. Jones and Rev. Frank Jordan spoke at the meeting.

MRS. J. C. BURWELL, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, will be the leader for the Days Apart scheduled to be held in four of the subdistricts of the Elizabeth City District. Mrs. M. B. Gillam, district secretary of spiritual life, has announced. The subdistricts observing the Days Apart, places and time of meetings include: Martin-Washington-Tyrrell, Pleasant Grove church, July 21; Beaufort-Hyde, Lake Landing, July 22; Dare County, Wanchese, July 23, and Outer Banks, Avon, July 24. All services will begin at 10 a.m.

MARION JEAN PENNY began her duties as director of music and educational assistant at the Weldon Methodist Church on July 1. Miss Penny, daughter of Rev. W. B. Penny of Gibsonville, N. C., graduated from Greensboro College in June with a major in music and minor in religion. She has served as counsellor in intermediate camps of The Methodist Church in western North Carolina and last summer served as temporary director of religious education at Wesley Heights Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Youth Caravan in N. C. Conference; Older Youth Assembly, August 23-27

YOUTH CARAVAN SPENDS SIX WEEKS IN CONFERENCE

Four college-age youth from as many different states, accompanied by Mrs. L. P. Jackson of Belhaven, are currently touring our conference on a six-weeks Caravan visit. Beginning last week with a visit to the Ahoskie Subdistrict Camp, an annual youth training session, the Caravan will work in a total of six different local church and subdistrict situations, seeking to give training and enrichment experiences to many youth and their adult leaders.

Serving on a volunteer basis with Mrs. Jackson, their counselor, who is the wife of the Methodist minister at Belhaven, are Pat Mealor of Commerce, Georgia; Marilyn Lee Edwards, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also, George Alfred Tanner of Fordyce, Arkansas, and Carolyn Schwartz of Austin, Texas. Each of these youth is a college student with good experience in Methodist Fellowship work. The team has spent ten days together in special training just before coming to our conference. They are prepared to give particular attention to each age group in the youth division, as well as to adult workers with youth.

During this their second week of caravanning, the team is in Belhaven; in successive weeks it will go to Saxapawhaw, Havelock, Morehead City, and Wilmington. The latter visit is in a sub-

district situation—a special Youth Activities Week, the other weeks are spent in the local churches.



Members of the Caravan currently visiting several churches in the North Carolina Conference are pictured above. They are: (l. to r.) front row, Marilyn Edwards of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. L. P. Jackson, Belhaven; Carolyn Schwartz, Austin, Texas; back row, Pat Mealor, Commerce, Georgia, and George Tanner of Fordyce, Arkansas.

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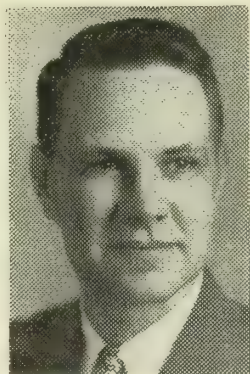
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1953 W.S.C.S. Conference Sees Shifting of Emphases; School of Missions Next

THE 1953 CONFERENCE

Those who regularly attend the annual meetings of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service see from year to year a shifting of emphases, with officers suggesting ways of promoting their work for the coming year, rather than reporting on last year's work, and almost a complete turnover in the personnel of delegates attending.

The shifting of emphases includes "over and above the pledge" giving, rather than being satisfied with just raising the budget, although pledges all along the line from local societies, through the districts, to the conference have steadily increased. This may be attributed to an increase in the number of tithers and also an increase in interest in the evangelism program of the entire denomination.

The importance of the spiritual life, which undergirds the entire program, was emphasized this year as the executive board held its business session Tuesday afternoon and participated with enthusiasm and consecration in the Retreat led by Miss Jane Stentz in the evening, and the "Quickening Service" held in the early morning hours Wednesday, led by Mrs. Frank Little, conference secretary of spiritual life.

The program also laid more emphasis on youth work. This was manifested in the splendid set of slides, the co-operative effort of several secretaries, but mainly Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, secretary of supply work, and Mrs. Harry Hendrick, secretary of missionary personnel, showing the work our conference is doing for youth and children in Bethlehem Centers, schools and colleges for Negroes, and colleges, rural work in two counties for white youth, and in educational and medical centers in other parts of the world for all races. These slides also show the work being done at the colleges where our missionaries and deaconesses are trained for service. This emphasis was also manifested in the drama presented by a group of young people from Shiloh church, Thomasville District.

FINANCES

The pledge of \$120,000 to the Woman's Division for mission work all over the world was paid in full and the same amount set for this year. This amount includes the Wesleyan Service Guild. The total amount reported to the secretary of promotion, Mrs. T. V. Goode, as being spent for local church and community needs was \$159,487.29 for the Woman's Society, and \$13,726.45 for the Guild. The Love Gift for Korean children when last reported was \$5,238.16 by the Woman's Society and \$1,131.52 by the Guild, making a total of \$6,369.68. The special offering taken each year to help support Migrant work in the state was \$201.51.

Pledges made by districts are: Asheville, \$12,500; Charlotte, \$26,450; Gastonia, \$19,000; Greensboro, \$27,000; Marion, \$10,000; Salisbury, \$18,500; Statesville, \$13,500; Thomasville, \$18,000; Waynesville, \$6,500; Winston-Salem, \$25,000. This makes a total of \$176,450.00.

Mrs. E. K. McLarty, Jr., speaking for the Marion District, announced that the District was giving a \$100.00 scholarship in honor of Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, retiring president of the Marion District.

NEW SOCIETIES AND GUILDS

Nineteen new Woman's Societies have

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been organized during the year, making a total of 829, and four new Wesleyan Service Guilds make a total of 139. The total membership of the conference is 42,512 with 4,544 Guild members. 374 delegates and 294 visitors attended the Conference. Among the visitors were Mrs. H. I. Glass, president of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society, and Mrs. Roy Jones of Columbia, S. C., former recording secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. A larger number of ministers than in recent years were presented to the conference.

SPEAKERS AND LEADERS

Noteworthy among the speakers was Mrs. Paul Arrington, vice-president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and also vice-president of the World Federation of Methodist Women. She explained that the Tree of Life with its leaves for the healing of the nations, which is the symbol of the Federation, was a gift from China, the twelve fruits for all the units—evangelism, medical work, education, literature, children, youth, home and family life, rural projects, economic justice, international friendships, temperance, and world peace. These fruits become a pattern of work for the three departments of the Woman's Division—the Home Department, the Foreign Department, and Christian Social Relations. The Malayan unit is the youngest and is doing outstanding work. Others she mentioned are the Philippines, Switzerland, Finland, Brazil, Asia-India—all of which are sacrificing to send missionaries to other countries, and have caught the significance of the purpose for which the Federation was formed. As a federated body, it has given help to "orphan" missionaries; helped to get missionaries transferred; grants made to assist many units; literature shared; many boxes filled with needed articles sent to women in other lands; sponsors the Week of Prayer and Self Denial; and promotes the "Angelus Hour" every evening at six o'clock, when a chain of prayer encircles the globe.

Another effective speaker was Miss Katharine Johnson, teacher at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., and missionary to Japan for 18 years. Miss Johnson spent thirteen months in Japan in 1951-52 and brought firsthand information from that country. In Japan last year Miss Johnson found a changing of missionary emphasis, emphasis being placed on youth work—youth centers, etc., as well as educational institutions—and on rural work, centers, kindergartens, and old people's homes. Family life is being emphasized with the old system of elders in authority being broken down. She was impressed with the perseverance of the people, who are rebuilding and re-conditioning where whole cities were destroyed during the war. \$100,000 of our Woman's Society money went into building the most beautiful high school building in all Japan on the site where our Methodist college stood.

Miss Johnson mentioned two urgent

needs in Japan. One is for a trained ministry. Another is English books for junior, senior, and college libraries. Both reference books and classics are needed. She also mentioned old Christmas cards, which are used in many different ways.

Our own president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, brought a challenging message. She enumerated a number of evils which are facing us today—the laxity of moral structure of our social life, juvenile delinquency, and alcoholic beverages being chief among them.

Mrs. Harbison listed some of the things which will make the Woman's Society of Christian Service a stronger organization, among them being: a larger membership, active workers both at home and abroad, being better members ourselves—more loyal and more enthusiastic.

Mrs. Ralph Sherrill and Mrs. H. G. Allen reported the missions conference at Buck Hill Falls; Mrs. J. W. Payne gave the highlights of the Board of Missions meeting, Mrs. John Hoyle, the jurisdiction meeting; Mrs. C. N. Clark led the memorial service; Miss Geraldine Surratt told of her rural work in Watauga County; Rev. J. G. Huggin, Mrs. Frank Little, and Miss Jane Stentz led the worship services; Miss Ray Ballard and Mrs. Robert Ayers lifted our spirits with beautiful music; and all the officers sounded a challenge in their reports. The next meeting will be held at Lake Junaluska with the Charlotte District serving as hostess. The Marion district did a splendid job this year as hostess.

ELECTIONS

Mrs. Dan K. Moore of Sylva was elected secretary of status of women to succeed Mrs. C. M. Waggoner, who is moving from the state. Mrs. Waggoner was presented an Honorary Life Patron pin and certificate in recognition of her faithful service.

Mrs. Ira C. Shelley was elected delegate to the Assembly at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in May 1954, and Mrs. Rupert Crowell reserve delegate.

PERSONALITIES

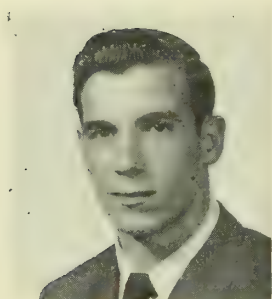
The presence of our retired missionaries is always a benediction, and we feel that something is missing if Miss Nina Troy and Miss Lelia Tuttle are not there. Included with them in the past few years is the invaluable help of Miss Louise Ballard, former missionary to China, who now resides at Lake Junaluska. It was the 36th annual meeting for Miss Amy Hackney, not having missed one in those years.

Sincere sympathy was extended Mrs. J. Frank Spruill, president of the Thomasville district, who was unable to be present because of the death of her husband, and Mrs. H. B. Simpson, secretary of children's work, who was absent on account of her own illness. Absent also was Mrs. A. B. Macon, president of the Winston-Salem district, who had just returned from an extended trip.

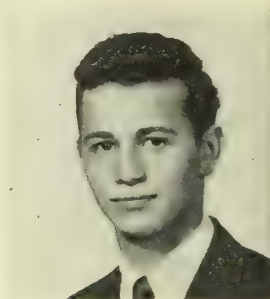
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Joint School of Missions and Spiritual Life Retreat is the next important event we must keep on our calendar. The Retreat begins with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 29, and will continue through Sunday evening services. Registration for the School of Missions will be from 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 31, until 4:30 p.m. and the first class period Monday evening at 7:00. Send registration fees to Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Road, Greensboro, N. C. \$1.00 for the Retreat; \$2.00 for the School of Missions. Send \$3.00 if coming for both.

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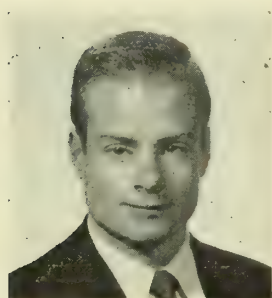
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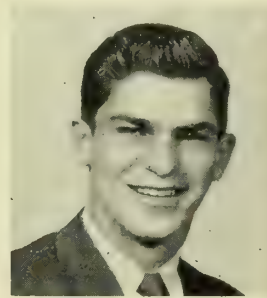
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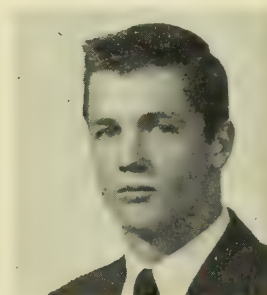
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What All Christians Have in Common

By Charles M. Laymon

Ephesians 2: 8-10, 13-22

In a day when divisions among peoples threaten our "One World," the ideal of a new unity for all mankind in Christ which this lesson presents comes home to us forcefully. Upon his return from a recent 20-day tour of the Middle East and South Asia, John Foster Dulles reported that he found Jerusalem "heavy with hate." This was a reference to the enmity which exists between the Arabs and the Zionists.

There are other walls of hostility (2: 14) in the world today which highlight also our need for the emphasis of this lesson. Such expressions as "the Thirty-eighth Parallel," "East-West Germany," and the "Iron Curtain" keep sounding in our ears. Similarly, reports of the Mau Mau terrorism in Kenya, Africa, where uprisings against white supremacy have been bloody, continue to appear in the press.

As over against such present-day disunity the dream of the author of Ephesians of a world in which all men shall become one in Christ is both a judgment and an encouragement. It is a judgment because after so many centuries we have not realized what he envisioned. It is an encouragement because we are convinced again as we read his words that this dream contains the answer and we say to ourselves: "We must try it again—try more sacrificially this time."

The words in Ephesians grew out of the division between the Jews and the Gentiles. Writing toward the close of the first century, the author regarded the Jewish Law as the instrument which separated them (2: 15). In Christ, he says, a new way of access to God has been found which abolishes the Law.

The issues which underly the divisions between men and nations today are multiple. Some are economic and political. Others are personal in the sense that they are based upon resentments, jealousies, and pride. But whatever their character, they can be resolved if we face them according to such ideals of Jesus as respect for personality and love of God.

The author of Ephesians saw the world-society as the "household of God" (2: 19). It is more, however, than a household. Changing his figure, this great Christian writer spoke finally of the new order as a structure joined together and growing "into a holy temple in the Lord." Unity in worship and adoration is the ultimate goal of mankind.

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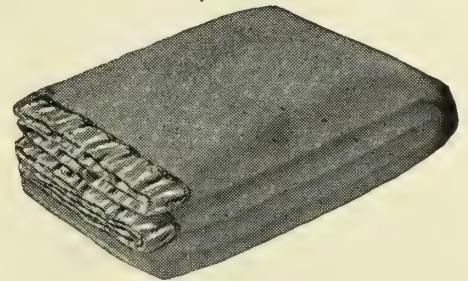


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PROBLEM OF T-V USE

Just as John Wesley, Methodism's founder, developed new approaches in reaching the masses with the gospel in his day, so a T-V research committee of The Methodist Church is tackling the task of discovering the best ways of reaching the people in our day.

Authorized by the Radio and Film Commission at its last meeting, the committee met in Philadelphia June 29 to do preliminary work on what may result in a major program of reaching the masses. The committee outlined a five-fold undertaking:

1. To make a study of the distinctive contributions that Methodism can make to television programming.

2. To make a survey of the T-V industry to discover what religious programs are

ANIMALS HAVE FEELINGS

By Violet Stefanich

My sister and I decided to make a sweater for our dog, "Simba." Although Simba is a spitz-pomeranian and endowed with a beautiful red coat of fur, we thought he would be warmer in the sub-zero weather if he wore a sweater.

Throughout the fittings and the laughter, Simba was a very patient dog. He didn't quite understand what we were trying to accomplish, but he had played so many foolish games with us that he put up with this silly one, also.

After many attempts to get that professional look about our sweater, we thought we had finally created a "lulu." The next time we went for a walk and the weather was really cold, we dressed Simba in his sweater and hooked on the leash. As a rule when we put on our outdoor clothing it was a sign for Simba to wait impatiently by the door. However, no such thing happened this day.

We had to drag Simba to the door and practically shove him off the steps and onto the walk. He looked so comical in his sweater, like a skinned sausage, that we laughed. Gone was that beautiful, showy fur we had brushed and brushed. His tail hung between his legs and his head almost touched the walk. He was the most dejected and crest-fallen animal we had ever seen.

My sister and I continued to laugh. We laughed so hard the tears began to flow and we could not stand erect. The more we laughed, the lower crawled our beautiful dog. He looked so very funny. We stopped laughing suddenly when we realized what was happening to our friend. We then picked up Simba and ran into the house.

Once inside, we removed the degrading sweater and brushed the glorious fur coat into a shining tribute of our love and care. Simba was delirious with happiness. He smiled and wagged his graceful plume of a tail. He was proud once more and began to prance toward the outside door. We hooked on his leash and started out again.

No pulling or dragging this time; Simba was once more a dog and not a namby-pamby. He romped and yipped as we hurried along.

Not until that day did I fully realize that dogs have feelings, too, and somehow sense right from wrong.—Our Dumb Animals

Book Reviews

Alcohol, Culture, and Society by Clarence H. Patrick, Duke University Press Sociological Series, No. 8, 1952. 176 pages, \$3.00.

"The special significance of this book lies in its demonstration that the problem of alcohol must be studied in its cultural context if it is to be understood, and that any phase of control must be worked out in relation to that context if it is to be effective. It is to differences of culture that we must look for explanations of the differences in the extent and character of alcoholism in different societies, not to differences in their geographical environments nor in the biological and psychological make-up of the persons who compose them." The preceding is from the editorial note by Howard Jensen in the front of the book. It fairly describes the thesis of

Patrick's book. In Patrick's own words: "Alcoholic beverages exist in society, as do all other elements and traits of culture, because it is felt that they perform a special function or functions . . . whether (they) do or do not perform the function for which they are intended."

The various reasons why men drink alcohol are thoroughly discussed by the author. Among these are (1) adding zest to a meal (2) for fellowship (3) for their narcotic or anesthetic effects (4) because those who drink them wish to conform to social custom. When research scientists report their findings on why people drink, the list is long and impressive. Among them are: (1) as an escape from the responsibility and burden of mature emotional life and its decisions (2) it narcotizes many mental conflicts (3) it dulls painful feelings (4) an escape from situations of life which the drinker cannot face (5) desire for liberation on the part of the personality which is kept in check by convention (6) alcohol, by blunting the critical power and progressively relaxing inhibitions, permits a flight from reality (7) alcoholic drinks are frequently taken to overcome shyness and awkwardness.

What type of personalities are alcoholic addicts? Patrick says you can't tell by studying them *after* they become addicts. In fact, "no satisfactory evidence has been discovered that justifies a conclusion that persons of one type are more likely to become alcoholics than persons of another type." Is alcoholism hereditary? According to Dr. E. M. Jellinek, one of the country's leading authorities, "the available evidence shows that the incidence of hereditary liability as well as of psychopathic disposition in the population of excessive drinkers is greater than in the general population, but adds that "the incidence is not so high that a general statement could be made of it."

As to advertising and promoting the consumption of alcoholic beverages the author says: "It is not likely that propaganda has ever been so subtle, artistic and suggestive as that found in attempting to influence thinking and conduct regarding various alcoholic beverages." It is the group or society which decides whether alcohol or something else will be used to satisfy the needs which alcohol is supposed to satisfy, thinks Patrick. We all remember that once our society decided alcohol was not the way these supposed needs should be met. It is not at all unlikely that, as the tragic consequences of increased consumption of alcohol become more and more apparent, we may decide once again that it must go.

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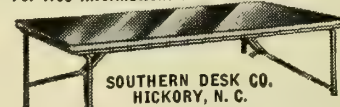
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Last Round

	July
Rock Springs-Bethel, 3	5
Boger City, 11	5
Terrell-Mount Pleasant, 7:30	5
Asbury-Laboratory, 7:30	6
Shelby Circuit-Bess Hoey, 7:30	8
Riverbend, 7:30	8
New Hope (Revival)	10
Gastonia: Main Street, 11	12-17
Rhyne Heights, 5	19
Vale Circuit-Reep's Grove, 7:30	19
Lowesville Circuit-Hill's Chapel, 7:30	20
Odell Memorial, 7:30	21
Bethesda-West Cramerton, West Cramerton, 8	22
Lincoln Circuit-Marvin, 7:30	23
Myrtle, 7:30	24

	August
Crouse Circuit-Pleasant Grove, 11, (Dedication)	2
Crouse Circuit-Pleasant Grove, 2	2
District Superintendent's Conference, Lake Junaluska	3-7

Rock Springs-Camp Ground Meeting, 11	9
Maiden, 7:30	9
Lowell-South Point-Lowell, 7:30	10
Pisgah-High Shoals-Pisgah, 7:30	11
Dallas, 7:30	12
Kings Mountain, Central, 7:30	13
Smyre, 7:30	14
Belmont: First, 11	16
Cramer Memorial, 5	16
Belmont: Park Street, 7	16
Cherryville Circuit-Beulah, 7:30	18
Fallston-Palm Tree, 8	19
Cherryville: First, 7:30	20
Belwood Circuit-David's Chapel, 8	21
Lafayette Street, 11	23
El Bethel, 3	23
Concord-Mary's Grove-Concord, 7:30	23
Stanley, 7:30	24
Belmont: Ebenezer, 7	25
Gastonia: Faith, 7:30	26
Gastonia: Trinity, 7:30	27
Belmont: First, 7:30	28
McAdenville, 11	30
Betha, 7:30	30

	September
Gastonia: Main Street, 7:30	1
Shelby: Central, 7:30	2
Cleveland Circuit-Oak Grove, 8	3
Lincolnton: First, 7:30	4
Sulphur Springs, 11	6
Hoyle Memorial, 3	6
Sharon, 7:30	6
Gastonia: Bradley Memorial, 7:30	7
Maylo, 7:30	8
Gastonia: West End, 7:30	9
Mount Holly: First Church, 7:30	10
Polkville Circuit-Rehobeth, 7:30	11
Crouse Methodist Church, 11 (Dedication)	13
Kings Mountain-Grace, 7:30	13

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Ralph Taylor, D. S.
Statesville, N. C.
Last Round

	July
Mooresville-Jones Memorial, 7:30	5
Rhodhiss, 11	12
Dudley Shoals-Cedar Valley, 3	12
Whitnel, 7:30	12
Statesville-Race St., 11	19
Pisgah-Dedication of Parsonage, 2	19
Cool Springs-Salem, 7:30	19
Harmony-Mt. Bethel, 7:30	21
Troutman, 7:30	22
Trinity-Trinity, 7:30	23
McKendree-Williamson Chapel, 11	26
Elmwood-Ebenezer, 3	26
Olin-Snow Creek, 7:30	26
Statesville Circuit-Chapel Hill, 7:30	28
Shepherds-Wesley Chapel, 7:30	29
Stony Point, 7:30	30

	August
South Lenoir, 11	2
Littlejohn-Gamewell-Gamewell, 3	2
Mooresville-Broad Street, 7:30	9
Newton-Abernethy Memorial, 7:30	12
Newton-First, 7:30	13
Statesville-Broad St., 11	16
Harpers, 3	16
Mt. Bethel, 7:30	16
Hudson, 7:30	19
Jefferson-Orion, 11	19
Moravian Falls-Dunkirk, 3	23
Wilkesboro-Union, 7:30	23
Fairground, 7:30	24
Hickory-Bethel, 7:30	25
Balls Creek-St. Paul, 7:30	26
Hickory-Highland, 7:30	27
Hickory-Westview, 7:30	28
Warrenville, 11, Dedication of Church	30
Helton-Lansing, 3	30
Millers Creek, Eschol, 7:30	30
Lenoir-First, 7:30	31

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September

Catawba-Concord, 7:30	1
Hickory-First, 7:30	2
Centenary, 7:30	3
Claremont-Shiloh-Shiloh, 7:30	4
West Jefferson, 11	6
Nathans Creek, 3	6
North Wilkesboro, 7:30	6
Taylorsville, 7:30	8
Union Grove-Union Grove, 7:30	9
Triplett, 7:30	10
Grace Chapel, 11, Dedication of Ed. Bldg.	13
Granite Falls, 7:30	13
Statesville-Bldv, 7:30	14
Statesville-Race St.	15
Hiddenite-Liberty, 7:30	16
Mooresville-Central, 7:30	17

In Memoriam

MRS. LULA MAE SPENCE JAMES

ELIZABETH CITY—With the passing of Mrs. Lula Mae Spence James the W.S.C.S. of First church in Elizabeth City has lost a faithful and devoted member. In recognition of her fine character and her deep faith and self-sacrificing service we submit the following resolutions:

First: As members of this great society that we strive to serve as faithfully and be able to deserve this tribute to her devotion.

Second: That we shall so live that when we come to the end of the way and all life's battles fought and won, we may meet again in our heavenly home.

Third: That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy.

Fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy kept for the Society and a copy sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate.—Mrs. H. D. Walker, Miss Lois Markham, Mrs. Pratt Fearing.

OLIVE KING MARR

ELIZABETH CITY—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of our friends and co-workers.

God in his great mercy saw fit to release Olive King Marr from her months of suffering and take her to her eternal home on April 13, 1953.

We give thanks that this patient, courageous, beautiful soul has passed on to the Great Beyond.

We bow in humble tribute and submission to God's will and pray that he will strengthen and comfort her sorrowing family.

We ask that a copy of this memorial be sent to her husband, one spread upon the records of our society and one sent to the N. C. Christian Advocate.—Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep, Mrs. T. P. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Foreman.

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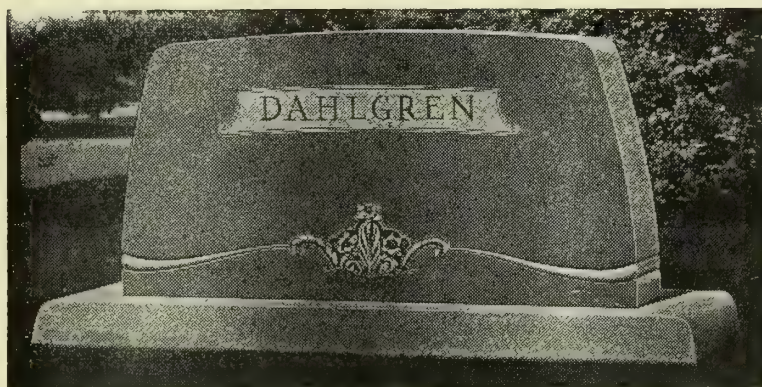
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ON A WIDE CIRCUIT by W.W. Reid

MURDER, BEER, AND BAGGY PANTS

The haberdashers of America are up in arms! They don't like the way the male stars on television wear their clothes. Some of them don't button their jackets on formal appearances. Most of them wear trousers that are baggy at the knees; some even look as if they had slept in them last night. As for ties—must the stars **always** wear those their relatives bought them for Christmas?

It's a pretty serious matter, say the editorial writers of the haberdashery magazines. Suppose American youth—and youth is very quick to imitate its heroes!—get the idea that this is the correct way to dress. It might get Americans dressing even worse than the British—and ruin the whole clothing business. "To arms! to arms! ye haberdashers!"

Educators agree, of course, that it is this day by day unconscious observance of what others do and say—rather than any intense contemplation of a situation—that establishes customs and habits, sets mind molds and patterns. The brewers and the tobaccoists know it, too, and that is why they spend their millions on television advertising. They don't expect that when your child sees Miss Beautiful of 1953 flick her favorite cigarette, or Mr. Successful Comfort pour that glass of beer, your offspring will rush right out and order those brands: but someday, maybe five years hence, enough gentle impressions will have been made on his mind so that he will.

And it is right here that as parents, teachers, church workers, and persons interested in the community welfare and in the next generation, every one of us has reason for deep concern. Television programs, day by day, in a hundred unsuspected—even pleasant—ways are making "grooves" upon the minds and characters of our children. Some, of course, are beneficial; but many are definitely anti-social in their effects. Against some of the suggestions, insinuations, and actual portrayals of life and conduct impressed upon child minds (and stored in mental reservoirs for future use), the teacher with her 25 hours a week (divided among 40 pupils), the church school teacher with one hour a week, and even the parent with the fog end of the day or the bed-time story hour, are all pretty helpless.

The other day, a Chicago teacher, speaking on "the battle for the minds of our children," asked a forum of educators: "Are we rearing a generation of killers? Will our children, watching murder after murder, come to accept a shooting or a fist fight as the natural way to settle everything? Whether or not these programs are deliberately aimed to undermine the youth of our nation is beside the point. The end result is the same . . . All over our country an aroused citizenry must come to grips with this problem. A judicious use of television could serve the nation's children. This is our challenge." Someone else says, "Life is cheap on TV . . . a murder a minute."

A "perplexed mother" recently wrote to her newspaper that she wanted her son to be athletic, wanted him to see clean sport on television, but was "scared half to death" by the beer ads that went along.

"Beer and cigarettes are always associated, on television, with sporting events,"

she said. "These are the programs my boy likes best. It looks as though you just can't be a good athlete unless you can slide into third base with a stein of beer in your right hand—and not spill a drop! . . . 'Boy, that beer must be good!' my son exclaimed last night when the announcer sighed and glowed with satisfaction after he drank an amber glassful." (An impression stored up for another day!)

And I am perplexed! I am as opposed to censorship and control as you are. But society has some right to protect itself and its future citizens from Fagans who will debauch and destroy—slowly and politely and perhaps "enjoyably"—for mere lucre. And society has a duty to exercise that right when an individual or a group act against the common welfare.

"There are many kinds of courage. There is physical courage—when we face what we fear in spite of our fear. There is moral courage—when we stand up for what we believe to be right, no matter what the cost. There is social courage—when we dare to be different in any marked way from those around us. There is mental courage—when we follow the logic of our minds even though it conflicts with the ease and comfort of our condition. There is spiritual courage—when we put our fate into the hands of God, even though we cannot tell where he will lead us. Lack of courage is poverty of character."—Henry David Gray in **THE UPWARD CALL** (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)



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We do not know what orphanage refused to keep this child. We are glad it was not a Christian Children's Fund orphanage. But before anybody condemns whatever orphanage it was, let's face stern, cruel facts. They reduce down to just one hard fact. If you haven't the room and if you haven't the money to make the room, if you haven't the food

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THINK IT OVER . . .

By C. B. Riddle

We hear much these days about balancing the national budget. Important as that is, we should take stock concerning another budget which many of us never balance—the budget of kindness.

We arise early, work hard and often late, and the next day follow this same routine. That is life; that is reality. But many are the opportunities during each day's routine that we have to say something or do something to make another's work less commonplace, and life a little easier. It is these little opportunities we neglect that keep our budget of kindness unbalanced.

More of us are good at heart than are bad. Even in our misguided steps we mean to do well. It is most often in our hurry and because of our anxieties and worries that we make our mistakes and add to our neglects.

Take an inventory, not of the deeds you have done and the kind words you have spoken, but of the deeds you could have done and the words you could have spoken. Look at the list and see if your budget of kindness is in balance. And make not the mistake of comparing the little or much that you have done with what others have not done for you or for others, for to do so would be to exhibit selfishness—the one great thing which keeps so many of us from keeping our budget of kindness balanced.

SOUL BANKRUPTCY

I have seen men, that had lived with a great circuit of prosperity, disbranched by commercial revulsions, who yet stood, in adversity, nobler, riper, better than ever they were with all their environments of wealth. And I have seen persons who have come to bankruptcy, and sold their houses, and their musical instruments, and their very cradles and were stripped of everything without; but, oh, woe; that was as nothing to the bankruptcy within. All courage gone; all hope gone; all faith gone; no sweetness; no love; no trust; only whining, querulous dependency! Of all bankruptcies in the world, that of a man's soul and disposition is the most pitiful.

H. W. Beecher

THE MASTER'S TOUCH

In a tourist hotel in Norway, the guests, much to their disgust were awakened morning after morning by a little girl in the lobby playing a halting melody with one finger.

One night the great musician, Edvard Grieg, registered there. Awakened the next morning, he dressed and went down and took the child in his lap. Shortly, the guests heard the same one-fingered melody, but mingled with it the rich chords and harmonies supplied by the master.

Life can be like that for you and me. Our own thin and stumbling melodies can be filled out by the music of heaven itself, if we let the Master take over—Alvin N. Rogness in *The Age and You*.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

JUDGMENT

Articles and sermons on Divine Judgment are not popular. The theme seems gloomy and forbidding.

And we want no gloomy religion. Healthy growth does not take place in shadows. In order to be wholesome we need a sunny faith. Let's consider, then, such cheering things as faith, hope, and love.

But wait a moment. Yonder is a fine young fellow in Korea. He answered what he considered the call of patriotic duty and now his life is cut off at twenty-one by a bullet. If there is no day of judgment where he receives compensation for the years he has lost, while some selfish old roue lives on in licentious indulgence, what happens to our faith?

Or think about graft and corruption. If dishonest greed can grow with and live in luxury off the taxes paid by poor, honest people, and there is no divine judgment to call an accounting, where is our hope for a better day?

Think, too, of the little orphaned child. What are we to say about the beauty and power of love if there be no Heavenly Judge to see that justice is done to little broken hearts? Thus we see that without divine judgment and justice, faith, hope and love do not abide.

If God be not also a Judge, He could not be our Heavenly Father, for every true father has to exercise judgment in rearing his children. Divine justice is basic to our whole gospel.

How are we to think of Divine Judgment? First of all, I believe that **every day is a judgment day**.

Every day by our thoughts, words and deeds we are deciding the direction of the movement in our lives. An act never stops with itself. When a thing is done, it is not done with. Every thought, even, leaves a trail. We speak of "idle thoughts," ideas which flash in and out of our minds without anything being done about them. But no thought is completely idle. Every day we are gathering the fruit of past thoughts and sowing for a future.

Yet while every day is a judgment day, I believe that there are **special days and periods of judgment**. Our daily judgments may be registered so subtly and quietly that we do not note them. In this regard, life may be like a stream. There are stretches of a stream which are so placid we can scarcely tell which way the current is flowing. And then around the bend, the stream enters into a churning rapids. So life may move along so placidly that we cannot see any change or direction in it. Then it suddenly lurches into turbulence.

To all of us there come days of special judgment which reveal whether we have been diligent or lazy, brave or cowardly, mean or generous in the preceding quieter periods.

"Vengeance is mine," saith the Lord." It is not for us to set ourselves up to pronounce final judgment. As Anne of Austria said to Richelieu, the wily political leader of France, "God does not settle His accounts every day, my lord Cardinal, but He settles them all at last."

Would we not give almost anything to know what will happen to us the first five minutes after death? Or would we?

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

PRAYER AT NIGHT

Come, gentle sleep,
Soothe and restore me;
Bring to my frame
The strength for my task.
Calm me.
Help me to grow—
To find in hours of peace
Grace, beauty of soul,
Clearness of vision,
Greatness of purpose,
Forgetfulness of self,
Devotion to others,
Devotion deep enough
To smile when things go wrong,
To help all who come my way.
Help others to see
The Master's face in me—
His voice—His touch—
His winsome love
That know no end. Amen.

Kate Hunt Kirkman

Pleasant Garden, N. C.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

Maybe God meant the mystery of dying to be a part of the adventure of living. To know completely what lies beyond the grave would be to discourage all wondering and thus to miss the joy of finding.

We shall be judged by One who is firm, not condoning our faults, but also faithful, not forgetting our efforts. He is infinite in compassion and tender in mercy.

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Evangelism Unlimited

A Guest Editorial by Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, Jr.

The Methodist year of evangelism in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's birth is reaching multitudes of people. Those who attended the great convocation in Philadelphia were impressed by the sight and the singing of the vast throngs of Methodists. They were moved by the spectacle of a thousand new members joining the church at the great stadium meeting even more than by the powerful addresses and the great preaching. The great campaigns in Ohio, in the Southeast, and all over America have won hundreds of new Christians. But this campaign is not just for America. It is world-wide in its scope.

These times call for a great comprehensive spiritual awakening. The hour demands an unlimited evangelism. That means nothing less than the **whole church** sharing the **whole gospel** with the **whole world**.

The whole church must be engaged. By that is meant that every agency, every organization, every activity of the local church must be evangelistic in purpose and spirit. The finance committee, the nursery department, the buildings and grounds committee, the four commissions, and every officer, teacher, and member of the church should ask, "What can we do to win people to Christ?" And this should be true in big churches and little ones, in city and country, all over the land. That is not all. The whole church includes all branches of the Christian faith. Bishop W. Angie Smith in his report for the Committee of Fifty at the Philadelphia convocation in June rightly reminded his hearers that this task of evangelizing the world is one in which Methodists have always wished to join hands and hearts with all who truly follow Christ. The whole church is bigger than any denomination. And the challenge of our lost world demands that the whole church accept and carry out its primary responsibility.

Evangelism sufficient for the day demands that the church share the whole gospel. The gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness alone is great enough for the world's needs. It is a personal gospel, a gospel intended for the hearts of individual men and women, boys and girls. It is the good news of a personal Saviour, of a God great enough to give himself for the children he loves, a gospel of redemption from sin and of life eternal beginning now in the heart of the believer. But the gospel of Jesus Christ is also a social gospel. It is a gospel of hope and redemption for our sick social order, good news concerning the cause and cure for our social sins—for the organized inhumanity of man to man, for poverty and legalized crime and war. The gospel of Christ alone, the proclamation and application of his teachings, can save the world of human society.

And the evangelism needed today is needed everywhere. Evangelism unlimited means evangelism for the whole world. This includes national missions and world missions. It must not stop at any barriers of language, race, or religion, not even at the iron curtain, though the march of Christianity may be delayed and sometimes set back by circumstances which our want of the spirit of evangelism in the past has made possible. We must evangelize all nations and peoples. We must evangelize their home life, their business life, their politics. We must reach every populated area of the globe and every area of human activity until in mighty triumph the King of kings and Lord of lords assumes full dominion over all his realms.

This is the unlimited evangelism our world needs today. This is our task in Christian education, in missions, in lay activities, in woman's work, and in all the programs of all the churches. This is our goal—the whole church sharing the whole gospel with the whole world.

Can Bring Us Closer Together

During the period the intermediates at First Methodist Church School, Lexington, were studying the story of the Hebrew people, a very interesting week-day session was planned. It came about in this way: The worship committee asked a Jewish woman of the community to lead one of the worship services. Instead of speaking to us, she invited the group to go to the synagogue with her to hear the Rabbi explain various phases of the Hebrew religion. (As our town has very few Jews they go to other cities for worship.) Our director of religious education, department counselors, and interested parents worked with the young people in making plans. It was decided to visit Temple Emmanuel in Greensboro Saturday morning and to visit West Market Street Methodist Church education building that afternoon. It was a joy to have our Jewish friend go with us to the church.

When we first saw Temple Emmanuel we were surprised that the exterior was very similar to Christian churches. Rabbi Fred I. Rypins was our host. He received us very cordially, asked us to sit on the front seats while he talked informally and insisted that he wanted to be interrupted by questions as the young people thought of them. One of the first things we had noticed on entering the church was a single light just over the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments which were near the rear of the platform. He explained that the light stood for one God, and that their religion is based on the Ten Commandments. Attention was called to the seven-branched candlestands on either side of the pulpit. In explaining the meaning of the candles he used the word "Menorah"—"to give light."

Synagogue is Meeting Together

The rabbi reminded us that the word synagogue means "meeting together," that it is thought of as a "House of Prayer" and "House of Learning." The term "temple" is not used by orthodox Jews, because they still mourn for Solomon's Temple. The liberals use "temple," "synagogue," and sometimes "church" when they speak of their place of worship. (We noticed that our friend always said "church.")

The rabbi explained that there are three main groupings of American Judaism. The Orthodox, or traditional branch, worships in essentially the same way as their ancestors have for 3,000 years. They adhere strictly to the Law of Moses, observe the Sabbath as did the Jews of Jesus' time, refusing to travel, work, carry money, or conduct business dealings on the Sabbath. They consider it important not to change their ritualistic observances, since religion is to them timeless, and every detail of the laws on diet is strictly carried out.

Reform (or Liberal) Judaism, which is the branch our friend Rabbi Rypins belongs to, is as the name suggests, much more liberal in its interpretation of the Law. They cling to the moral laws of the Bible only, considering it necessary to adapt their customs to changing times. Unlike the Orthodox, they have complete equality for women (who sit in separate pews in the Orthodox synagogue), conduct prayer chiefly in English (only Hebrew

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is used by the Orthodox), and use instrumental music in their worship.

Conservative Judaism lies somewhere between the Orthodox and the Reform, following the traditional pattern but striving to develop and broaden their religion. Unlike the Liberals, they observe the dietary laws with only small exceptions, but have adopted the Liberal custom of the late Friday-evening service and the use of the vernacular in prayer. Rabbi Rypins compared the Orthodox to the Roman Catholics, and the Liberals to the Unitarians.

The Sacred Books of Judaism

Then came the climax of the lecture when the rabbi showed us the sacred books of Judaism. He first pointed out the Jewish Bible, which is similar to ours except that it contains only the Old Testament. There are no headings in Jewish Bibles but interpretations are written in the margins; the interpretations, of course, differ from ours.

After opening carved sliding doors of the ark, which was built into the main wall back of the pulpit, the "teacher" brought out the most sacred book, the Torah. He explained that it was usually brought forth with a beautiful ceremony.

The Torah contains the first five books of the Bible copied on a scroll of perfect parchment, made from a clean animal. It is copied usually from memory by a scribe, who is one especially dedicated and trained for that particular service. He is allowed only one mistake to each book. If more are made the manuscript is destroyed and a new beginning made. The writing is a labor of love and takes many years of sacrifice. A Torah now costs from \$500 to \$800 and the scribes are in Europe and Africa. There are none in America, he stated. The Torah is read through every year.

The young people were invited to come up on the platform to examine the Bible and the Torah closely. They were greatly impressed with the perfect self-giving labor of the Scribes and noted that the Hebrew reads from right to left and has no punctuation. The Scribes must even memorize the places where capital letters occur.

Questions and Answers

The meeting then turned into a question and answer session. There are some of the subjects covered:

1. Why are the windows of the synagogues plain instead of stained-glass?

a. "The Jew takes literally 'Thou shalt not make any graven image.' So most synagogues have no pictures nor statuary. However, some of the churches in New York have beautiful windows," the rabbi explained.

2. How do you dress when you preach?

a. "I wear a robe now, because my people like it, but when I first came here twenty years ago I wore a dark business suit similar to what I am wearing now. When I go to the Quaker Meeting House, I wear a plain, dark suit, because that is their customary dress. When a Presbyterian helps me, we both wear robes."

3. What is your order of service?

a. "Very similar to the Christian—hymns, chants, offering, sermon. The Orthodox have no instrumental music."

4. Do you have only Jews in your choir?

The rabbi laughingly answered, "Christians entirely now, because of the shortage of musicians among the Jewish community here. Only the organist is Jewish. The music is very beautiful. They sing in Hebrew and in English."

5. Is our Sunday counted a week-day by Jews?

a. "Yes, we have our Sunday School on that day because it is the best time to get the children. Our worship is on Friday evening, and on the Sabbath I receive groups like this and have other activities around the synagogue."

6. When do Jews close their stores for the Sabbath?

a. "Some on Saturday and some on Sunday, and some on both days. State laws usually say 'Sabbath,' so business men have a choice of either day. If they close on one, they may open on the other."

7. Do Jews observe Christmas?

a. "Not your Christmas, but we have the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, earlier in December, which commemorates the rededication of the temple. It lasts for eight days and in Jewish homes one candle is lighted on the first night, two on the second, and so on until eight are lighted. Jews give each other presents each night."

Here the rabbi mentioned the arresting fact that the life force seemed to flow more strongly among Jewish people who observed Hanukkah, for during this period the emphasis on light and optimism had been found to influence the well-being of believers. It has been found that deaths are fewer at the time of this festival than during any other time of the year.

8. Do Jewish children sing Christmas carols?

a. "As a general rule, they do not, but that varies in certain families or communities. In our city a Jewish child was recently asked to be the principal character in a Christmas play. There was much discussion among the people, but the child accepted the role."

9. Do Jews have television sets?

When the little girl asked this question, the group giggled a little, but the kind rabbi told her that she had asked a good question. He said that Jews like to be cautious about new things, but after investigation had accepted TV. He went on to say that the orthodox Jew would not turn on a set during the Sabbath because turning the dial would be considered work.

10. Have you ever written a Torah?

The rabbi then repeated the need for great learning and supreme devotion, saying that he could not qualify as a Scribe.

A New Appreciation of Judaism

And so, not because we had exhausted the "barrel" of questions but because our visit was becoming lengthy (although our host did not appear hurried or weary), we felt that we must tear ourselves away. After seeing the recreation rooms and the Sunday School classrooms, we came away with a new appreciation of the Jewish re-

ligion and with the hope of worshipping with our friends in their synagogue in the near future.

On the drive home the talk was brisk about our impressions. We noted that among the boys, the chief interest lay in the Torah, and all that it represented.

Of all the statements made by Rabbi Rypins, one continues to challenge me. After he had told about the various di-

visions of the Jewish church, he asked, "Don't you, too, have many sects?" Then looking directly at the young people he said, "Maybe you young people can do something about that."

Perhaps the Jewish rabbi and the Christian missionary, E. Stanley Jones, together with many others, can help us to take seriously the idea of religious brotherhood.

cultivating decisiveness and strength of will with regard to the teachings of Jesus!

One great pastor-evangelist so beautifully described the growth of a Christian in these words: "The Christian life is a process of daily growth. It includes growing more familiar with the mind of Christ; growing more cooperative with the will of Christ; growing into an every-increasing willingness to be sent into any type of service, when He calls; growing more humble, more loving, more helpful, more unselfish in all one's relationships."

External Influence Strong

Modern psychologists believe that external influences have more to do with shaping personality than inherited capacities. In other words, personality is more an achievement than an accident of heredity. It is largely the result of habits which can be acquired from vital experiences and nurtured by training and self-discipline. Whatever the heredity may be, the new Christian who is fostered and taught the holy habits of worshipping, witnessing, and serving will develop a sounder Christian personality than one who is not so guided.

What a tremendous responsibility, multiplied 81,000 times, is thus devolved upon us of the Southeastern Jurisdiction! What can we do to help these new converts grow in grace? How and where do we start?

Well, in a very practical way, we can begin in each local church with the new Commission on Membership and Evangelism as it faces up to its opportunities and obligation. To it we should say, "Thou hast come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." It is no accident that the very name of the Commission is worded as it is—**Membership and Evangelism.**

The task of developing those external influences which provide guidance, training, and self-helps for the new Christian is the first and primary business of this Commission. Growth is within the individual person, of course. But it can be stimulated from without by a conscientious, consecrated Commission or congregation, aware of its responsibility to those who are entering the Kingdom with the thrill and joy of a new and revolutionary experience in Christ. The Christian beginner must be inspired and trained to go on from his first commitment to fresh daily commitments until he reaches a full commitment to the Christian way.

Let's Be More Conservative

Let's be more "conservative"! No, not in the reactionary sense of opposition to change and progress, but more conservative in the truest meaning of the word. You see, the first definition of "conservative" in many dictionaries is "having the tendency or power to preserve or keep." And that is exactly what we must do with the thousands of new members coming into our churches during this upsurge of evangelistic passion and emphasis. But maybe the term "conservation," used here in a liberal way, is not the best term, just as "assimilation" is not etymologically correct. When a thing is assimilated, it disappears as it is absorbed. That is what has hitherto happened to altogether too many of our new members. They have disappeared too quickly.

Some one else has suggested the use of the word "development" since it connotes growth, movement, advance. It is pointed out that "a dead object, a curio of yesterday, may be conserved, but not developed." Even that word, however, does not possess the full meaning we want. So we go on groping for words. But as yet, language fails us in this search for a more adequate terminology with which to deal with so acute a problem.

Recent months have taught us that the matter of retaining and integrating new members is frequently the weakest and most vulnerable part of the work of a local Methodist church. Not that the General Boards are lax in their emphasis, for this stress of strategy is constantly gaining in imperative. All of us view with alarm the growing inactive lists clogging our rolls, whether reported as such or not.

Shall We Get Them and Forget Them?

Now that we have won a record number of 81,000 commitments in the Southeastern Jurisdiction United Evangelistic Mission, will we receive these new converts in the same old way, that is, "get them and then forget them"? Or will we follow through with a thorough conservation and integration program, thus helping to fashion every newly won person into a growing, working, witnessing Christian?

If we are failing at any point in this beloved Southland of ours in our evangelistic emphasis, it is at the point of our unwillingness to realize that the commitment (or conversion) is not an attained end, but rather the first step in a process of Christian growth and development.

Evangelism and conservation are not diametrical opposites. Each is dependent upon the other. They are the two wings of the same bird. To believe in either without the other is a false premise. Without evangelism there is little to conserve. Without conservation, evangelism is useless. God does not pit quantity against quality. He wants both.

Two churches in the same conference won sixty commitments. One reported two years later that only eight of these new members were active. Why this dif-

ference? The first church received its new members on the Sunday closing the mission, and that was the end of the matter. The pastor, in explaining, used the hackneyed quip, "I like to string them when I catch them." The other church received its new members after weeks of training and orientation. Each was fully apprized as to the meaning of church membership and indoctrinated in church history, policy, etc. Each was given a fellowship friend, a specific responsibility, a sense of oneness with God and his purpose for the church and the world.

Win Them and Teach Them

Isn't it strange that we have overlooked that part of the Great Commission—"teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"? You see, the Great Commission is a command for both evangelism and conservation. And in conservation it is not a matter of teaching merely the commands of Jesus. It is the imperative of teaching the observance of these commands. Those who evangelize must also teach their converts the responsibility of obeying Jesus in all things, and then show them how to do it. Thus, the last requirement of the Great Commission is more exacting than the first.

Arthur C. Archibald, in **Establishing the Converts**, states THAT THIS DEMANDS MUCH MORE PATIENCE, SKILL, PREPARATION AND PERSISTENCE. There is less glamor to it, of course, for you do not tabulate results. But what a glorious task it is to work at making full-grown Christians out of babes in Christ, at breaking down stubborn prejudices, at eradicating materialistic values, at implanting a sense of inner, spiritual motivation, and at

PRECIOUS PROMISE

Are you giving up His Glory for life's glitter?

Have you closed your ears, your eyes, locked up your heart?
Won't you hear Him calling; "Child of Mine, I love thee?"
Take the gift of life I offer, Come apart.

"From a life of dross, of broken dreams, I call thee,
Take a stand now, for salvation of your soul.
I can heal the soul-sick wounds of sin and sorrow,
Trust in Me, Beloved Child, I'll make thee whole.

"Turn not back again to life's bewildered longings,
All is vain and lost, but trust and faith follow Me.
I can give you peace and rest—fulfilling
Every hope. In love I'll set thee free.

"For My Father's words are true, His promise faithful,
He and He alone eternal life can give.
"Erring One, look upward, trust His teachings,
Come to Me, your Lord and Saviour, Child, and live."

Raleigh

Frances L. Jones

New Children's Building at Junaluska Formally Opened; Young People Wanted

A dream of many years was realized July 5 when the new \$60,000 children's building was formally opened at The Methodist Church's southeastern summer assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

In large part, the new center is the gift of children themselves. Since 1948, Sunday church school classes of Methodism's nine-state southeastern jurisdiction have been contributing nickels, dimes and quarters to the building fund.

The building serves as a church school for Sunday classes of children, three to 12 years old, and as a center of daily religious, educational and social activities on week days. It is also a laboratory school where parents and church school teachers of the southeast may learn the latest methods of Christian education.

At the July 5 ceremony it was announced that the building is a memorial to two pioneer workers with children, the late Misses Minnie E. Kennedy and Mary Elizabeth Skinner. Miss Kennedy was the first fulltime director of children's work for the former M.E. Church, South. She was succeeded by Miss Skinner, who later became national director of children's work for the Methodist General Board of Education, following Methodist union in 1939. Both willed sums to the building fund.

The white one-story building houses four departments—nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior—and a central fellowship hall, and an apartment for the director.

Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury, Western North Carolina Conference director of children's work, is supervising the new center's program. She is assisted by two public school teachers of Columbia, S. C., Miss Mary A. Jones and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor.

Miss Elizabeth A. Jarratt, Charlotte, director of religious education at Myers Park Methodist Church, is chairman of the building committee. She presided at the opening.

The committee paid special tribute to Dr. Carl H. King of Salisbury, treasurer, for heading the fund campaign. He was described as "the one who has worked hardest in making this building possible." Dr. King is executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Board of Education.

He said that \$45,000 has been contributed to the building fund, and that the

balance of \$15,000 is dependent upon the continuing support of Methodist groups and individuals in the southeast.

Other members of the committee sponsoring the children's center are: Mrs. C. A. Rauchenberg, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., vice chairman; Bishop Costen J. Harrell and Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte; Dr. H. G. Allen, Lake Junaluska; Dr. Harry Short, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Anna Maria Domingos, Macon, Ga.; A. L. White, Jr., Hampton, Va.; Miss Emma Jane Kramer, Montgomery, Ala.; Dr. Mary Alice Jones and the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, and Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

The project dates back many years, Dr. King said, and numerous other men and women have been active in its sponsorship.

One of the oldest facilities at the Lake, the Ivey playground, is now included in the children's building program. It was founded in 1920 by J. B. Ivey, Charlotte layman, and has been maintained by him through the years.

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LETTER EXPRESSES THANKS

A letter from Miss E. Jane McDonald, secretary of the Lake Junaluska Commission on Christian Education, is reported by Methodist Information to express the commission's "thanks" to church school workers with children and Sunday schools who contributed to the building fund of the new children's center at the Junaluska summer assembly.

The letter especially commends Dr. Carl H. King, Salisbury, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education, who has served as treasurer of the building fund since 1948.

"To promote interest and raise money throughout the Southeastern Jurisdiction is no small task . . . you have never faltered, and despite the big task with its problems and handicaps, we have realized a dream long cherished and planned for," the testimonial to Dr. King states.

The letter continues:

"Our thanks go, too, to other Methodist people of the jurisdiction who have helped along this hard road, particularly the executive secretaries and children's workers of the annual conferences, and to all the many children who contributed to the project in such a fine way, we of the commission and building committee join in saying 'Thank You!'"

The children's building was formally opened July 5 as a center for youngsters, parents and church school workers who visit and train at Lake Junaluska.

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50 YOUNG PEOPLE SOUGHT FOR AFRICA

A "Fellowship of Christian Service to Africa," to number some fifty young men and young women, and to be for a period of three years, is now being organized by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. Young men interested in this Fellowship should communicate with Dr. M. O. Williams; and young women should communicate with Miss J. Marguerite Twinem both at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., as soon as possible.

The Board has sent out a call especially for teachers, religious educators, nurses, agriculturists, workers with youth, technicians, builders, printers, secretaries, well drillers, hospital administrators, children's workers, and those qualified to teach music, manual arts, commercial subjects, sports and recreation. Applicants should be from 21 to 28 years of age, college graduates, active members of a church (not necessarily Methodist), with good health, and good scholarship. They must be unmarried. Some knowledge of Spanish, French, or Portuguese will be helpful in some of the countries.



Above, program principals at the July 5, 1953, opening of the new Lake Junaluska Children's Building.

Left, visitors inspect the new Children's Building at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. and Mrs. Rice Sail For Pakistan

Dr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Rice and their three children sailed on the Queen Elizabeth from New York on July 15 to Lahore, Pakistan, where Dr. Rice will take up his duties as medical missionary of The Methodist Church at the United Christian Hospital on the Forman University campus.

Dr. Rice's coming to Pakistan has already made national news in Pakistan according to Dr. Ralph Blocksma, Medical Director of the United Christian Hospital. He says that not more than two doctors in all of Pakistan have the training which Dr. Rice brings to his new duties. Dr. Rice will be on the staff of the hospital as obstetrician and surgeon. The widespread publicity of Dr. Rice's coming to Pakistan grows out of the great need for doctors in this newly formed country. Since the beginning of the partition of Pakistan and India in 1947, between 6,000 and 7,000 Hindu doctors have left Pakistan and gone into India. The Moslems do not study medicine to any great extent and this has left a great shortage of doctors in Pakistan. The situation is so serious that at one time the Moslem government, set up as a religious state of the Mohammedan faith, offered to fly Christian medical missionaries and their families from America to their posts of duty in Pakistan.

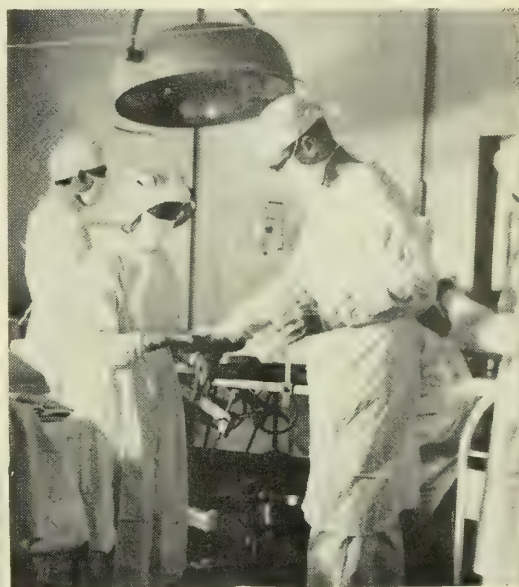
During the partition of Pakistan and India there was bitterness, bloodshed and strife—some reports gave a million as the number killed. The United Christian Hospital to which Dr. Rice is going, grew out of this bitter strife. Millions were moving in and out of the two countries and were refugees. Throughout the country Christians set up first-aid stations and medical centers for ministry to the refugees and wounded. United Christian Hospital was set up on the Forman University campus in Lahore as such an emergency hospital for refugees. The hospital is continuing as a permanent hospital supported by the Methodists, Presbyterian (U.S.A.), United Presbyterian, and Anglican Churches. Dr. Rice will be the Methodist member of the staff.

Medical Missionary in China

Dr. Rice served as a medical missionary in China from 1934 until 1947, except for the war years. He has the distinction of being a missionary who went to the foreign field entirely on his own. Born in a Methodist parsonage in Alabama, the fourth child in a family of six, the boy early set his heart upon a college education, no light ambition in the family of a Methodist circuit rider! If the son wanted a college education, he would have to get it himself. Raising a crop of cotton, young Rice paid his matriculation fee at Birmingham-Southern College, and by working at whatever his hands found to do, put himself through school, receiving his A. B. degree in 1926.

Now came a greater ambition—to become a medical doctor! Here again the young man had to see it through alone. By working during the summer and with aid of student loans and a scholarship secured by the Board

Pictures, reading down, Operating staff at work; Dr. and Mrs. Rice and children; nurses on graduation day, Doctor Rice's future home in background; general view of United Christian Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan.



of Missions, he completed his medical training at Emory University in 1931, taking his internship at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. He practiced surgery and medicine at Community Hospital in Glasgow, Kentucky. With careful saving he was able to pay off most of his indebtedness for his education.

Pays His Own Way

By the fall of 1933 he was ready to go to China. The need was great on the mission field, but the Board of Missions

was not sending out any new missionaries in those depression days. On faith Dr. Rice gave up his work at Glasgow, announcing that he was leaving for China. Then from strange and unexpected sources money for his travel began to come in—from friends, from strangers who had heard of his burning desire to go to the field, even from members of other denominations. When he had enough to pay his passage, third class, he announced that he was ready. He had no job in China, but he was going.

Then the last obstacle was removed. The young doctor was offered a position in an independent Presbyterian hospital at Soochow to take the place of a missionary who wanted to come to America to study. Thus Dr. Rice went to the mission field in 1934. He received \$50.00 a month for his services; \$15.00 of this went to his mother to pay back into a family educational fund from which he had borrowed to go to college and medical school.

When Dr. John A. Snell of the Soochow Hospital (Methodist) died suddenly in 1936, Dr. Rice was appointed to his post. He served until 1941 when he was forced to come home by the Japanese occupation of China. He served as surgeon of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin during the war years and went back to China in 1947, but was forced to leave again by the occupation of China by the Communists.

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New Sanctuary of North Wilkesboro church now under construction.
Inset, Educational Building, completed in 1949.

Spring Church to Rebuild; North Wilkesboro Completing Program; New Church Organizes

SPRING CHURCH STARTS REBUILDING OPERATION

The debris of Spring church on Spring church-Garysburg charge is being removed and the building committee hopes to begin building the new church in the near future. It will be built on the same foundation as the former church, the old blueprint being used to draw up the plans for the new building with a few minor changes in the floor plan.

While Spring church has always been in the North Carolina Conference, it is located just over the state line in Virginia near Pleasant Hill, N. C.

There has been a church on these grounds since 1828. It has been remodeled and rebuilt several times since it was established. In 1936 it was razed by storm and the building which was burned was built in 1938.

Since the membership is small it will be an undertaking to rebuild, but with God's help and the help of friends, the congregation expects to succeed. Thanks are expressed to those who have contributed toward the building fund and others who have expressed the desire to help later.

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GROCE ORGANIZES NEW CHURCH

June 21 was a great day for the Methodist people living in the community of Beverly Hills, near Oteen and Haw Creek. Under the direction of Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, Asheville District Superintendent, and Rev. Thomas A. Groce the people

have been meeting in the Haw Creek School building for Sunday School. A three and one half acre lot has been bought on the main highway for \$21,500. As soon as the \$6,000 indebtedness is paid the 53 charter members plan to start an educational building.

John Perian, chairman of the board of stewards, named Thomas Dabney as general superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Hobart Lee was appointed superintendent of the childrens' division. One class for adult men and women was organized and groups for children. Hugh Stevens was named delegate to the annual conference of The Methodist Church which will meet September 23 in High Point. The fourth quarterly conference of the church will be held September 6. Rev. T. A. Groce is the pastor.

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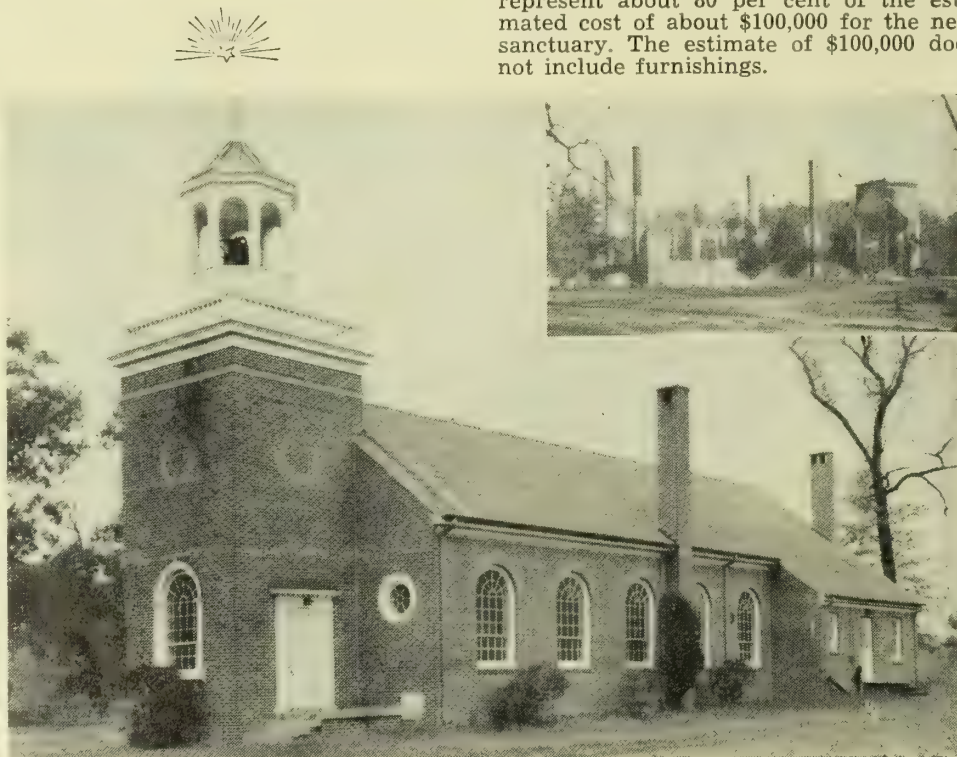
NORTH WILKESBORO CHURCH BUILDING NEW SANCTUARY

The First Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro is now engaged in the final phase of a building program which will provide a church plant second to none in this area of northwestern North Carolina.

The new sanctuary now under construction will complete the building program beginning in 1948 with the religious education building, which was completed in the spring of 1949 during the pastorate of Dr. Gilbert R. Combs. When the sanctuary is completed the church will have invested more than \$300,000.

The religious education building was erected at a cost of more than \$200,000, all of which was paid for long before the church entered into the task of building the sanctuary. The building is complete in every respect and has departments and facilities for all departments of the church school and other church organizations. It has a very beautiful chapel with a seating capacity of more than 150.

Rev. Russell L. Young, pastor of the church since the fall of 1949, said that in addition to paying for the religious education building in full, the church accumulated and now has on hand approximately \$80,000 in cash and pledges, which will represent about 80 per cent of the estimated cost of about \$100,000 for the new sanctuary. The estimate of \$100,000 does not include furnishings.



Spring church, Spring Church-Garysburg charge, as it was before and after it was burned on March 11, 1953.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

DR. AND MRS. HERBERT PETERSON and their children sailed on the Queen Elizabeth July 15 for Malaya.

EVANSDALE CHURCH on the Evansdale-Winstead charge celebrated homecoming, Sunday, July 5.

REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of First church, Morehead City, is teaching in The School of Missions, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, July 20-25.

CHAPLAN KERMIT S. COMBS, assistant post chaplain, Fort Bragg, was guest preacher at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, Sunday morning, July 19.

BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH, Oklahoma City, and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., were fraternal delegates to The Methodist Church of Mexico's convocation on evangelism July 7-12 in Mexico City.

LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY'S annual Institute of Church Music will open July 28 and run through August 2, directed by Prof. Cyrus Daniel of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

MECKLENBURG MYF Subdistrict met at the Methodist Home, Charlotte, Monday evening, June 29, for its subdistrict meeting.

REV. C. W. KIRBY, Gastonia District superintendent, was the guest speaker at Main St., Gastonia, Sunday, July 19, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon.

REV. RALPH TAYLOR, superintendent of the Statesville District, was guest preacher at Central church, Concord, Sunday, July 19, and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll of First church, Hickory, will be the guest minister Sunday, July 26.

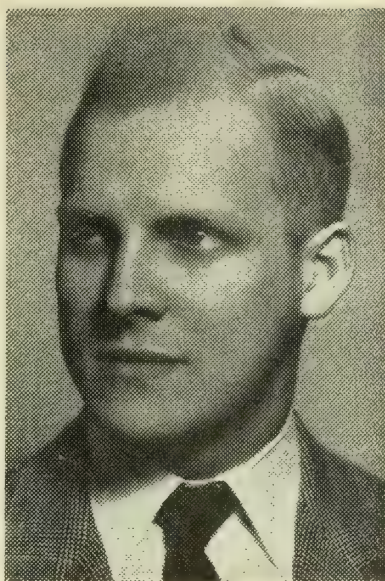
REV. W. F. ELLIOTT of Petersburg, Va., was the guest speaker at Farmville on Sunday, June 28. Rev. L. C. Vereen, district director of evangelism, was attending the World Methodist Convocation on Evangelism in Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. RALPH H. DODSON, president of Peoples College, Greensboro, is the preacher for revival services being held at Gethesmane church, Greensboro District, this week. Services are held at 10:30 in the morning and 8 at night.

REV. RALPH JACKS, pastor of Mayodan church, is attending the Town and Country School at Emory University, July 14-29. Dr. D. D. Holt, director of the North Carolina Methodist College Foundation, preached in his absence, July 19.

REV. AND MRS. GRADY H. WHICKER, announce the birth of a daughter, Louella, on June 22 at High Point Memorial Hospital. Mr. Whicker, before joining the staff of High Point College as field representative, served as pastor of Jenkins Memorial church in Raleigh. Mrs. Whicker is the former Miss Pansy Henderson of Jacksonville, N. C.

REV. J. FRANK WHITT, a former member of the N. C. conference, (Brooksdale Q. C.) has transferred to the Illinois conference. Rev. Whitt is a graduate of High Point College and Westminster Theological Seminary. He is now serving the Elmwood Methodist Church in the Peoria District. His address is Box 26, Elmwood, Ill.



CLARK R. CAHOW, above, has been elected Director of Public Relations at Greensboro College. Mr. Cahow assumed his duties on July 1. His work will be chiefly that of assistant to the President of the College, with particular emphasis upon student recruitment and publicity. Mr. Cahow was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and graduated from high school there. From 1944 to 1946 he was a member of the United States Army. He holds the A.B. and B.D. degrees from Duke University. He is married to the former Miss Patricia Lee of Darlington, S. C., who, for the past five years, has been on the staff of the Duke University Hospital as a medical technician.

NYLON HOSE PROJECT for Japan has attracted state-wide attention and we have been requested to repeat the address of Mrs. Paul Webb, Woman's Welfare Service, 258 East First St., Suite 342, Los Angeles 12, Calif., to whom you may mail your old nylon hose. Mrs. Webb has expressed her appreciation for the wonderful response from the readers of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

NELL IVEY of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., a student of Woman's College, Greensboro, reports a very profitable and enjoyable time at the Nebraska Methodist work camp being held at the University of Nebraska Wesleyan Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 24 through August 5. Not only will she be working in a variety of ways to assist these churches, but she will also be able to make a tour of Nebraska and portions of South Dakota and Wyoming at the close of the camp. It is a distinct honor when a Methodist student is selected to participate in this type of activity.

DISTRICT DELEGATES from the Western North Carolina Conference to the Youth and Missions Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, which was held at Lake Junaluska, July 16-22, included the following: Ann Sawyer, Asheville; Frank Kiker, Charlotte; Frieda Kelly, Gastonia; Virginia Gum, Greensboro; Betty Haynes, Marion; Janet Ketner, Salisbury; Janet Barkley, Statesville; Christine Barber, Thomasville; Rita Ann Kitchen. Scholarships for youth delegates are provided by the Conference Board of Missions.

DR. LEM STOKES, newly elected president of Pfeiffer College, was guest speaker at Wesley Memorial, High Point, Sunday, July 19.

FIRST CHURCH, Morehead City, has purchased for future expansion of the church plant the land and two dwellings located behind the new sanctuary.

REVIVAL services were held this week, July 19-24 at Old Union church in Sophia. Rev. William Bobbitt, Jr., a former pastor of the church, was the guest preacher.

MISS RUTH JACKSON, graduate of 1952 Methodist Orphanage High School class and Atlantic Christian College, is now employed as membership secretary at Edenton Street church, Raleigh.

GRACE CHURCH, Kings Mountain, will observe homecoming Sunday, July 26. All day services will be held and all former pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend. Rev. C. L. Grant is the pastor.

DR. CHARLES STOKES, missionary on furlough from Korea, was guest preacher at College Place church, Greensboro, Sunday, July 5. Dr. and Mrs. Stokes and their little daughter Carolyn will sail for Korea around September 10.

EDENTON STREET church, Raleigh, had as guest preacher, July 12, Dr. Eugene C. Few, a former pastor. Rev. T. J. Barrett, director of recreation and Christian activities at the Methodist Orphanage, was the guest speaker for the Wednesday evening prayer service, July 15.

HEATH MEMORIAL church, Waxhaw charge, will have its annual homecoming day on Sunday, July 26. Rev. W. Guy Helms of Charlotte will preach at the eleven o'clock service. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend and stay for the picnic lunch which will follow. Special music will follow at two o'clock. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is the pastor.

APPROXIMATELY 500 Methodist men of nine southeastern states are expected to attend the annual Southwide Laymen's Conference July 23-26 at The Methodist Church's summer assembly grounds, Lake Junaluska, N. C. The nation's youngest governor, 32-year-old Frank C. Clement of Tennessee, will address the group July 24 on "Today's Ideals and Tomorrow's Success." Other speakers will include Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. E. Lamont Geissinger, Chicago, associate secretary of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities, and Dr. John O. Smith, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

DELEGATES from the Western North Carolina Conference to the Missionary Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, which was held at Lake Junaluska, July 16-22, included Rev. Horace R. McSwain, conference missionary secretary, and the following district missionary secretaries: Rev. S. B. Moss, Asheville; Rev. Harley Williams, Charlotte; Rev. Cecil Hefner, Gastonia; Rev. Frank Smathers, Greensboro; Rev. Vernon Morton, Marion; Rev. Earl Brendall, Salisbury; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Statesville; Rev. Harold Robinson, Thomasville; Rev. J. E. Yountz, Waynesville; and Rev. E. H. Lowman, Winston-Salem.

Conference Director of Children's Work Says Good Church Schools Don't Just Happen

By Mrs. W. R. Reed

All of us want our church school to be a good church school but good church schools don't just happen. They are the result of work, prayer, cooperation, a desire to learn more of the Bible and its meaning for our lives, and for the lives of those whom we lead.

Who is going to work, pray, co-operate, learn in order to make ours a good church school? All of us must do this. We must become responsible church school members. Let us prove that we are responsible members by:

1. Regular attendance, on time, and in a spirit of eagerness.
2. Let the entire family attend.
3. Assume some responsibility wherever needed.
4. Invite others to attend and be there to welcome them.
5. Study the scripture and help others to study it.
6. Support it with your offering.
7. Keep in mind that the church school is indispensable for the progress of the church at any time, and particularly is this true in the face of the forces and issues which confront Americans today.

What Are the Goals of a Good Church School?

1. To help all persons to be conscious of God in their daily living; that God is not a far away God but that he is ever present with each person from the smallest child to the most mature person.
2. To acquire knowledge of Jesus which will cause one to be like him, to accept him as leader, guide, Saviour—until his complete loyalty is to him.
3. To learn the teachings of the Bible so that they will guide daily living. This is the reason that simple, short verses and stories are used with the young children, increasing the content as they grow older.
4. To help each one to love the church school and its work, which will be shown by his attendance, participation in its activities, fellowship and support.
5. To learn to live in Christian fellowship with the people of the world and to work toward ways of mutual welfare—to become a Christian world citizen. This of course will center around respect for personality.
6. To learn a Christian philosophy of life, so that each one may face life unafraid. In a world of atomic power, fraught with far-reaching consequences, it is necessary for each one to believe that the gospel of Jesus is relevant for all of life, and that it ought to find expression in our attitudes, our relationships with each other, and in our habits of thinking and living.

Have You Read?

I Believe, Harner; A Firm Faith for Today, Bosley; Understanding the Christian Faith, Harkness; Why Men Suffer, Weatherhead.

Some Summer Reminders for Church School Workers

1. Send in your vacation church school report to Box 828, Salisbury.
2. Have an evaluation of your vacation church school. Ask: Were adequate training opportunities provided for the teachers? Which opportunities provided were of greatest help? What suggestions do you

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have for improvement? What changes, if any, might be made for another year? Was there growth in Christian living on the part of the boys and girls? Are you planning to use the songs, Bible verses and stories from Sunday to Sunday? Did you feel that the vacation church school was worth while? Were all the children reached who were near enough? Will you need to plan sooner another year? Have you kept your records for reference when planning for your next school?

3. Order fall church school literature in time for promotion. Check carefully for the amount needed. Promotion will change your order.

4. Make promotion a meaningful experience for each child.

5. The churches using closely graded literature will need to secure the new Junior texts, study them, and plan with the parents of Junior boys and girls how to use these books in the home.

6. Look over your year's work and see what you may do to improve it. Are there any children in your community who are not attending any church school? Are absentees visited? Are all teachers prepared each Sunday? Has anyone helped new teachers to use the church school literature? Are rooms attractive? Are all babies enrolled in the Nursery Department?

Do Good Teaching

This means preparation as: studying, planning, collecting enrichment materials, learning new songs, deciding how to make the teachings of the Bible a part of each child's daily life now at his age and understanding, setting goals and earnestly expecting desirable changes in each child's life.

For Families

The Gluecks (man and wife), Harvard professors, made a study of 1,000 boys and girls. They discovered that if the family life of a child is adequate, there are only three chances in one hundred that he will become delinquent, but if the family relationships are bad the chances are ninety-eight out of a hundred that the child's behavior will get him in trouble with the police.

A letter has just come from the Children's Bureau with a statement about the alarming increase of juvenile delinquency. It reveals also the disheartening inadequacies over the nation as a whole for dealing with children who are brought into the courts for even minor offences. The Children's Bureau has organized a nation-wide campaign to bring about improvement. For further information send to Children's Bureau, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C., for a mimeographed statement of the problem and steps to take in your own community, A New Start On An Old Problem by Martha Eliot, M. D., Chief, Children's Bureau.

Have You Read?

Rediscovering the Bible, Anderson;

Your Home Can Be Christian, Maynard; Understanding Your Child, Hymes; They Learn What They Live, Frazer and Yarrow.

The World In Which We Live

"There is a moving toward greater dependence upon mechanical ways of doing things. Children are having few opportunities to perform a real job. They are robbed of the experience of participating in jobs that are literally essential. We need to furnish children with real jobs to do.

"The child needs to get his hands into the raw materials of life. Children are confronted with finished products, a suit of clothes, a bicycle, food—but they do not see the raw materials from which they were made. One of our jobs is to give youngsters opportunity to get their hands into the basic stuff of life—give them a sense of holding and feeling something, being close to something living.

The Nature of Our Particular Society—Democracy

"Democracy is co-operative relationships. So we need to give children experiences in cooperation. Children must have the chance to work together, to plan together, to play together.

"Democracy means thinking, planning and deciding together. We have to help children develop the responsibility for analyzing, comparing and evaluating, experimenting and making decisions.

Knowledge of Children

"We have discovered that humans grow in a definite way: there is a sequence in growth. If you work at a thing too soon, time is wasted and you blame children for not "trying" and make them uncomfortable. When one is ripe for learning then it is simple to teach.

"Everybody is different. There is a sequence to growing up but everybody grows at his own rate. All teachers and parents should seek to help children feel," "I like to be with you." Excerpts from an address by Dr. James L. Hymes, Jr.

Miss Mary Edna Lloyd Coming to Pfeiffer College

On the week end of October 16 and 17 Miss Mary Edna Lloyd of the Nashville office will meet with workers from the entire conference. Miss Lloyd is Editor of Children's Literature for our church. We invite workers from the entire conference to meet at that time with Miss Lloyd. Miss Lloyd writes, "It will be a real pleasure to be with you and your workers in your conference work and I shall be very happy indeed to accept your invitation."

Children Have Happy Times at Church (A Report)

"For six weeks the Primary Department of our church studied, **The Children of The Congo**. We had additional sessions on Sunday mornings during the church worship hour. Attendance was excellent."

"The children enjoyed this study. We showed the film strip, "Sumo, A Boy of Africa." We also made an African village, a frieze and African drums on which they beat the song, "Before We Eat."

"We gave a playlet, "Telling The Story of Jesus." One hundred sixty-five persons attended. We were able to get a little nine year old Negro boy to play the part of the African boy in the play. Our children gave him a hearty welcome, and he enjoyed the experience thoroughly. We took an offering, with which we sent pictures and a box of supplies to a missionary in Africa."

Introducing Three Instructors for the Annual School of Missions; Fees

Since its beginning in June 1947 at Pfeiffer College, the annual School of Missions and Christian Service, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Conference and Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Societies of Christian Service, has become an increasingly important event for the women of North Carolina Methodism. Its very name implies its worth in the giving of knowledge and higher objectives for the promotion of all lines of work of the WDCS.

The school this year, scheduled to be held at Greensboro College, August 31-



Miss Elizabeth Stinson

September 4, will again feature classes pertaining to the mission and Bible study courses for 1953-54, workshops, departmental clinics, vespers, and platform addresses.

The four courses for credit and their instructors will include "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," Miss Elizabeth Stinson, and Dr. Ruth Bartholomew; "Spanish Speaking Americans," Mr. Henry Barnett; "Jeremiah," Dr. R. H. Sales, and "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," Dr. Norman Kelly.

The course, "Life and Task of the Church Around The World" should make a strong appeal to Christian women who are thinking in terms of world brotherhood. It is most apropos of the general theme for the school, "Christian Discipleship Around the World," and the quadrennial theme, "That The Kingdom of God May Be Realized." Miss Stinson, one of the teachers for the course, holds an A.B. degree from Louisiana State University, an M.A. from Scarritt College, and a B.D. from Yale University Divinity School. She has also received training at several other colleges and universities. Her experiences have been wide and varied. They include teaching in several high schools and colleges, YWCA work, serving as a member of the faculty at pastor's schools, standard training schools, and jurisdictional schools of missions, editorial assistant, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church and other religious activities. Miss Stinson has authored textbooks for vacation church schools, worship programs for various magazines of The Methodist Church, and has contributed numerous articles to The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, and other periodicals of our denomination. She is currently serving as editor of the Missionary Education page of The Methodist Woman.

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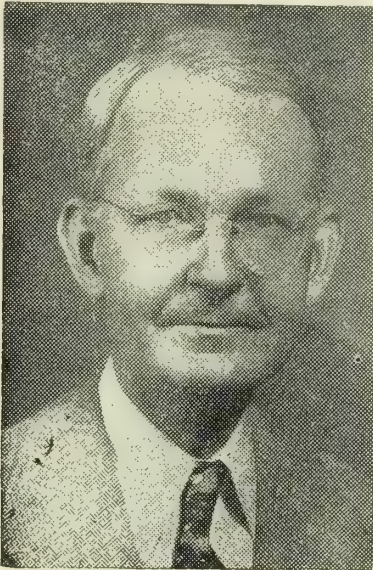


Dr. Ruth Bartholomew

Dr. Bartholomew, who will also teach the course "Life and Task of The Church Around the World," will be remembered by those who attended the school last year as one of three teachers of the course on Africa. She is a member of the faculty of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Dr. Bartholomew formerly taught at Brevard College, and has done one year of teaching in Africa. She has established a reputation for the gracious manner with which she responds to the many calls for her services as teacher in conference schools of missions.

Mr. Henry Barnett, who will teach the

course, "Spanish Speaking Americans," is a native of Florida, studied at Emory College and Columbia University. He has taught in Texas, Japan, India, China, Syria, and is now on the faculty of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla. He was in our school at Greensboro College last year and will return this year as a popular teacher. He has conducted similar



Mr. Henry Barnett

courses of study for the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Illinois, Georgia, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, and other states, and has given lectures at Lake Junaluska. This year he is also teaching in similar schools in Tennessee and South Carolina.

Those expecting to attend the School of Missions and Christian Service should mail registration blank and registration fee of \$2.00 to Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Rd., Greensboro, N. C., before August 20. Fee of \$11.00 for room and board is to be paid upon arrival at the college. Registration fee for day students is \$2.00 for full time, and 50 cents per day for part time. Registration for dormitory students will be held in the Administration Building at Greensboro College, Monday, August 30, 1-4:30 p.m. Day students will register each morning, Monday through Friday, 8:00-9:00 A.M.

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Choice of Workshop

Choice of Roommate

W. L. Sherrill Passes at Age of 93; Delegates Report on Alcohol School

NOTED PASTOR AND HISTORIAN TAKEN BY DEATH

One of the most widely known ministers and historians in the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, Rev. William Lander Sherrill, 93, of 1819 Queens Rd., died in Charlotte at about 10 o'clock the morning of July 15. He made his home with his son, H. Connor Sherrill, and Mrs. Sherrill.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. July 16 at First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, and interment was in the family plot at Rehoboth Methodist Church, Sherrill's Ford, Catawba County.



Rev. W. L. Sherrill

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area, who conducted the funeral was assisted by Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lincolnton; Rev. Chesley C. Herbert Jr., pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Charles D. White, pastor of the Methodist church in Mount Holly, who is secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Native of Lincoln County

A native of Lincoln County, the venerable minister, son of Samuel Pinckney Sherrill and Sarah Catherine (Lander) Sherrill, was born Feb. 9, 1860. He was educated at Lincolnton Academy.

He began his long and fruitful career as a pharmacist in Dallas, Gaston County, and served a term as mayor of that municipality. In 1890 he was admitted, on trial, as a clerical member of the Western North Carolina Conference; into full connection in 1892; was ordained as a deacon in 1893 and as an elder one year later. Officially, he retired in 1933 after 43 years of very active and much distinguished service.

Secretary of Conference

In 1890 he became secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, a very active position, and he served continuously in that capacity until October, 1937, a period of 47 years. Since 1937 he had been secretary emeritus of the conference.

Pastorates which he served included Morganton, Connelly Springs, Elkin, Hick-

ory, Shelby, Lenoir, Mocksville, Asheboro, Murphy, Pineville, and Leaksville. From 1906 to 1911 he was associate editor of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, official organ of The Methodist Church in this state. He was a member of the General Conference in 1910, and secretary-treasurer of the Conference Board of Education from 1925 to 1929.

Accurate Historian

Exceptionally accurate as a historian, he was the author of "The Annals of Lincoln County," and several other books of historical and religious character. His attainments as conference officer, preacher and writer elicited praise. His knowledge of Methodism, through successive generations, was repeatedly acclaimed.

On May 21, 1884, he was married to Miss Louetta Connor of Catawba County. She died in November, 1941. Surviving is their son, Henry Connor Sherrill, long a prominent figure in the business life of Charlotte. The noted nonagenarian had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill, his son and daughter-in-law, at 1819 Queens Rd., about 12 years.

A lineal descendant of early American patriots, he served several years as state chaplain of the Sons of the American Revolution.—The Charlotte Observer.

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REPORT ON METHODIST SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDIES

"One in every nine persons who begins to drink alcohol in any form becomes an alcoholic. What happens to the eight is more important than the one, so in this school we will focus our attention on the eight who may be just moderate drinkers." With these words Dr. C. R. Hooton, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, has sounded the keynote of the Third Annual Methodist School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, June 29-July 3, 1953. Every state in the Union, plus Washington, D. C., and Alaska, was represented. The Western North Carolina Conference was represented by Rev. Fletcher Howard, pastor of Midway, Kannapolis; Rev. Miles A. McLean, pastor of Asbury Memorial, Asheville; and Rev. Ray F. Swink, pastor of the Davidson Charge, Lexington.

The delegates coming from all areas of our country are to return to their conferences and districts to serve as resource persons for institutes and schools on alcohol in their respective localities. The Methodist Board of Temperance feels that it is highly important that our people know the truth about ethyl alcohol and its effect on the human body. They hope that the program now in effect will accomplish this end.

The danger of moderate drinking was stressed. Again and again the delegates were reminded that alcohol, even in small amounts, affects the judgment of the individual even before there is a noticeable effect on muscular control or other bodily functions. Alcohol is a depressant and not a stimulant, as commonly believed; it slows down all bodily functions.

While alcohol is sometimes used for medical purposes, Dr. Haven Emerson, Professor Emeritus, Columbia University, and member of the New York Board of Health, pointed out that there are other medicines which serve the same purpose without the danger associated with alco-



METHODIST PARSONAGE AT ROUGEMONT

This parsonage was completed in March at a cost of just under \$11,000. Messrs. Terrell J. Mangum, John Anderson, Claude Gray, Walter Laws, I. H. Terry, Jr., and Branson Crabtree composed the building committee.

hol. With this truth in mind, alcohol was declared to be bad from all angles. The annual alcohol bill in our country is 9 1-2 billion dollars. There are 65 million drinkers of which 17 million are problem drinkers. To illustrate the cost of our government it was pointed out that 77% of the time of the police force in Washington, D. C., is taken up by drink situations.

According to the report of the research man of the Methodist Board of Temperance, there seems to be an increasing concern over the liquor problem. This may well be a bright note in a dark picture. There are indications of an upsurge of dry sentiment across the nation. The awfulness of the situation seems to be making its impression at last on the American people.

Among the outstanding persons appearing on the program as lecturers were Dr. Albion Roy King, head of the department of philosophy of Cornell College, intercollegiate and institute speaker on the alcohol problem; Dr. Haven Emerson, Professor Emeritus, public health, Columbia University and member of the New York Board of Health; Dr. C. R. Hooton, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance and the director of the school; Dr. Deets Pickett, associate secretary, the Methodist Board of Temperance, research authority, editor of the Voice; Roy Breg, executive secretary, Allied Youth; Dr. Marie Finger Bale, consultant, department of Christian social relations; George B. Robinson, Sr., general representative, the Methodist Board of Temperance, lecturer, counselor, and dramatist; Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, of The Methodist Church; Bishop Paul E. Martin, president of the Methodist Board of Temperance.

A bright note was sounded by Roy Breg, executive secretary of Allied Youth, as he told the school of the response on the part of high school boys and girls to the program of his organization. Allied Youth is made up of high school and college age youth who have committed themselves to total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. This program has worked wonders in many cities in that it has not only cut down the drinking by teenagers but has had its effect on the adult population as well. There are a number of chapters in this state and others are scheduled for organization.

As delegates from the Western North Carolina Conference, we are grateful for the opportunity of taking part in the School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action. We feel that it will greatly enhance our opportunity for service. It is hoped that we can use the information received for the benefit of our conference and state.

FLETCHER HOWARD
MILES A. McLEAN
RAY F. SWINK

What Can I Give?

By Charles M. Laymon

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was a colorful and significant occasion. While not typically American, the pomp and ceremony which accompanied it were enjoyed by us who live on this side of the Atlantic.

We thought of the days when the British commonwealth of nations was at its height, and remembered the political unity that had been achieved involving many peoples and many lands. In spite of the imperfections of this union, there was something stirring in the fact that one could say: "The sun never sets upon the British empire." Each member-group contributed something to the richness and strength of the whole.

At the time when the Book of Ephesians was written the Roman empire presented a similar picture of political and economic unity. To her capital came the wealth of the world, and from this same Eternal City went forth a government of strength and order.

The majestic sweep of this rule captured the imagination of the author of Ephesians. He found here a pattern and symbol of the reign of Christ throughout the world. In the finest meaning of the term he thought: "Why cannot there be a Christian empire?"

The phrases this writer used to describe the empire in Christ make it clear that he had a religious fellowship in mind and not a political union. He urged his readers to contribute their varied gifts, whether they be prophecy, evangelism, pastoring or teaching, to "building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith" (4: 11-13).

This unity is the Christian empire no less, whose head is the Christ and whose body is made up of members of this spiritual union. When each part is working properly, it makes for "bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love" (4: 16).

The reign of Christ throughout the world in a great spiritual unity such as the Christian empire has not yet achieved. His church is torn apart at the seams by doctrinal and organizational differences. But bold gestures are being made to unite all Christians everywhere.

The World Council of Churches is one such attempt. Its membership is composed of 158 member churches, of approximately 15 major confessional families, such as Anglican, Lutheran, Orthodox, Reformed and others.

EVERYDAY RELIGION

We confine religion to one day in the week. We are religious on Sunday. But we are not religious on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday and Saturday. We associate religion with churches and hymn-singing and Bible reading and preaching. We do not associate it with building and banking and commerce and trade. We do not think of it in connection with our work in home or store or office or factory. We associate religion with certain events, with weddings and funerals and baptisms. When a young couple plan to marry they want the blessing of the church. Then they go away to forget all about religion and the church. By and by the little baby is born and then the father and mother want the

little one baptized. Then they go away again and about their ordinary occupations and forget all about religion and the church. Some time later, and death, like a conqueror comes stalking through the corridors of the home, and once more we think of religion and our need of the church and the minister.

But to narrow down religion to a certain day in the week, to associate it only with church-going and hymn-singing, to limit its usefulness to certain events in life, is to shut it out from nine-tenths of our life, and it is certain that our Lord never meant it to be so.

—Cornelius B. Muste in SERMON

OPERATION SEWING MACHINE

Twenty-one Korean women, widowed by the war in that country, are working five and one half days each week on "Operation Sewing Machine" in The Methodist Church's mission in Seoul, re-making some of the relief material from America, and other goods into clothes suitable for use in Korea. Mrs. William Shaw, of Latty, Ohio, missionary in Seoul, reports to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, New York City. "We bought machines and cloth in Japan and brought them over to Korea," says Mr. Shaw. "We use some of the relief goods, remaking them so they are more useful to the Koreans, like the printed feed sacks which make beautiful chogoris (waists) for women since it takes only one and one half yards for each. Some Americans have sent comforter tops which have finished up into beautiful comforters. The Korean women also have the ability to take a small piece of material and make something attractive out of it. We have a sale each week. Thus these widows with children to support are enabled to earn a living. It is much better than being on relief. (Women in the Church).

Book Reviews

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR LIFE PLANNING by Mary Alice Bays. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1953. 256 pages, \$2.50.

Mrs. Bays, who is the author of a number of books of worship services, has given us in her latest work a series of thirty-three services on the general theme of choice of vocation. This is a theme that both youth and their counselors will certainly agree is a most important one. The author states in the foreword that "this book has grown out of actual experience with youth in local churches, in colleges, in camps and in summer assemblies" and that the services contained in this volume "are not offered as models to be followed without adaptation, but are intended to supplement and enrich the worship services of the various denominations." Mrs. Bays makes a large use of stories in these services, some taken from Biblical settings and others from contemporary or historical situations. For those who enjoy and profit by the worship service with a story at the center, these services will prove helpful.

There are five series of services in the book with titles as follows: "Selecting a Vocation," "Building a Better World," "Living as Brothers," "Seeking Worthy Goals" and "Special Days." The poetry and hymns chosen for inclusion are from the best our literature provides. If this

book is used in the manner suggested by the author, and not as "canned worship services," it ought to prove helpful to those who are responsible for the guidance of worship planning in the church school.—Raymond Smith

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Aurilia was a little colored girl who lived in a crowded tenement house in a large city. She loved the birds and the trees, but above all else she loved flowers—yet she had no yard of her own.

Down the street a few doors there lived a lady who raised all kinds of flowers. It seemed that always the first flowers to bloom in the spring were at Mrs. Brown's house.

One day Aurilia passed the home of Mrs. Brown. In the yard there was one bright red tulip in bloom. Aurilia's feet seemed determined to carry her into the yard right up to the beautiful flower. Her hands lovingly cupped themselves around it. How she did wish she owned the tulip! Although she was terribly frightened of the lady who owned the tulip, her feet just wouldn't take her away from the flower. Her hands crept down to the stem. It would be so easy to pinch off the bloom. If only she dared!

When she was almost of the point of picking the tulip, she suddenly caught a vision of her mother and she could almost hear her oft-repeated words, "If you want something so very, very bad, don't take it, ask for it." As Aurilia drew back from the flower, she knew she would never, no, never have the courage to ask the lady for the red tulip because, since the lady had no children, maybe she didn't like children, and maybe she didn't even like her.

Dejectedly Aurilia turned and walked away from the garden. As she reached the sidewalk, she heard a voice calling her.

"Little girl, aren't you Mrs. Hall's daughter?"

"Yes, I am," came a weak little answer.

"I failed to get bread at the grocery store when I was there a little while ago, and I wonder if you would run down there and get it for me." Even while she was yet speaking, Mrs. Brown pressed some coins into Aurilia's hand. Aurilia turned and hurried to the store.

Upon returning to Mrs. Brown's, Aurilia found Mrs. Brown holding a beautiful bouquet which she had cut for use on her table. Aurilia looked longingly at the flowers and especially at the red tulip, which still stood straight and tall, uncut.

Mrs. Hall walked over to the tulip and asked, "Wouldn't you like this flower?"

Soon Aurilia clutched the beautiful flower to her bosom and with a joyful heart she hastened home with her treasure. She had earned the flower and it was hers for keeps!

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Think this over, Member. You know right from wrong,
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?
—Clipped

DR. RICE AND FAMILY SAIL FOR PAKISTAN

(Continued from page seven)

Since 1947 he has lived in Gastonia and practiced medicine there.

Marries W.S.C.S. Missionary

Dr. Rice was married in 1936 to Miss Mary Oni Holler, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Holler of the South Carolina Conference. She was a missionary of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, teaching English and Bible in the McTyeire School for Girls in Shanghai. Mrs. Rice received her A.B. degree from Columbia College and studied at Scarritt, receiving her M.A. degree from Peabody. They were married at McTyeire School for Girls in Shanghai.

Dr. and Mrs. Rice have three children: Marion, 15, who will go to boarding school in Landour, India, 150 miles from Lahore; Edmond Lee, Jr., 10, and Louisa, 8, whom Mrs. Rice will teach at home this year.

Many W.N.C. Friends Contribute

The Rice's go with prayers and good wishes of their many friends of the Western North Carolina Conference. Many have expressed these good wishes in concrete ways. Main Street Methodist Church in Gastonia, their home church, is sending them on their way with their prayers and a gift of more than \$5,000 for supplies for Dr. Rice's work. Myers Park church, Charlotte, which formerly supported the Rice's in China, will give \$4,800 a year to the support and work of Dr. Rice. Broad Street church, Statesville, is raising \$3,000 for support of Dr. Rice's work. Central church, Shelby, will give \$1,800 a year toward the support of the Rice's in Pakistan. The Polkville Circuit is raising \$300 to buy a bone bank (a 6 foot freezer unit) for Dr. Rice's work. Dilworth church, Charlotte, will give \$1,000 a year for support of Dr. Rice's work. There are many other gifts being given by churches and individuals to send the Rice's on their way with love and best wishes for God's richest blessings upon them and their work among the Moslems of Pakistan.

These gifts, prayers, and good wishes are all tokens of the blessing which this fine family has been to those who have known them, of their fine and devoted consecration to the task of the Master Physician and Teacher! They came this way and blessed all who had the privilege of knowing them!

In speaking to the Senior Assembly at Lake Junaluska Dr. Rice told of a young Moslem boy who took his mother to Mohammedan doctors for healing. It was the Sabbath and they did not want to be bothered so they did not heal her. Someone suggested that maybe the Christian hospital (United Christian in Lahore) and doctors would minister to the mother. The boy took her to the Christian hospital. The doctors operated immediately and cared for her until she was well. Then the young lad said to the Christian doctor, "I made a vow to Allah that I would be a slave for life to the person who would heal my mother. I am your slave for life!" The Christian doctor said, "No, you cannot be my slave for I am your servant in Christ's name and the servant of Christ!" Then the lad said, "Then I will be the slave of this Christ!" The doctor told him that that could not be until he knew Christ better. He was placed under instruction of the hospital chaplain and after a period of training he made a profession of faith and was baptized into the church. Then he went about the market place telling the people that they should

come to Christ and know the joy and abounding riches of Christ's love.

But the story does not end there. According to Moslem law, a Moslem relative of this boy—his parents, brothers, sisters or cousins—may put him to death for leaving the Mohammedan faith. Christian friends are concerned about the life of this boy. Dr. Rice goes to Pakistan, anxious to learn of this lad, for last reports said that he was still going about telling the story of Jesus. Missionaries in Malaya say that no Moslem has ever become a Christian in that country and been known to survive. So anxiously and prayerfully the Rice's go to this land of great opportunity for Christian witness, hoping for the life of this young lad who goes about telling of the love of Jesus at the peril of his own life! And hoping that through the ministry of healing and teaching they may win many more loyal converts to Christ and His Way!

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Bishop Paul B. Garber has authorized the appointment of Brother Lawrence Lugar to the pastorate of St. Paul Church, Rocky Mount, to replace Brother Hal G. McLeod who has been relieved at his own request.

J. Furman Herbert
District Superintendent

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NOTICE

Applications for mission aid from the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension should be sent to Rev. Horace R. McSwain, Box 1015, Shelby, North Carolina, by August 1 if possible, and not later than August 15th, to receive full consideration at the meeting of the Board of Missions during the Annual Conference.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Last Round

J. W. Fitzgerald, D. S.
83 Evelyn Place, Asheville

August

Elkwood—Riverview, 7:30	1
Balfour, 2:30	2
Edneyville, 7:30	2
Newdale, 3	9
Burnsville, 11	9
Rosman, 7:30	10
Ecusta—English Chapel, 7:30	11
Horseshoe, 7:30	12
Fletcher, 7:30	13
Francis Asbury, 7:30	14
Mills River, 11	16
Brown's View, 7:30	16
Leicester, 7:30	18
Bell, 7:30	19
Oak Hill, 7:30	20
Swannanoa, 7:30	21
Montmorenci, 11	23
Little Sandy, 3	23
Swannanoa Ct.—Bethel, 7:30	25
Weaverville, 7:30	26
Marshall, 7:30	27
St. Paul, 11	30
Weaverville Ct.—Salem, 3	30

September

Central, 7:30	2
Hot Springs, 7:30	3
Groce Methodist Church, 7:30	6
Check Up Meeting at Rhododendron Park, August 17 at 3 p.m.	

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Last Round

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328 S. Church St., Salisbury, N. C.

August

Parkway, 11	2
Norwood Ct., Mt. Zion, 8	2
Mt. Mitchell, 11	9
Memorial, 8	9
Salisbury, Main St., 8	10
Concord, Kerr St., 8	11
Badin—N. London, Badin, 8	12
Concord, Central, 8	13
Albemarle, Central, 8	14
New L. Ct., Bethel, 11	16
Norwood, 8	16
Gold Hill, Liberty, 8	17
Spencer, 8	18
Mt. Olive, 8	19
Midway, 8	20
Trinity, 8	21
Stanfield, L. Grove, 11	23
Bethany, 8	23
Salem, 8	24
Albemarle, First St., 8	25
Tab.—Friendship, Oak G., 8	26
Landis, Unity, 8	27
Jackson Park, 8	28
Woodleaf, Cays, 11	30
Rocky Ridge, 8	30

September

Salisbury, First, 8	2
Coburn Memorial, 8	3
Please have committees set up according to new plan of our church.	

In Memoriam

MRS. JULIA FRANK TERRY

ROCKINGHAM—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of The Roberdell Methodist Church, have suffered a great loss in the passing of our beloved comrade, Mrs. Julia Frank Terry, on March 3, 1953. Her quiet, humble manner, and her complete devotion to her family, home, and church, in spite of poor health, has been a source of inspiration to all of us.

Therefore, we resolve to yield our lives into the loving hands of our Heavenly Father, that He might help us to live daily a life of complete devotion to Him, and unselfish service to His needy ones.—Signed: Mrs. S. M. Blake, Mrs. C. K. Wright.

MRS. H. A. DAWSON

PELHAM—On February 18, 1953, a most beloved and faithful member of our W.S.C.S. at Pelham Methodist Church passed from this world to be with her Lord, whom she loved and served. Her sweet spirit and smile that she had for everyone in spite of her suffering is still missed so very much. We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of Pelham Methodist Church, pay this tribute to the memory of our beloved friend and coworker, Mrs. H. A. Dawson.—Mrs. N. H. Swann, President.

MRS. GUSSIE TOON ROWLAND

WENDELL—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wendell Methodist Church, wish to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of our dear friend and coworker, Mrs. Gussie Toon Rowland, wife of Oliver L. Rowland who passed away many years ago. Surviving are one daughter and four sons.

Mrs. Rowland lived a good life, always interested in the affairs of the church and helped to establish our church in its very earliest existence. She was always eager to help and never in a spirit of selfishness. She was loved by all who knew her. Her illness seemed to strengthen her faith in God and her courage was an inspiration to others. She was a happy Christian, the kind of a person that God wants his children to be. Her willingness to serve will ever be remembered and will be an inspiration to those of us who are left to carry on the work she loved so much. While we miss her presence, we know that the impress of her life will be among us.

In expressing our sympathy we offer these resolutions. That we keep in our heart the memory of her loving kindness. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her sister, Miss Robbie Toon, who so faithfully cared for her, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. M. M. Veasey, Mrs. A. O. Bridgers, Mrs. J. J. Whitlock.

MISS BLANCHE EATON

MOCKSVILLE—"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." The blessed memory of Miss Laura Blanche Eaton will linger in Mocksville for many years. She was born on August 18, 1856, the daughter of Jacob Eaton, a well-known teacher, and Mary Clement Eaton. She was reared in a Christian home and joined the Mocksville Methodist Church in early childhood. In her youth she memorized many passages of Scripture that were a solace to her all her life. When the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized here in 1879, Miss Blanche, with her mother, grandmother and sisters, was one of the charter members. For years she taught a Sunday School class of girls, which she organized into a missionary group. Her love for missions, both at home and worldwide, was expressed in her prayers and sacrificial gifts. Her interest continued through the channels of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She had many friends, and she was certainly "given to hospitality." The Mocksville Woman's Society of Christian Service has sent a donation to an African mission station, in memory of this beloved member. She went to her Heavenly Home, on March 4, 1953, after a long life spent in her Master's service.

Respectfully submitted: Miss Mary Heitman, Mrs. Z. N. Anderson, Mrs. J. K. Sheek.

MRS. SARAH WEBB CROUSE

STOKESDALE—We are gathered here to commemorate the life of Mrs. Sarah Webb Crouse, who at the ripe age of 80 years, came to the end of her responsibilities on earth. She was married to Rev. T. V. Crouse some 55 years ago and has been through these years a loyal and faithful wife. For some 32 years she carried on with the responsibilities of a minister's wife, mothering her four children, and faithfully and humbly carrying on with her duties in the parsonage. As the minister's family moved from place to place, she happily adjusted to the varying circumstances and conditions which such a transient life demanded. Through all these varying conditions she managed well, and due to wise and sagacious living there was little sickness in the home. The quiet backing and loyal support of his good wife went far to make her husband's service effective.

She bore her sufferings patiently and endured her handicap of deafness humbly. Her love for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was great. Even though she was unable to visit others in her last years, she was always happy to have others in

her home. She was most appreciative of the kind deeds done for her, the flowers and gifts given, and the many get-well cards sent.

Mrs. Crouse became a member of Stokesdale Methodist Church October 28, 1952, moving by transfer from the Brown Summit Methodist Church. We all will miss her along with the relatives. But believing in the resurrection and in the life immortal, we look forward to the time when we all shall meet again in the higher opportunities of eternity which God has prepared for all his faithful children.—Excerpt from a tribute read at her funeral by her pastor, Rev. W. R. Bustle.

MRS. S. S. HOLT

GRAHAM—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Graham Methodist Church, desire to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. S. S. Holt who passed away at her home on April 27.

Mrs. Holt was for many years a devoted member of our church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was a person of rare ability and strong character, always willing to share her knowledge and talent in any service she was called upon to render.

She served as recording secretary of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service 1940-48, as chairman of the Historical Committee and interim editor of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Page. She was recording secretary of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service at the time of her death. She served in various offices, including president, in her local society through the years and was a faithful teacher of the Friendly Helpers Sunday School Class for many years.

Her life will always be an inspiration to her family, her church and community.

We humbly submit to God's will, realizing that our loss is Heaven's eternal gain and offer the following resolutions:

First, that we extend our most sincere sympathy to her husband and other members of her family.

Second, that we shall always remember her humility, devotion and loyalty and shall strive to live more consecrated lives.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed in our minutes, a copy sent to the family, and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. J. H. Lanning, Helen Bradshaw, Mrs. C. A. Cates.

LESTER ROSS

PINEVILLE—Whereas with startling suddenness Lester E. Ross, Jr., moved from this mortal sphere to realms eternal on November 13th, 1952, at the age of thirty-five;

And whereas Lester was a faithful member of Harrison Methodist Church, regular in attendance and devoted in service;

And whereas Lester Ross served with diligence in the office of steward in his church;

Therefore, be it resolved, That we, the members of the Official Board, do express our gratitude for his labors and our sense of loss of his passing. We give thanks to God for the good work which He wrought in Lester Ross;

And, be it resolved, That a copy of this memorial be recorded in our minutes and given to his devoted wife, and a copy published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Official Board, Harrison Methodist Church.

MRS. CLARENCE B. FARMER

MOUNT OLIVE—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, note with sorrow the passing of a faithful and beloved member, Mrs. Clarence B. Farmer, on May 7, 1953.

In view of her deep devotion to her family and friends and her unselfish service to our organization and her church, therefore, be it resolved, that:

While we miss her presence, the impress of her life will be among us;

And that we keep in our hearts the memory of her Christian life;

And that we extend our sincere sympathy to her daughter and sons.—Mrs. S. B. Boyd, Pres.; Mrs. F. A. Andrews, Circle Chm.; Mrs. H. M. Cox.

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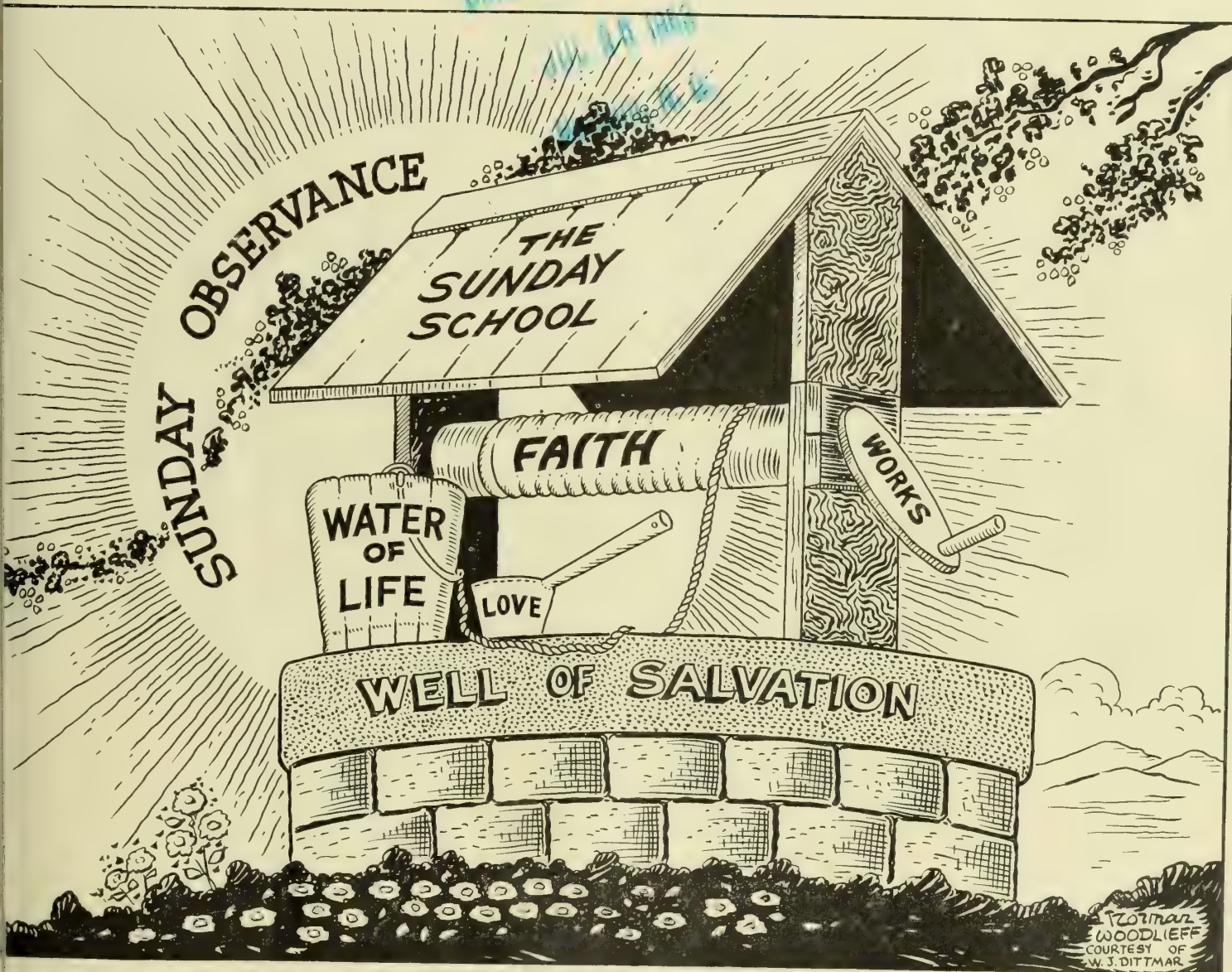
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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THINK IT OVER . . .

By C. B. Riddle

The celebrated Helen Keller recently voiced a sentiment that seems singularly to the point in these days of distorted values when life's meaning is measured not so much in terms of the spirit as in terms of the flesh—in terms of a super-materialistic philosophy that draws little basic distinction between the worth of man and the worth of an insect.

Miss Keller summed up the situation in these words: "I feel sorry for 'seeing people' because so many of them live on life's surface. They cannot see the essential things of life, while blind people with thinking minds can." That is fundamental truth. Like many others who are afflicted as is Miss Keller—totally blind and deaf since birth—she has undoubtedly lived more happily and more constructively than large numbers of people who can see, speak and hear but who lack her understanding and appreciation of what the world is and of what human beings are supposed to do in it.

Miss Keller's remarks are both applicable and timely. For if the things of the spirit continue to fall back in steady retreat before the onslaught of materialism, the law of the jungle will most certainly come to dominate life within and among nations. Even now the trend in that direction seems frighteningly strong. People with eyes to see had better look hard at what is taking place.

CRITICISM

He who fears criticism is hopeless. Only those who do things are criticized. The idler is lost sight of in the march of events; but the doer is watched and criticized. To hesitate for fear of criticism loses the battle while the doers march on to victory and triumphs. Indecision is a great harbinger; but to hesitate for fear of criticism is cowardly. If your cause is right, be not afraid of criticism; advocate it, expound it, and, if need be, fight for it. Critics always will be, but to the strong-minded they are a help rather than a hindrance. As the horse spurts forward when prodded with the spur, so the doers forge ahead under the lash of criticism. Take your part of life's stage and play your part to the end; stand for that which is good; to be a doer, not a drone; look the world in the face and let the critics criticize.

—Thomas Jefferson

IGNORANCE

Fear is lack of faith. Lack of faith is ignorance. Fear can only be cured by vision. Give the world eyes. It will see. Give it ears. It will hear. Give it a right arm. It will act. Man needs time and room. Man needs soil, rain, and sunshine. Needs a chance. Open all your doors and windows. Let everything pass freely in and out, out and in. Even the evil. Let it pass out and in, in and out. No man hates the truth. But most men are afraid of the truth. Make the truth easier than a lie. Make the truth welcomer than its counterfeits. Then man will no longer be afraid, being afraid is being ignorant. Being ignorant is being without faith.

—Horace Traubel

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THE STRENGTH OF GENTLENESS

A true gentleman is gentle. We must, of course, not confuse gentleness with tameness, which is lack of spirit. There are tame and colorless persons who have no strong convictions or impulses. The gentle person, however, may be full of fire and feeling but he has them under such control that he is not harsh or rough.

Our best motor cars can run the most slowly and quietly. The giant locomotive can start the train with less jar than the little yard engine. The late Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis once coined a fine phrase, "The gentleness of true manhood." He pointed out that gentleness is the test of strength and fine consideration of others is the measure of manhood.

And according to the Bible, the Lord is a shepherd who "gently leads those that are with young." It is no doubt pretty hard for many to think of God as gentle when tornadoes sweep across our country leaving scores of dead and when floods devastate vast regions. Our hearts go out to them, and as a farmer's son I know the heartache of seeing one's crops swept away.

Yet those who have come through the world's roughest treatment often seem to be the most convinced of God's gentleness.

Holy Scripture leads us to believe that the mainspring of gentleness is kindness. Gentleness suggests method, while kindness suggests a motive. The word "kind" and "kin" come from the same root. A kind person is a "kinned" person, that is, he recognizes his kinship with others and acts upon it; he confesses that he is of one blood with them and, therefore, owes them a debt of love. To have love is not enough. We must express it.

Thomas Carlyle, for instance, loved his wife and was loyal to her, but he took no effort to show it. He lacked kindness. Slowly harshness crept into his voice. Soon his wife, Jane, who was brilliant, gave up her favorite books in order to read her husband's notes. At last her very being was sacrificed to feed the flame of her husband's fame and genius.

One day two distinguished foreign authors called on the Carlyles. For an hour Carlyle poured forth a tirade against the commercial spirit of the times while his good wife opened not her lips. At last Carlyle stopped talking and there was a silence for a time. Suddenly he thundered, "Jane, stop breathing so loud." Long years before, Jane had stopped doing almost everything else but breathe. And a few days later, she stopped breathing altogether.

A month or so afterward Carlyle discovered through reading his wife's journal that her nature had been starved to death through want of affection. Only when it was too late did her husband realize his indebtedness to her. Then he began pilgrimages to his wife's grave, where in tears he kept murmuring, "If I had only known, if I had only known."

Love without kindness may become so deaf that it ceases to be companionable. And to be effective, kindness must be more than a mere general kindheartedness.

We must study to show kindness in specific situations—to little children whose love is sometimes thoughtless, to slower-

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

Ernest C. Durham

We are grateful, our Father, for the inspiration the high mountain climbers have given us, who at last have succeeded in reaching the top of earth's highest mountain. And where no man had ever knelt to pray, they worshiped God.

We think of still higher spiritual mountains to whose summits we are called. All people cannot climb physical mountains, but to every person comes the call to climb spiritually, even to the highest heights possible. The world needs that inspiration, and the new courage that such climbers could give to mankind.

What possibilities Thou hast given the souls of humanity! What spiritual victories we can accomplish, if we respond humbly and confidently to Thy call!

The spiritual heights are challenging. We need this victory. Our thoughts are along levels that are too low. We grovel and stifle in the dust of earthly things, while the high, pure mountain peaks are within our reach. With the Psalmist we cry: "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills." In Christ's name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

witted persons who cannot keep pace with our minds, to the aged who can no longer pull their oars, to the sick whose nerves have been made raw by suffering.

William McKinley was one of our presidents who does not figure much in contemporary conversation. But there is one thing about him Ohioans never forget. It was his unfailing devotion to his invalid wife.

Wordsworth was probably right when he said: "The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Lay Participation On The Conference Level

A guest editorial by Dr. Charles Jordan

Vice-President, Duke University

Most Methodists are proud in a vague sort of way about their membership in a great Christian movement numbering more than 9,000,000 souls in the U.S. alone and operating with varying but on the whole gratifying degrees of effectiveness throughout the world. "The whole world is my parish," words attributed to Methodism's founder, John Wesley, have become flesh and have attained reality and its influence is limited only by the boundaries of the known world. This has become true not only because of its mission but also because of the genius of its organization. While the mission or the objective is admittedly more important than the organization, they are in reality each dependent on the other for successful accomplishment.

Though, as the writer sees it, the local church is the most basically important and fundamental unit, it is only a part of Methodism and the maxim, "the whole is greater than any of its parts" holds true here as certainly as it does in the area of mathematics.

There is also a basic principle that in order for a body to function most efficiently, its every member must perform its particular part. In order for the local church to best function, it must have an understanding of the Annual Conference, the larger body of which it is a part. Each local church is entitled to have a delegate to the Annual Conference. These delegates are more important than they are generally regarded as being. In a measure they are the makers or the co-makers of our conference laws. (No effort is being made herein to consider our church on the General Conference level.) When as members we complain about the various assessments and fail to understand why they are necessarily levied on the local church, it is more than likely than we do so because we have all too little knowledge of the program of our church-at-large. We are prone to interpret the larger program of the church on the basis of our understanding of the local church situation. Such an appraisal is about as valid as that of a small town realtor appraising city real estate based on his knowledge of the value of his own village property. Based on the limitations of his understanding, his appraisals are sound but his horizon is too low. The horizon of the local church member can be lifted and broadened by the gaining of understanding of the total program of our church through study of its constitution and by-laws known as its Discipline and through seeing his church in action on the Annual Conference level.

The local church delegate to the Annual Conference should be selected on the basis of his interest and leadership capacity—not on the basis of the fact that he hasn't much to do and can readily get away from his local commitments and will probably stay for the entire "sessions." Conference delegates ought to be elected months in advance of the meeting of the conference and they probably should be selected from among those who are likely to be too busy to go before they clutter up their calendars with commitments during the days the conference is convening. The same old faces ought not to be the lay delegates to the conference year after year. It is not uncommon to hear an elderly delegate say something like this, "I have been the delegate from my church for 29 straight years. In a few more years I'm going to turn my place over to one of our younger members." Such as these are usually "salt of the earth" characters but salt without much "savor." They don't take much to the conference and they don't bring much back. A good local delegate will "contribute to" and "take from" an Annual Conference to the benefit of both.

It is the considered opinion of the writer, "with malice towards none," that the lay delegation to the conference should represent the ablest leadership of the local church and doesn't. It should also undergo noticeable change of personnel from year to year to the end that more local church representatives might have the experience and the benefit of participating in the government of their church on the conference level.

The writer ventures a suggestion to the "framers" of the conference program.

It is known in advance what new conference legislation is being proposed and is to be considered. Would it not be of value to the lay delegates to have well-informed authorities digest the reasons for the offering of such legislation? Such "briefing" should, it would seem, save time on the usually all too crowded conference program and would augur well for an informed delegation. Might there not also be an appointed time early during the conference for an informal "get acquainted" meeting of all the lay delegates? During such a time selected persons could explain what the conference hoped to accomplish along various lines and could point out those sessions which should be of peculiar value and interest to the representatives of the several classifications of local churches. Such a plan would not be calculated to be in any degree in competition with the "Laymen's Movement" or with the hour devoted during the conference to the work of the layman. Its purpose would be solely to orient the delegates to a degree that they would understand the working of an Annual Conference to a point that they would enjoy their attendance, would "stay through" and would return to their local churches understandingly rather than vaguely proud of being members of a Christian movement so vital and so significant as is American and World Methodism.

THE METHODIST YOUTH OF BRAZIL

By Charles Wesley Clay
Secretary of the Board of Education
Methodist Church of Brazil



Rev. Charles W. Clay

I have just returned to Sao Paulo after two months of meetings and conferences.

The last meeting was with the presidents of our three regional young people's federations. You should meet those three boys—a finer trio of consecrated and wide-awake Christian young people would be hard to find. Aldo Fagundes, a law student from the land of the "gauchos" (cowboys) down near the Argentine border; Emanuel Garcia, a young professor from Sao Paulo; and Enio Vierira, from the northern regions, an assistant manager in a toy factory. We met for two and a half days, morning, noon, and night—scarcely stopping for meals. Dick Schisler, our newest missionary and efficient editor of our young people's magazine, was present to inject new blood into our plans for the year. It was no routine meeting, but an occasion for serious study of our young people's program and the making of practical plans for the next twelve months.

Let me share with you some of the highlights of the three Annual Conferences. In attending them you will visit three of our finest boys' schools—Granbery, Piracicabano, and Instituto Educational. You will be surprised at the heated discussions, the intense enthusiasm of the reports, and the manner in which the conference occasionally challenges and rejects the reports of committees.

You will be interested, also, in the reaction toward the recent appeal from the bishops urging a greater consecration on the part of the pastors and the giving of their entire time to the work of the church. (The extremely high cost of living and relatively low salaries of the pastors had led a number of them to seek part-time jobs outside of the church.) The response was encouraging: practically all of them, save two or three who asked for a year's leave of absence in order to straighten out their finances, agreed to heed explicitly the bishops' appeal.

Heroic Pastor's Report

But listen to some of the reports. Here is a young pastor, just out of the seminary, giving his first report: he has thirteen preaching points on his big circuit, he received 89 new members by baptism and profession of faith, he conducts a weekly radio program which is so popular and was so attacked by the local priest that the population practically rose up in arms in favor of the young Methodist pastor and against the priest; on national independence day this pastor secured the army band to play at his special program. Here is another pastor, from the "land that smells like money," with 36 preaching points; he received 30 new converts; he frequently walks 20 to 25 miles per day; quite often he sleeps on the ground; his parish covers a frontier region where an estimated fifteen hundred assassins and robbers are in hiding, yet the only weapons he carries on his hikes through the forests are a Bible and a hymnal; his battle song is a religious hymn which his rich tenor voice causes to mingle with the chatter of the parrots and the monkeys as he marches forward—a true soldier of Christ among the pioneers who are thirsting for gold. Wouldn't you like to accompany him—save for the chiggers and mosquitoes?

Here is another who has just spent two months with the "Traveling Church" (mobile unit)—the most inspiring experience of his life—preaching to crowds of from 200 to 2,000 each night, showing

movies on health and religion. Many of the pastors gave their testimony concerning the results of the "Traveling Church's" visit to their parishes—new congregations organized, new friends won, new health habits formed in certain areas due to the Walt Disney cartoons. One gave the mayor's testimony that if all churches adopted similar methods there would be

a decided influence on the life of the nation. (Incidentally, I inspected the second mobile unit which the Georgetown District in Texas has sent to Brazil, and it is magnificent.)

Another significant moment at one of the conferences was when the new missionary to Bahia, Messias Amaral dos Santos (Messiah of the Saints) was presented to substitute for Natal Quintanilha who has been there seven years, having organized a church of more than 100 members, all tithers; 200 in the Sunday school, and 600 candidates, besides the medical clinic! He will soon be receiving a jeep donated by Mr. Ivey and the First Methodist Church of Charlotte.

At another conference Geraldo and Jandira Esteves gave their first report on the new work among the Indians in Parana. They were selling Indian-made straw hats and real bows and arrows in order to secure money for buying blankets for the Indians. They already have their jeep, which was donated by the Methodist young people of Brazil.

Still another high moment at one conference was when a lady told of starting an orphanage in her own home. A doctor had asked her to care for a new-born orphan child at the point of death; she nursed the child back to health. Then there were two more, and still another two. One morning she found a new-born baby on her doorstep; then came twins! Three prominent citizens donated a piece of land; the mayor promised money; another promised cement; an architect promised his services free. She was appealing to the conference for help in organizing the orphanage as she is an humble and inexperienced woman but with the Master's spirit of service.

THERE'S TROUBLE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

BY BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE
Brussels, Belgium

Moscow is having trouble. In Russia itself, the struggle for power has broken out in the imprisonment of Beria, one of the three men to whom authority was given at the time of Stalin's death. The viciousness and blood thirstiness which has too often characterized Russia's treatment of other people is now showing up in their treatment of each other. In that land, where evil calls itself good, and where the desire to think one's own thoughts is considered evil and dangerous, this struggle for power is revealed in all of its naked hideousness. It is too early for us to know what Beria's arrest will mean, but undoubtedly, the unbridled lust for power is endangering the future domination of this wicked thing called Communism. Let us hope so.

Second: In Eastern Germany, where Russia has stood as a conquering army since the end of World War II, there have been a series of dramatic happenings. The workers, so long oppressed, have risen in protest against this tyrannical regime. Many were killed and injured in these uprisings. At the moment, the rebellion seems to have subsided, but we now know the will for freedom and the power to resist is still in the hearts of the people, and sooner or later it will express itself again. Meanwhile, the Communist authorities, in an effort to appease these determined

people have eased travel regulations between Western and Eastern Germany; crop quotas have been lightened and the pressure on the churches, has for the moment, been relaxed a bit. It warms my heart, as an American, to see President Eisenhower standing up against the Kremlin and taking bold measures to give encouragement and practical help to those who are risking their lives to throw off the yoke of Russian domination.

One could write at length about recent happenings in Czechoslovakia, Romania, Egypt and other nerve centers of this part of the world. Sometimes I feel that the average American does not realize that the struggle for the freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, of assembly; freedom from arbitrary arrest; freedom from search of one's home; freedom from the censorship of one's correspondence goes on fiercely in vast sections of the world. We cannot fashion ourselves a cozy little world and proceed to live in it by ourselves. Fighting Communism is something far more costly than calling our fellow Americans bad names, simply because they disagree with us. It is a struggle—long and painful—to introduce all men to that abundant life which Christ alone offers, and in which tyranny dies and freedom and opportunity come to men to live and grow as the children of God.

IS YOUR HOME CHRISTIAN?

Last summer, a group of five students from Duke Divinity School were being interviewed on a television program in Baltimore. The question was asked of the group, "What do you think is the best defense against the threat of communism today?" One of the students, Fay Bennett, answered that he believed that the Christian home is the best defense. He said that as he had worked on the Duke Endowment, he had observed a marked difference between the Christian and the non-Christian homes of the community in which he was visiting.

I think that Fay was right. The Christian home IS the best defense against communism. It is also a bulwark against juvenile delinquency, crime, and sin. Therefore, the Christian home is an extremely important link in the chain of defense against the evils of our day. And since the Christian home is important, it is well that we consider: 1. What is the purpose of the Christian home? 2. What is the product of the Christian home? and 3. How can you fulfill the purpose and obtain the product?

Purpose of the Christian Home

First, what is the purpose of the Christian home? The foundation of the answer to this question is found in God's plan of creation. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He ordained that they should live together and bear children. He ordained that the race should be procreated through the home that they established. Thus, Adam and Eve became co-creators, in a sense, with God. Today, God uses this same plan of creation—the home established by a husband and a wife. This capacity to create life is one of the highest privileges that God has given mankind.

Perhaps, at this point, it is well to define what is meant by a Christian home. When I speak of a Christian home, I shall mean that home in which the parents, who are Christians, are seeking to have their children become Christians.

Saint Paul, in writing to the Ephesian Christians, says, "... fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." To nurture is to bring to maturity. Paul is telling the parents of the Ephesian church to bring their children to maturity in the Lord. But remember, you cannot bring your child to maturity until he has been born again! Nurture does not exclude the new birth; it follows the new birth. You parents are to labor with your child as his mother labored with him before physical birth. Then, after he is born spiritually, you can nurture him and bring him to maturity.

Notice in this verse that Paul is speaking of spiritual maturity. He is not speaking of physical and mental maturity. He knew that the parents of the Ephesian church would provide physical and mental nurture, so he admonishes them to provide spiritual nurture.

The Ephesian parents and many parents today are much alike. There are parents who provide physical and mental nurture, but who make little effort to provide their children with spiritual nurture. They provide food, clothing, shelter, and medical care; but they do not provide spiritual care. They even see to it that their child gets the proper amount of recreation, but they never speak of spiritual matters to their child. They leave that to the preacher and the Sunday School teacher. I am

Edwin Hackney

speaking to Christian parents, not to pagan parents! Oh, the tragedy of it! We Christians so often get our sense of values completely reversed. The spiritual aspect of your child's life is the most important, but do you give it its rightful place in the home when you seldom speak of spiritual matters? This is just how important your child's spiritual life is. If your child does not come to know Jesus Christ as his

A sermon delivered to the preaching class of the Duke University Divinity School.

personal Savior; then, he has missed the whole point of life. He might as well have never been born! He has missed the purpose of living. The purpose, then, of the Christian home is to bring children to a saving and mature knowledge of Jesus Christ. What a purpose!

What Does Christian Home Produce

The second question that we might ask about the Christian home is what is the product of the Christian home? This question can be answered best, I believe, by taking two examples of persons who have become Christians through the home. Let us look at an example in the Bible and an example in modern times.

Let us look at Timothy first. Saint Paul, in writing his second letter to young Timothy, says that he thanks God when he remembers the unfeigned faith that is

in Timothy, which dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice (II Timothy 1:5). This is a wonderful example of God's plan of creation and evangelization. The Christian faith was handed down from grandmother to mother to child through the home. What a perfect picture of God's plan for the home! Do you know how this picture was painted? Paul reveals that also in the third chapter of this same letter. Paul tells Timothy to "... continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:14-15). Timothy had been taught the holy scriptures as a child in the home, and this home training had been the means of his salvation.

I was much impressed with the personal testimony of Doak Walker, former All-American halfback on the Southern Methodist University football team, that came out in the newspaper recently. (The Charlotte News, March 24, 1953, p. 12A). He said: "There was plenty of time for athletics in my young world, but my parents made it clear to me that sports were not the most important thing in life.

God had top spot in our family. We said the blessing before every meal and prayed together for many things—problems of the day, our family and friends ... world peace. Both mother and dad taught Sunday School in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. I can well remember slipping out of my junior class of older boys ... to listen intently to his down-to-earth interpretation of Christian living."

As the result of such a home, Doak Walker is a Christian. Recently, he turned down an offer of \$50,000 to advertise beer. A Christian young man or young woman, then, is the product of the Christian home.

How Fulfill Purpose of Christian Home?

The third question that we might ask about the Christian home is how can you fulfill the purpose and obtain the product of the Christian home? The best way I know to rear children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is by means of daily family prayer and Bible study. This way requires discipline. It will require time out of each busy day. Some of you are thinking now that you do not have time, but I believe that you will have time if you evaluate how you spend your time. There are many activities bidding for our time each day, so we must choose those activities that we consider most important. Certainly you have time for the most important thing in your life as a Christian. Since you have become a Christian, the most important part of your life is that which keeps up the fellowship that you have begun with God! The way in which we have fellowship is through prayer and Bible study. The family should fellowship with God together! The Christian home offers spiritual food for growth to maturity that can be received from no other source. Neither the church nor any social agent can take the place of the Christian home in this way.

If we have Christian homes which fulfill their purpose by means of daily family prayer and Bible study, we need have no fear of communism, juvenile delinquency, or crime developing to any great extent in this community and in this nation.

Faith

In the silent watches of the night, there
I have found Him,
And He meets me at the dawning of the
day.

He is always there to welcome me at
evening
When upon my knees I bow my head to
pray.

And the wonder of His presence never
leaves me
As I do the task that's given me each
day.

For I know that He is ever there beside
me,
And is waiting when I come to Him and
pray.

Heavenly Father, how I thank Thee for
this privilege,
And the knowledge that I'm in Thy love
and care.

Make me worthy, Father, of this tender
blessing
As I kneel to meet my Saviour there in
prayer.

Raleigh

Frances L. Jones

Camp Meeting Time at Pleasant Grove; Ansonville Celebrates Centennial

PLEASANT GROVE CAMP MEETING AUGUST 9-16

There are many things such as faith, love and friendship that we as Christians feel very deeply, but when called upon to express ourselves in one of these areas find ourselves at quite a loss for words. It is much the same way with a Camp Meeting, there is so much you feel that is quite difficult to put into words. So many dear memories of loved ones, and the things they used to share, the joys and sorrows. It takes us back through many years and reminds us of things that used to be.

Pleasant Grove Camp Ground will again be the scene of the annual Camp Meeting which was started in October of 1829, under a brush arbor. The Camp Ground is located at historic Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, which has a history dating back farther than the Camp Meeting, near Mineral Springs in Union County.

In 1830, Matthew McCorkle gave a deed for twenty-four acres to the trustees and their successors for the sum of sixty dollars. The arbor is still in use and was built by John Rape for \$125. He soon learned that this amount was not enough and his good neighbors came to his rescue and helped him to complete it. The arbor is eighty feet long and sixty feet wide.

Before the Civil War there were more than 200 tents on the ground, and most of them were built of poles and hewn logs. There is but one old log tent left on the grounds now, and that is known as the preacher's tent. The first lights used in the arbor were candles, which the women of the neighborhood made. In the center of the arbor hung a huge chandelier with twenty-six candlestands on it.

Five services were always held each day with one each night that would last until ten or eleven o'clock. The Negro slaves would always sit behind the

preacher in the place where the choir now sits. After the whites would end their services the Negroes would begin theirs and continue sometimes until almost daylight on the following morning.

Around 1900, interest in the Camp Meeting began to die down and the trustees gave orders to close the meeting. The tents were torn down and moved away except the preacher's old log tent.

The late Rev. Henry C. Byrum of High Point, who had attended Camp Meeting as a boy, became concerned about the Camp Meeting and began boosting it and working to see it revived. Largely due to his efforts the meeting was started again around 1910 and today there are ninety-one tents on the grounds and these are filled to capacity every year with many people who come in every day to attend the services.

The present members of the Board of Trustees are Henry Baker, Chairman, Roscoe W. Howey, Worth Howey, Wade Howey, R. O. Winchester, Charlton Howie, Robert Howie, Earl Howey, and George T. Winchester. George T. Winchester wrote a book several years ago entitled "A History of Union County and Pleasant Grove Camp Ground" and we are indeed indebted to him for the historical information about the Camp Meeting which appears in this article.

The old-fashioned dinners on the grounds is a feature much enjoyed:

There's nothing in the world so grand
Or half so big a winner
As what good country people call
A good old-fashioned dinner.

The meeting this year will be held during the second week of August with services beginning on the second Sunday, August 9, and continuing through Sunday, August 16. Rev. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent of the Charlotte District, will open the meeting with a ser-



ANSONVILLE CHURCH CELEBRATES ONE-HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

The Ansonville Methodist Church, Charlotte District, is celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary throughout the month of July and the first week in August. The program for this celebration began July 5, when Rev. J. O. Cox, former pastor, returned to deliver the morning sermon.

On Sunday, July 19, the One-Hundredth Anniversary Homecoming Service was held in the church at 11 o'clock in the morning. Another former pastor, Rev. John R. Little, now pastor of Francis Asbury Church out of Asheville, delivered the sermon. Special music was provided by the choir, under the leadership of its director, Mrs. Jane Little.

A lay visitation program will also be included in the celebration, which will prepare the church and community for the final item of the celebration. This concluding portion of the anniversary will be a series of revival meetings led by Rev. George W. Rudisill, pastor of the Polkton charge, Charlotte District. These meetings will be held from August 2 to 7.

Kenneth A. Horn, is the present pastor of the Ansonville Methodist Church.

mon on the first Sunday morning. That afternoon the annual memorial service will be held with Rev. T. R. Wolfe of Stoneville in charge. Dr. W. Arthur Kale of the faculty of Duke Divinity School will be the preacher for the meeting and will be heard that evening and twice daily at 11:00 o'clock and 8:00 o'clock throughout the week.

In addition to the above mentioned services a special program is held each afternoon for the benefit of the children, with inspiration and recreation which is under the leadership of the minister, Rev. Gene H. Little, who is assisted in this by Rev. T. J. Huggins, a retired Methodist minister.

Music for all the services is under the capable leadership of J. Clyde White of Charlotte, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Walker of Lancaster, S. C., who serves as pianist. Many visiting choirs, quartets and soloists give of their time and talents to afford a very effective and varied musical program which is a big part of Camp Meeting. The congregational singing is very effective and the refrains of Rock of Ages, Old Rugged Cross and other songs that have been sung by the forefathers who were the backbone of this Camp Meeting still ring out to thrill the souls of all present.

Many people are brought closer to their God and many souls won to Christ through these Camp Meetings when people are brought together in Christian fellowship and twice daily hear the gospel of Christ so effectively preached and sung that they are unable to resist yielding to this greater than all callings, that of following the Christian life.



Camp Meeting Scenes at Pleasant Grove



Tithing Pays Off at Wadesboro; Laymen's Day Material in Preparation

NEW EDUCATION BUILDING FINANCED BY TITHING

First Methodist Church, Wadesboro, N. C., Walter Lee Lenier, pastor, has recently completed an Education Building and Chapel costing \$180,000 furnished. The Education Building is a majestic, three-story colonial structure. It is the creation of Charles N. Robinson, who is recognized as the South's leading colonial architectural designer.

The Education Building is an all-purpose structure. The Fellowship Hall, situated on the second floor, is equipped with a stage and connecting kitchen. It will accommodate over 300 people at banquet tables. This room is designed for mass meetings, drama, and all kinds of recreational games. The church offices and rooms for the Youth Fellowship are located on the first floor. Extending off the first floor to the east is a small Chapel with a seating capacity for 130 worshippers. It is a reproduction of the New England chapels of colonial days.

The entire children's division for the Church School is situated on the garden floor. This floor is arranged for adequate facilities for week day kindergarten. All the classes have large rooms designed for the closely graded teaching program.

This project has been financed by the members committing themselves to tithe. In addition to a \$28,000 annual budget the tithing program has brought in over \$100,000 cash during the past twelve months. No large sums were given. Every active member contributed his tithe to the church.

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JONES WRITES MATERIAL FOR LAYMEN'S DAY

Edwin L. Jones, prominent Charlotte, N. C., layman, has written the program material for Laymen's Day, which will be observed Sunday, Oct. 18, in Methodist churches throughout the nation. General theme of the observance will be "Christ Calls Men."

In order that Methodists might share with other member denominations of the National Council of Churches in a common observance, the 1952 Methodist Gen-

eral Conference shifted Laymen's Day to the third Sunday in October. Last year Laymen's Day was observed twice: in February as has been the custom for many years and again in October, following the new pattern authorized by the General Conference.

The church's Board of Lay Activities will mail the resource material about Sept. 1 to all lay leaders and the clergy of the churches.

Mr. Jones is executive head of one of the world's largest construction companies, which specializes in building great dams, buildings, and other projects all over the United States and in many foreign countries.

Among his many responsibilities as a Methodist layman, Mr. Jones is chairman of the board and a trustee in his local church, teacher of a large Sunday School class, and treasurer of the Charlotte City Mission Society. He is also chairman of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, associate district lay leader, and actively identified with numerous educational and philanthropic institutions.

FRIENDS

Friends are like flowers. I have found them so:

The hardy staunch perennials that grow Year after year are like some friend I know.

One need not cultivate them with great care,

They only need the sun and wind and air Of trust and love, and they are always there.

—Author Unknown

Methodism's 'Supreme Court'

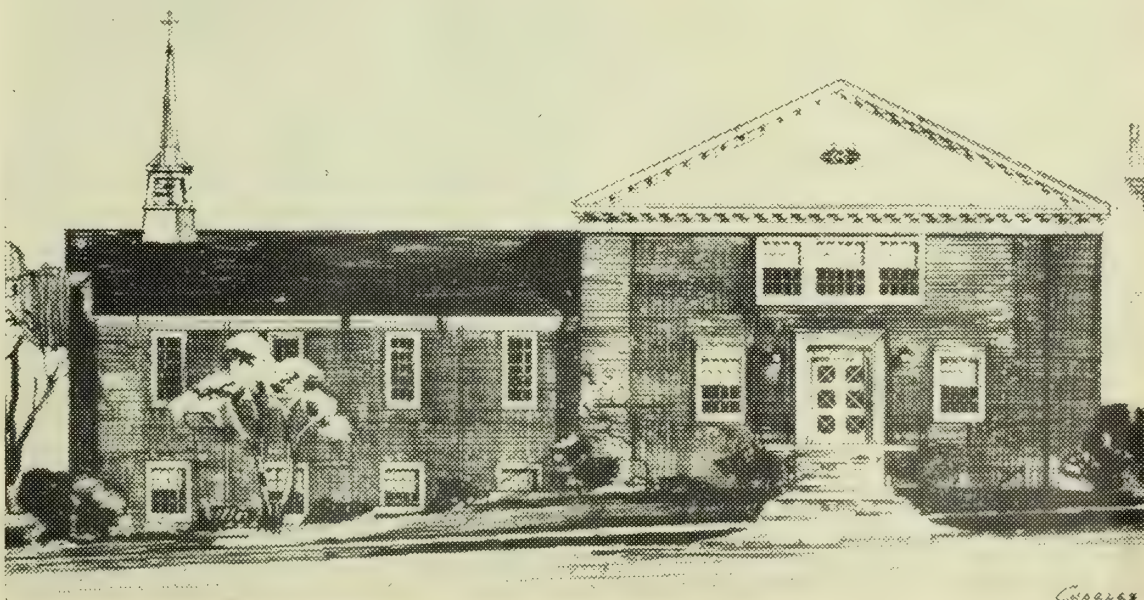


The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church is shown at its recent meeting in Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. L. D. Spaugy was seated for the first time in place of the late Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, and Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins was elected secretary.

Seated, left to right, are: Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, secretary; Dr. Marvin A. Childers, San Antonio, Texas, president; and Rev. Dr. Walter C. Buckner, Glendale, Calif., vice-president.

Standing, left to right, Dr. Fred B. Noble, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, Asheboro, N. C.; Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. Dr. Ralph M. Houston, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. L. P. Spaugy, Pittsburgh; Rev. Dr. John Taylor Alton, Columbus, Ohio.

Architect's drawing of new Education Building of Wadesboro Methodist Church. The building was formally opened on July 12.



Lay Program Mapped By Board; New Church on Crouse Charge to be Dedicated

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES CARVES OUT MAN-SIZE PROGRAM

With bold strokes the Methodist Board of Lay Activities carved out a man-size program at its annual meeting in Chicago July 8-10.

During three days framed with fine fellowship and dedicated to serious study of the best strategy to accomplish their high goals, the board took these actions:

1. Approved an enlarged program of stewardship cultivation called for by the



—Photo by Paul West

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte Area (left) was one of the principal speakers at the recent meeting of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church in Chicago (July 8-10). He is shown here going over some of his material on Christian stewardship with Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary of the board and chairman of the church's Joint Stewardship Council.

1952 General Conference and recommended that conference and district lay leaders assume key leadership in spearheading the movement.

2. Reported well-laid plans for a National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 9-11, 1954.

3. Denounced current attacks on the Protestant clergy which charge them with disloyalty and passed a resolution expressing "faith and confidence in the ministry of The Methodist Church."

Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary, declared in his annual report that "the church is awakening to its great opportunities for cultivation of a sense of genuine Christian stewardship."

"We appear," he said, "to stand at the threshold of a new era in this field of Christian growth and development. Our board has the greatest opportunity in this field it has had since unification . . . We must not fail our church."

Reports of staff members indicated that the board had chartered 5,661 Methodist Men clubs by the end of its last fiscal year—May 31—toward the goal of 10,000 groups by 1956.

An increase of 100 percent over a year ago was noted in the circulation of *The Methodist Layman*, official monthly magazine published by the board.

Assuming its share of responsibility allocated by the Joint Stewardship Council, the board took steps toward the production of film strips, turnover charts, manuals, kits and handout pieces—all designed to carry to the church's membership a convincing message of Christian

stewardship. (Sharing with the Board of Lay Activities in the Joint Stewardship Council are the church's Board of Education and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation).

Fran H. Faber, Minneapolis, chairman of the committee on the National Conference of Methodist Men, reported bright prospects for a conference calculated to attract 2,000 delegates and aimed at "deepening the spiritual life of each one who attends."

Meeting at the height of the controversy aroused by a magazine article in which J. B. Matthews declared that 7,000 Protestant clergymen are "the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in this country," the board adopted without a dissenting vote a resolution that left no doubt about their confidence in their clergymen.

The resolution stated that the board "takes vigorous exception to unfounded statements in a current magazine article charging disloyalty to the Protestant clergy. We condemn this vicious assault on their character and reputation. We unhesitatingly express our faith and confidence in the ministry of The Methodist Church and pledge our continuing and unfaltering support to it."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of the Charlotte, N. C., Area sketched in general outline his forthcoming book on stewardship at a banquet meeting of the board. A period of brisk questioning relative to tithing followed his address as the bishop welcomed comments and questions from the group.

In his opening devotional address on the first day, Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area declared that he found an increasing rebellion against "the somber spirit in religion" and believed that "the pulpit of a Christian church is no place for a pessimist."

"Laymen want preachers who are positive," he contended. "We should preach, not futility, but the power of love to overcome the world."

Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, guided the sessions as president of the board. Carl W. Haggard of Lexington, Ky., is secretary.



Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Lincolnton

Also attending from North Carolina was W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, board member. Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, Gastonia, only ministerial member of the board from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, was unable to attend.

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TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Route 1, Lincolnton, on the Crouse charge, will be dedicated Sunday August 2, at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. C. W. Kirby, District Superintendent. The church is a living memorial to the six generations of Christian members who have worshipped in the sanctuaries of the four churches that have stood on the hallowed spot and the giant oaks which inspired their name.

Like all early pioneers, Ezekiel Sullivan's chief concern was home and church. In 1808 when his father, James Sullivan sold to him a part of the land he had acquired under an English Grant dated 1791, Ezekiel set aside a portion on which was constructed a building for church and school. This first of the four Pleasant Grove Churches was built entirely of logs. Even the floor was made of split logs with the flat sides turned up. This building was used for worship and school until it was burned in 1873.

Finding themselves without a place of worship the members of the first Pleasant Grove selected a spot further up the hill for their new church. With axe and saw they entered the forest for material and in 1873 a second log church was dedicated. This second church was used until it burned in February 1895.

A third time Pleasant Grove members turned to the forest for building material. This time the building had the help of the Dellinger sawmill. After months of patient toil they built a spacious sanctuary with arched ceiling and a steeple that could be seen for miles. This third church was dedicated in the late summer of 1895.

The fourth Pleasant Grove, is a lovely brick and stone edifice, begun in 1949 and recently completed at a cost of approximately \$30,000. It is valued at \$40,000, since much material and labor and time was donated. The Duke Endowment gave \$2,000.

The church has a sanctuary which will seat around 275 with an educational building of nine rooms and a large assembly room. It has a full basement with fully equipped kitchen and dining room space for about 80 people.

The building committee was composed of Ralph Smith, Ira Cline, Tom Mullen, Claude Davis, Banks Heafner, Hermon Smith, O. T. Wise and Clyde Brown.

All former pastors are invited to this service. The present pastor is Rev. W. C. Crummett.

... News in Brief - Personalities ...

DR. HARRY C. SMITH, pastor of Hayes-Barton church in Raleigh, was the guest preacher at Duke Memorial church Sunday, July 19.

AT THE REGULAR JULY meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Main St. church, Reidsville, six adult life memberships and one baby membership were presented. Mrs. George Parker, Jr., is the president.

DR. H. I. GLASS, Executive Director, Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., of the North Carolina Conference, was the guest preacher at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, Sunday, July 19, in the absence of Dr. Hobbs, who was preaching at Edenton Street, Raleigh.

CENTER CHURCH on the Carthage charge reports the closing of a very successful revival meeting. Nineteen new members were received on profession of faith. Many reclaimed to the Christian life, and many more rededicated their lives. Rev. L. H. Marshall of Burlington did the preaching.

HENDERSONVILLE First church is enjoying two services on Sunday morning; one at 8:30 and at 11:00 o'clock. The attendance upon the two services is very good. Special programs, or forums with guest speakers, are held on Sunday evenings, with an excellent attendance.

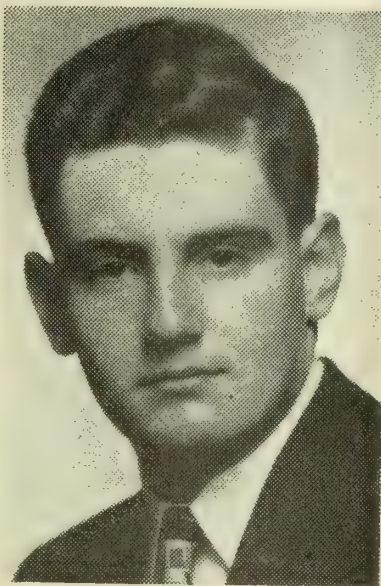
LONGVIEW GARDENS, Raleigh, is launching out on a building program under the auspices of the Raleigh Board of Missions and Church Extension. Fred Dixon, a member of the church is planning the building, which is to be located on Stevens Road. The church will soon receive bids for construction of the first unit of the church. Rev. W. Carlisle Walton, Jr. is the pastor of this new church.

HOLT McPHERSON, editor of the High Point Enterprise, was elected to the High Point College board of trustees to succeed Dr. J. D. Williams, recently deceased. Since Mr. McPherson's return to High Point seven or eight months ago and to the editorship of its daily paper, he has quickly resumed his activities in the church and other worthy organizations and has demonstrated his interest in the local college.

METHODIST clergymen of nine states will meet at Lake Junaluska August 3-7 for the annual conference of district superintendents and pastors of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction. Dr. J. H. Chitwood, Birmingham, Ala., is president of the district superintendents, and the Rev. W. C. Westenberger, Nashville, Tenn., is secretary-treasurer. The pastors' organization is headed by Dr. James G. Huggin, Shelby, N. C., president, and Rev. Carlisle Smith, North Augusta, S. C.

REV. HARRY BELMONT HILL, former member of the North Carolina Conference, and now pastor of Centre Methodist Church, Malden, Mass., which is the third largest Methodist church of the New England Conference, and who is now in his 11th year as pastor, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, on June 7. Dr. Hill was also honored by receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Oratory (O.A.O.) from Staley College, Boston, Mass., on May 28.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1953



SEYMOUR M. FINK, above, of Baltimore, Maryland, is the newly elected Assistant Professor of Piano at Greensboro College. He comes to Greensboro after a bright career as a student and young concert pianist; at twenty-four he holds the Artist's Diploma from Peabody Conservatory and the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Yale University. Mr. Fink has taught piano privately and at Yale University. He has performed at a number of schools and colleges and as soloist with the Baltimore and New Haven symphony orchestras.

GARLAND YOUNG, of First church, Charlotte, has been chosen as a worker at the work camp at Black Mountain. This camp is under the direction of the Congregational Christian Service Committee and the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. Young people from all over the United States will participate in this project.

SUNDAY EVENING, August 9, the choir of First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, will present the sacred cantata, "Joseph" by James A. Dasher of Valdosta, Georgia, under the direction of Miss Kate Dotson, organist. The choir will also give this cantata in the auditorium at Lake Junaluska on Monday evening, August 10, at 8:00 o'clock.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL in First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, closed with a "covered-dish" supper and a sharing program by the children of the various departments under the direction of their teachers. 107 children were enrolled in the school with 94 in regular attendance. The offering, which is designated to go to the Children's Building Fund at Lake Junaluska, amounted to \$35. Miss Elizabeth Lee was director of the school.

H. L. SWAIN, lay leader of the Elizabeth City District, organized a Methodist Men's Club on July 14, for the men of the Swan Quarter-Fairfield charge. Ray Spencer was elected president; Guy R. Cuthrell, vice-president; Gilbert Cahoon, secretary and treasurer; and L. D. Hunnings, promotional secretary. Charter night is planned for August 30 at Epworth church, Scranton. Jasper Smith, conference lay leader, is expected to present the charter.

REV. EARL A. COOK, pastor of Bethpage-Shiloh charge, is at home recuperating from a major operation in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, June 24.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas A. Summey, Jr., a son, Thomas A., III, on July 9. The Summeyes have two other children, both girls. He is pastor at Pineville.

REV. AND MRS. KENNETH M. JOHNSON announce the birth of a daughter, Martha Lynn, July 20. Mr. Johnson is the pastor of New Mt. Vernon-Shady Grove charge, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem.

MR. P. B. MAGRUDER of West Market St. church, Greensboro, and Mr. Tom Hoyle Sr. of Bethel church attended the laymen's meeting at Lake Junaluska last week.

HOMEcoming AT SHILOH on the Bethpage charge will be observed Sunday, August 30. There will be an all day service with dinner on the grounds. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend.

SALE OF PARSONAGE—At a special called meeting of the Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's church, Asheville, the church members voted to sell the present parsonage at 165 Hillside Street. The trustees and members of the official board were charged with the responsibility of securing suitable property for a parsonage.

PERKINS CHURCH on the South Camden charge has just concluded a vacation church school with a total enrollment of 14. Miss Syble King, Mrs. Leon Powell and the pastor had charge of the school. On August 3 they will begin their annual revival meeting. Rev. A. S. Lancaster of the Pasquotank charge will be the guest speaker.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Wesley church at Old Trap has just concluded a youth activities week. The theme of the meetings was "What Is This Thing Called Worship." Mrs. A. F. Platt of Elizabeth City and Mrs. George Jackson of Hertford were the worship service leaders. Rev. Allen Wentz, pastor of the church, gave the study. At the last meeting, which was a candlelight service held on the shores of the Paskuotank River, the youth voted to make this an annual affair.

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOP

Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska will be headquarters for the Southeastern Jurisdictional Family Life Workshop August 25-28.

Platform speakers will include Dr. Zach Henderson, President of Georgia Teachers' College, Statesboro, Georgia, and Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations Cooperative Extension Work for the State of North Carolina. Dr. Henderson's subject will be, "Building Strength Through Christian Families" and Mrs. Grimsley will use as her subject, "Young at Any Age."

All Executive Secretaries of the Annual Conference Boards of Education are requested to send the names of their delegates who will work on the National Conference Level to Dr. Edward Staples, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

Aged Minister Passes; Youth Group Meets; Charlotte Church Purchases Site

REV. JOSEPH D. MORRIS, 79, DIES AT GRAHAM

Rev. Joseph Dunn Morris, 79, retired Methodist minister, died suddenly at 6 a.m. July 21 at his residence, 611 North Main Street, Graham. He had been in failing health for several years.

Morris served most of his ministry in the Methodist Protestant denomination. He served the Cleveland circuit near Shelby, the Pinnacle charge near Winston-Salem, the Mills River charge near Asheville, and served last in the Gold Hill charge near Salisbury.

He was a member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fallston, and was a native of Union County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laura Wright Morris; two daughters, Mrs. Talton M. Johnson, Jr., of Graham and Mrs. Lamar Sparks of Shelby; three sons, Everett Morris of Matthews, Rev. C. P. Morris of Durham, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Education, and Woodrow Morris of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, Thomas Morris of Indian Trail; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held at his home in Graham by Rev. J. H. Lanning, pastor of Graham Methodist Church. Interment was in the cemetery of Friendship Methodist Church in Fallston.

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HISTORIC BELL RINGS AGAIN AT WEAVERVILLE

An historic old church bell, which had sent its mellow peal over the village of Weaverville for a third of a century and was then silenced for 12 years, has been installed in a new steeple erected on the front of the Weaverville Methodist Church.

The bell was formerly on the Methodist Protestant Church located on South Main Street in Weaverville on the lot adjacent to the present elementary school building. For 32 years it sent its sacred call to worship every Sunday and sometimes on week days. Then came the unification of the three branches of Methodism and the abandonment of the little white frame church building. The bell was given to the Weaverville Methodist Church in 1941 to be mounted and used by this church.

Rev. John A. Lowder, present pastor of the church, has been in charge of making plans for the new steeple, and the bell is in its new home now.

This project of mounting the bell on the Methodist church has long been in the minds of church members. Several families from the Methodist Protestant Church had come to the Methodist Church and the bell had great sentiment for them.

Chief among these was the late W. Guy Edwards, who with his wife, made the first donation to the fund.

The group sponsoring the financial arrangements for the work of construction has been the members of the Matilda Dryman circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church.

The bell first came to Weaverville in 1903 when the Methodist Protestant Church was built. For a third of a century it sounded its tones over the hills and vales and near-by mountains each Sunday, summoning its people to worship services, to Sunday School classes, missionary

society meetings, or maybe a wedding or a funeral.

It has the distinction of being the only church bell in the section that has sent its toll calling three separate denominations to worship at their given times. For the little Methodist Protestant Church lent its facilities to the Weaverville Baptists to hold services on Sunday afternoons in the early years of their organization before they were able to provide their own sanctuary; and in the same way but at a different time provided a meeting place for the Presbyterians before they had a church of their own.

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MOUNT AIRY CENTRAL MYF HOST TO YOUTH GROUPS

Central Methodist Youth Fellowship of Mount Airy was host to the youth fellowships of several Mount Airy churches last Thursday when Central MYF invited the groups for a swimming party, picnic supper, and watermelon cutting at Hanging Rock Park. Approximately seventy-five young people with their counselors participated in the afternoon of fellowship.

Sunday, prior to the affair, members of the Central MYF visited Presbyterian, Baptist, Moravian, Wesleyan Methodist, Episcopalian, and Quaker churches at the Sunday School hour to invite the young people to the interdenominational fellowship. MYF-ers visited two by two.

The idea of an interdenominational fellowship meeting is new to the Granite City and the young people were enthusiastic. Mr. and Mrs. George Key of the Baptist Church; Miss Bobby Hardy of the First Presbyterian Church; Rev. D. S. McCarty of First Presbyterian Church; Mrs. R. E. Hollingsworth; Mrs. J. B. Fowler, Sr., counselor of the Central MYF; Marvin Sparger, subdistrict MYF counselor; and Miss Patricia Rothrock, director of Christian Education at Central, accompanied the group.

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DANIELS MEMORIAL MYF HAS PLANNING RETREAT

The MYF Planning Retreat for all officers and counselors of Daniels Memorial Methodist Church of Goldsboro, was held at the Cliffs, Sunday, July 12, 1953, for four main purposes: (1) Instruction of new officers; (2) Orientation of area chairmen and members on new programs and fundamental emphasis of Methodist Church on youth; (3) Explanation of MYF and its purpose; (4) Integration of Sunday School and Sunday Evening Fellowship.

After a song festival led by Walter Stradley, he led us in prayer and then gave a talk on the purpose of the retreat and what the MYF is, explaining the new organization. The five commissions were divided into three areas, Faith and Witness areas being combined, and Outreach and Citizenship being joined with Fellowship making the third area. The WSCS youth worker, Mrs. Paul Rose, and two Sunday School teachers, Mrs. Paul Mitchell and Mrs. G. B. Smith, explained and led discussions on each program area. MYF programs were planned for the next three months, and at the next council meeting the year's program will be planned. A special project and one social

will be worked in for each month. The retreat was closed with a picnic supper and regular MYF program which was centered on citizenship.

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McSWAIN ATTENDS BRIEFING CONFERENCE ON URBAN LIFE

A briefing conference, preliminary to the CONVOCATION ON URBAN LIFE to be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 23-25, 1954, was held in Memphis, Tennessee, on July 10, under the leadership of Dr. Robert McKibben of the Department of City Work of the National Division of Missions. Rev. Horace R. McSwain, chairman of the Western North Carolina Conference Committee on Urban Life, attended. Other members of this committee are Rev. Walter J. Miller, Dr. L. B. Hayes, Rev. Garland Winkler, Rev. Ivon Roberts, J. F. Harrelson and Mrs. J. W. Payne. This committee will soon be enlarged with duties assigned for preliminary studies of the Urban Church in the conference. Such studies will be made throughout the Methodist conferences of the United States and will form the basis of the workshop groups of the Convocation on Urban Life, which is being held in response to the Council of Bishops' "call for leaders of Methodism to consider how our church can work more effectively for Christ in the rapidly growing urban areas of America."

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ST. LUKE'S, CHARLOTTE, BUYS SITE FOR BUILDING

A tract at the intersection of Shamrock and Maywood Drives was purchased last week to serve as the site of the recently organized St. Luke Methodist Church, of which Rev. Joseph G. Warner is pastor. Although building plans remain in part, in a tentative state, three units probably will be erected in the over-all program of the new church. First a building containing one story and a basement, probably of brick veneer and concrete block, will be constructed to serve the needs of the congregation pending consummation of plans for the other two units. The colonial type architecture will prevail.

Temporarily, worship services are being conducted at the Methodist Home for the Aged. Sunday School and other auxiliary agencies of the church also are based, during this interval, in the Methodist Home.

Ray Heatherley is building committee chairman, and the finance commission chairman is Mrs. Henry J. Hudson. Some money has been raised, and an active financial campaign is being waged.

Financial help is being furnished by the Charlotte City Mission Society of The Methodist Church.

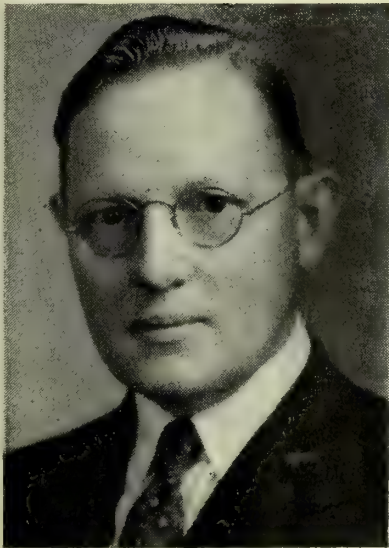
The church had its inception in a very modest way under the sponsorship of the Charlotte City Mission Society. After a survey of the area those directly interested in the church met in small groups, known as prayer cells. The church was named at the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference in September, 1952, and Mr. Warner then was appointed as pastor. A few months later, the George Washington Ivey Chapel at the Methodist Home was made available for services and other functions, and the program has steadily widened. Formal organization of the church was effected June 15 under direction of Rev. Frank B. Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte District.

Interest of Methodist Women Centers
On School of Missions, Aug. 31 - Sept. 4

THE N. C. SCHOOL OF MISSIONS
AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Interest of Methodist women in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conference is centered for the coming weeks in the Joint School of Missions and Christian Service, which will be held at Greensboro College August 31-September 4 with registrations beginning in the Administration Building at the college on Monday, August 31, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Day students will register from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the same day. The first class period will be Monday evening at 7:00.

Those desiring rooms in the dormitories must get their registration fee of \$2.00 in Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Road, Greensboro, N. C., NOT LATER than August 20. Reservations will be made in the order in which they are received. The four courses for credit are: "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," taught by Dr. Ruth Bartholomew

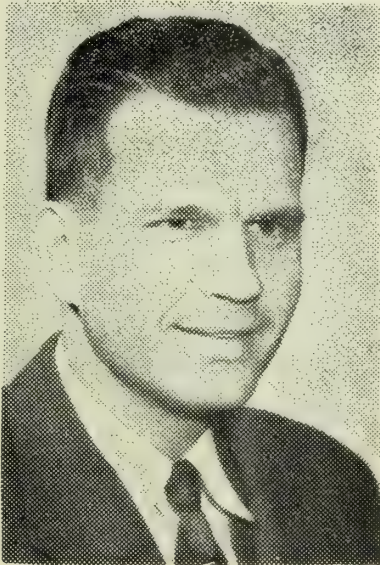


Dr. Raymond Smith

and Miss Elizabeth Stinson; "Spanish Speaking Americans," taught by Mr. Henry Barnett; "The Book of Jeremiah," by Dr. R. H. Sales and Dr. Raymond Smith; and "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility," by Dr. Norbert Kelly. Dr. R. H. Sales, instructor in religion at Duke University, is a popular young man and a native of Forrest City, Arkansas. He is an ordained minister and a member of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church. He received his academic training at Wofford College; Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas; and Duke Divinity School, and was awarded a Ph. D. degree in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Duke University. He has served as pastor and associate pastor of churches in and around Rocky Mount, Hillsboro, Durham and Raleigh, and is well known among Methodists especially in the North Carolina Conference. Dr. Raymond A. Smith, chairman of the Dept. of religion and philosophy of Greensboro College, is also well known among North Carolina Methodists. He is a native North Carolinian and served as associate pastor and director of religious education at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, and Centenary Methodist

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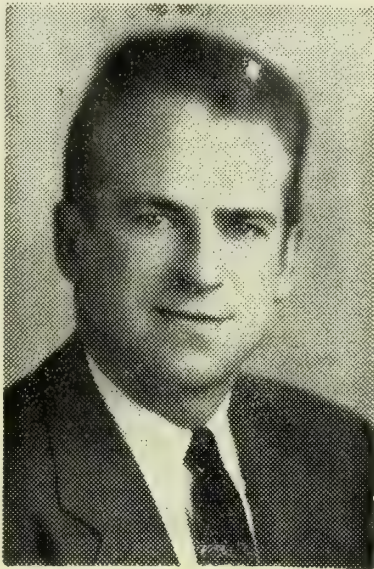
Church, Winston-Salem, before going to Greensboro College in 1936. He is a graduate of Duke University and Chicago University. Dr. Smith has been used effectively and extensively by our Board of Education in the Western N. C. Conference in



Dr. R. H. Sales

its program of training schools, and has guided many of our young girls who were students in the religious education department at Greensboro College in helpful service in the surrounding Methodist churches. He is a real friend to the Methodist ministers particularly, who depend on him for wisdom and counsel, as well as service in filling pulpits and other speaking engagements.

Someone has wisely said that the liquor forces would destroy the church if they could, and the church would destroy the liquor forces if it would. The course, "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" should, therefore, present a challenge to every Christian to study and act on. Dr. Kelly, teacher of this course at the School of Missions, is an authority on the alcoholic rehabilitation program. Dr. Kelly, now serving as Education Director of the



Dr. Norbert Kelly

North Carolina Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, is a social scientist whose principal interests are social pathology and social and cultural factors. A graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Dr. Kelly served as business analyst with the U.S. Treasury Department before joining the U. S. Air Force in 1942. Following World War II, he received his Masters' degree from UNC, and taught sociology at Ohio Wesleyan University for two years. Immediately prior to his appointment as the first full-time director of educational activities of the N. C. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, Dr. Kelly was a member of the UNC Institute of Research in Social Science as a research fellow. He was awarded his Ph. D. degree from the University of North Carolina last June.

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Choice of Teacher
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Youth Week Planned; New Duties Assigned; Seniors Continue Preparation in Chosen Fields

YOUNG MAN WITH IDEAS

The young man, pictured with his bicycle is Robert McNeill. Among his friends at the home he is known affectionately as "Professor." This name is not without special meaning. He can converse with you on inter-planetary travel as a possibility in the future, jet-propulsion, and other subjects which elicit surprise. At the same time he is a boy, enjoying swimming and games of various kinds. Among his accomplishments is the ability to write poetry. This one is entitled "Beautiful."

Beautiful

Beautiful is the sky when the clouds are passing by,
Beautiful are our thoughts when our hearts are high,
Beautiful is the winter with the Christmas Snow,
All is joy and peace when our hearts are aglow.
God made all these beautiful things,
He made the tiny birds that sing;
So when we're good and do our part
Beautiful always grows our heart.

VACATIONS

Our genuine thanks go to all who had a part in giving one, or more of our children a nice two weeks vacation.

PLANS FOR YOUTH WEEK ANNOUNCED

Youth Week for the Senior MYF will begin, Sunday, August 2, and close Friday, August 7. Mr. Walter Anderson, Prison Director SH & PWC, Raleigh, is to be the speaker.

The group will gather each evening after supper, either on the campus or in the Vann Building, for worship and group discussion. Following this there will be small discussion groups presided over by youth and adults from our conference who are coming to spend this week with us. To close this portion of the evening the youth will gather for prayer circles, patterned after the prayer wheel used at the Louisburg Assemblies this summer. After this, there will be opportunity for further discussion and fellowship and prayer in the various homes on the campus.

In addition to the evening activities, there will be morning watch (devotions) before breakfast, informal discussions in the afternoon on topics of interest, needs and problems of youth. Also, there will be time for chats with individuals concerning their own personal lives.

The MYF Council has already had two sessions on campus and a day-apart to make plans for this week. At the day-apart, climax of the initial planning, youth and adults said that they hoped something would happen to them personally, spiritually, and would be praying for the week, and for a change for good in their own lives. They trust that this spirit will permeate the lives of others on the campus and make this a time of enrichment for all involved. We invite all of our friends over the conference and state to remember this week in your prayers.

NEW SUPERVISORS

The Methodist Orphanage has a new Laundry Supervisor, Mrs. Lottie Phelps. Mrs. Lucille Parker, who was formerly in charge resigned a few weeks ago.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Wade

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"Professor McNeill"—Poet, plus

Pridgen, Mrs. Phelps is showing promising ability as a new leader in this work.

We are also happy to welcome to our Campus Mrs. Mabel Holmes as our new Dietitian. Mrs. Holmes has one daughter who will enter college this fall, and also has a seven-year-old daughter. We sincerely hope that all of the above will be happy in our Home.

Mrs. Lenna Cameron, our former Dietitian resigned to return to her home in Wilson.

CHANGING DUTIES—MOVING DAY

Of much interest among the boys and girls are the days when duties are changed. Most of the boys changed their duties, either just before or just after vacation. Their responsibilities include working on the farm, in the dairy, on the campus, in the homes, helping matrons with smaller boys and helping with the recreational program. Some of the boys have not yet moved into their new homes, but will do so in the near future.

There is more excitement among the girls as they gather in their homes and hear their housemother read their work assignment and where they will stay for the coming year. Duties are carefully and prayerfully worked out by Mrs. Presson, Headmatron. The feelings among the girls range from exclamations of joy to groans of disappointment. The girls have opportunity to choose their duty, and most always their choice is granted. Their responsibilities include working in the homes, kitchen, dining hall, infirmary, sewing room, office and helping the matrons with the house work and with smaller children.

All accept their responsibility and go about doing it the best they know how. There are jobs to be done and the boys and girls will tell you they are happy to have a part in seeing that the orphanage runs more smoothly.

REPORT ON OUR 1953 SENIORS

Word has come to us that "Bet" Carraway, for the summer months, is serving as secretary to a doctor in Snow Hill. When school starts she plans to enter ECC and train to become a Medical Technologist.

"Pat" Chinnis is spending the summer months in Wilmington, at 2109 Mett Avenue. In the fall she will enter Greensboro College and begin training in her chosen field "Religious Education."

John Clark for the time being is working for Nash-Steele Motor Company where he plans to remain until drafted into service.

Franklin Daniels is still on our Campus and is a big help working in the field of recreation. He will enroll in High Point College this fall and study to become Religious Director.

Frances Ellis is staying with her mother in Raleigh for the summer, but will enter Peace College this fall and train to become a Secretary.

Marvin King is working for Nash-Steele-Warren and will remain there until called by the army, navy, or ? Incidentally, Marvin has just given Annie Lee Harmon an engagement ring . . . and we expect to be hearing wedding bells at any time.

Alice Mason is planning to return to Raleigh and take a Business Course at Hardbargers come fall.

Colleen Murray is spending the summer with her mother in Wilson, and will enter Atlantic Christian College this fall to take a Business Course.

Hazel Newton will begin training this fall at Rex Hospital. Her ambition is to become a nurse.

James "Chicen" Pace, is working at North Carolina Equipment Company, with headquarters in Greensboro.

Peggy Patton is living at 2110 Glenwood Avenue, and at the present time is taking life easy. She will enter Woman's College in Greensboro in September and take a business course.

Barbara Pierce, also is living at 21 Glenwood Avenue, but is enrolled at Hardbargers and getting along nicely with her business college work.

Mildred Rogers has recently accepted a job with Westinghouse Electric Company. On October 2, Mildred will become the bride of Robert Mitchell. The ceremony will take place at Edenton Street church.

Robert Taylor is living at 1405 W. Forest Road and is employed at the Power Printing Company. He plans to remain there until called by Uncle Sam.

Betty Jean Turnage is living with her mother in Miami, Florida. We have been able to find out what Betty Jean plans to do.

Maxine Turner is staying on the campus and taking a business course at Hardbargers.

Natalie Willett is staying with her sister at Harkers Island. As yet, no definite plans have been made regarding further education.

We wish these boys and girls well in their every endeavor, and they have our prayerful interest in whatever they may do.

PLEASE—Don't forget to send in your card regarding the one appointed to handle the sale of tickets for the Orphanage Bowl Game.

BREVARD COLLEGE BEGINS SECOND CENTURY

FRESHMAN WEEK IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 3-7

Freshman Week will be observed at Brevard College from September 3-7. These days will be devoted entirely to the new students and will be among the most important of the school year.

A variety of activities will fill the students' schedule with work and fun. In addition to a number of tests for placement and counseling, recreational programs will be set up so that students and faculty may play as well as work together. In this way the ground work is established for the friendly atmosphere which pervades the Brevard College campus.

It is in the spirit of this friendly climate that the Brevard freshman will face his many problems. An assigned counselor will help him to select the course of study he should take, and assist him in working through the strange procedures of registration. He, with other students, will meet with faculty leaders to discuss academic regulations, social standards, and techniques of study. Perhaps most important of all, through lectures, forums and discussions, he will come to know the underlying educational philosophy of the institution, and can therefore work with his teachers towards the accomplishment of the success he seeks to achieve.

Rev. Charles P. Bowles, who will participate in the faculty-student workshop at Camp Tekoa, will be an added feature this year's Freshman Week. He will speak each morning in the college auditorium on the theme, "Discovering An Adequate Faith." Members of the college staff will speak at vesper services each evening.

Registration will be held in the James Addison Jones Library on September 7 and classes will begin the following day. Following Freshman Week, additional time will be devoted to the matter of orienting the entire student body to the program and policies of the year.

Faculty-Student Workshop To Be Held At Camp Tekoa



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CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS IS CONFERENCE THEME

Brevard College will begin its second century in the field of Christian education with the opening of the fall semester of the 1953-54 session. The unique significance of this occasion is marked by the special attention which is being given to the planning of the year's work.

The college will conduct a faculty-student workshop at Camp Tekoa from August 31 to September 3 for the purpose of planning its program of activities. Members of the Student Council and other student body officers will meet with the faculty and administration to discuss problems, policies and programs related to the term's work with the purpose of making the school year one of the most significant in the history of the institution.

The theme of the workshop is **Christian Principles on a College Campus**. It is the purpose of the conference to discuss methods for making Christian principles the directing force back of the academic and social life of the institution. The broader educational aim rests upon the belief that if student can be made to see that Christian principles work well in the solution of campus problems, by the same token identical principles might be expected to work well in the solution of other problems, in the home, the community or the world. The fact that the difference in the size of the areas is a measure of the difference in the complexity of the problems to be solved serves merely to point to the observation that the academic and Christian standards of a church related college must be of the highest order if it is to supply a leadership competent to deal with such problems.

One of the highlights of the workshop will be a series of inspirational addresses by Rev. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of Dilworth Methodist Church of Charlotte. Mr. Bowles will speak on the topic: **An Adequate Philosophy of Life**.

MISS LOUISE MOSELEY, NEW DEAN OF WOMEN AT BREVARD COLLEGE

Miss Louise Moseley of Gaffney, South Carolina, who came to Brevard College as Director of Women's Athletics in 1950 will succeed Mrs. Lee Pylant, who resigned as Dean of Women at the close of the 1953 summer term. Miss Moseley has been popular with the students, both as a teacher and counselor, and is highly regarded by the faculty and staff. She is now serving as Counselor at Camp Awanee, Brandon, Vermont, and will assume her new duties at the college as soon as she returns to the campus.

Mrs. Pylant, formerly dean of women at Weaver College, came to Brevard in 1947 from Flandreau, South Dakota. Her many contributions to the college have earned for her the esteem and friendship of the faculty, the students and the alumni. Her many friends will be glad to know that she will continue her services with the institution in the department of mathematics.



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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

NANCY HAD A WOODCHUCK By Pearl S. Little (Mrs. John R.) Rt. 2, Candler, N. C.

Nancy had really been wanting a pet. Nearly every family around had a much-loved dog. Her little black cocker spaniel, Bonzo, had had to go to live in the country because he chased the neighbors' chickens. Still, the neighbors' dogs visited her, and she couldn't even have a kitty. The dogs were very nice but they just were not her own. So one day when her Ma-mah brought her a strange little woods creature that had been lying in the road halfway up the mountain, she took it and cuddled it and was loved in return.

Her father said it was a groundhog, or woodchuck. It was quite stout-bodied and stout-legged with small ears and a short bushy tail. Its fur was coarse and rust-colored. She named it Rusty.

It was interesting to watch Rusty grow and learn to live with folks. And it was fun to see him play hide-and-seek after his bottle, just as he would away off in the woods. Except there he wouldn't have a bottle. He clamored for his milk when he was hungry and when he was lonely he liked to come up to Nancy or Ma-mah, climb up on her lap and snuggle down for a nap. He had a bed in a box.

Soon he began digging holes in the ground; when he was taken out every day to get fresh air and sunshine and to nibble at different grasses and weeds. He liked fresh water but there seemed to be a special flavor to the water in the lily-pool that was to his liking. It was fun to see what he would do. No one—or scarcely anyone—that Nancy knew had ever seen a ground hog. They had heard, they said, about one that came out on the second of February. If the sun was shining and he saw his shadow he was supposed to go back in his home. Then there would be more winter weather. If it was a cloudy day he couldn't see his shadow. Then the saying was that winter was over and soon spring flowers would be blooming and the time of the singing of birds had come.

When Rusty went under the house and stayed a long time Ma-mah decided that he was burrowing or making a nest, especially when his fur began disappearing as far back as he could reach with his teeth. He must be using the fur to line his nest—or her nest. By this time Rusty was big and fat. He had finally broken his bottle and ate vegetables and fruit from a saucer on the floor. He walked around behind Ma-mah on his two hind legs in the kitchen and his claws began to get longer and sharp too! One day she gave him half a banana—all she had—and because she wouldn't give him more he became very angry, almost vicious, and ran her up on top of the kitchen table. He had been nibbling at the books some and once bit Nancy's nose, as well as playfully nibbling at folk's toes; so it was decided that since he was now so strong he might really hurt someone when he became angry and that he must go back to his first home, the woods.

Rusty did not know where courage stopped and anger began. For he was really very courageous. Nicky, the big puppy next door, was rough, too, and was not afraid of anything. He barked at his own master in Nancy's own yard! And he would bite, too. Ma-mah said she wished his master could have seen the

meeting between Nicky and Rusty. Nicky went up to the groundhog and stared at him. Rusty reared up on his hind legs and lifted his sharp nose in the air proudly so that his sharp teeth grinned at Nicky. Then he actually gave a little bark at Nicky. That surprised the puppy so much—a bark coming from so strange a creature, as though he understood dog language—that he took to his heels like a streak of lightning and ran home. And nothing had ever made that dog run before. So God gave his creatures a temper for their protection, it seems.

When Rusty had to go back to begin life anew in the woods one would think he would need some of that courage; for he had been petted and pampered and given comforts and foods that he never would have again. Because go he must.

Nancy's Daddy took the family, including Rusty, one Sunday afternoon to the woods, hoping to find another groundhog for Rusty's companion. And really he did. One poked his nose out of the bushes by the roadside. Rusty would have liked to get back in the car but he was taken back into the bushes and left. Then Nancy proved she had courage, too. Not a tear was shed. All was well. Nancy may yet get another interesting pet. Anyway, it was nice to have known Rusty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday School Lesson for August 2 HOW CAN MY FAMILY BE FULLY CHRISTIAN?

Colossians 3:12-4:1

By Charles M. Laymon

What is happening to the Rosenberg children? These two boys, aged 10 and 6, are being caught up in issues too involved for them to understand. They have been paraded before the White House, stared upon by the curious public, and tortured by the emotional torrents of hope and despair.

In their young minds Michael and Robert Rosenberg have been convinced already that the world is a scene of tremendous injustice. Their parents have contributed to this conviction. By their own act of betrayal they have betrayed their children.

How different the picture could have been! The forces that branded these boys for suffering might have marked them for happiness and confidence in the goodness of living. The actions of their parents made the dark difference.

Long years before this modern tragedy, the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians concerning the influence of each member in the group. He pointed out that husbands and wives, parents and children, and masters and slaves alike had a call to be Christian as they lived together in the home (3:18-4:1).

A distinctive feature of Paul's portrayal of the Christian family was his insistence upon both the rights and responsibilities of each person in it. For instance, wives were told to be submissive to their husbands. In the next breath, however, husbands were enjoined to love their wives.

A corresponding passage in Ephesians (5:21-33) adds that husbands should love their wives to the death, even as Christ gave his life for the church. There is no place for masculine domination such as was typical of Roman practice in this picture.

Children were urged also to be obedient

to their parents, for this pleased the Lord. But fathers, on the other hand, were counseled not to provoke their children to the point of discouragement. The standards should not be so high and the discipline so strict that a child must feel constantly that he is a failure.

My family can be fully Christian only when I show respect for personality as Paul advocates in this lesson. And an important element in showing this respect is to inquire concerning the results of my actions upon each family member.

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VACATION

I am attempting to take a vacation from my work and duties August 10 to 24. Request is therefore made that as far as possible correspondence and visits from committees and others be deferred during that period.

COSTEN J. HARRELL

ATTENTION, PASTORS OF TOWN AND COUNTRY CHURCHES!

The Town and Country Life Conference, which is open to ministers and laymen alike, will be held at Lake Junaluska August 18-23. At the same time there will be a meeting of the Jurisdictional Town and Country Commission. Some of the nation's best known men in this field will be the featured speakers. Some of these are: Dr. Rockwell Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, Department of Town and Country Work, Board of Missions, New York, and Dr. Cecil A. Thompson, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., who will bring a report of the rural church conditions in Africa. Dr. James W. Sells, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, will be the general director of the conference.

The North Carolina Commission on Town and Country Work would be happy to see as many laymen and pastors of rural and small town churches attending as possible.

W. A. TEW

N. C. Conference Secretary
Town and Country Commission

Book Reviews

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

By Cale K. Burgess. 245 pp. Brotherhood Press, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, \$3.00.

A glance at the title of this book may cause the casual reader to turn slightly away from a further consideration of it because of the familiarity of the subject. Can anything new be written upon such an old subject? It would, indeed, be remarkable if an idea which is so well known and which has been so thoroughly aired could be dealt with in a fresh and original manner and made interesting and attractive. Yet this is just what Cale K. Burgess has done in his book, "The Greatest of These Is Love."

Mr. Burgess, a quiet and unassuming layman, yet well-known both for his useful service to the church and for his indefatigable and fearless fight against intemperance, has emerged in the field of writing; and his first serious venture is a pronounced success. If the name of Dale Carnegie, Ralph W. Sockman, or Norman Vincent Peale were attached to this volume, hundreds would rush to the book stalls, buy, eagerly devour, and pronounce the contents to be helpful, inspiring and uplifting. Those who buy and read this volume will be compelled to make the same pronouncement even if the author is not so widely known as those mentioned.

The indispensability of Love, its practicability, its value in removing burdens, its power to cast out fear, its usefulness in offsetting the evils of divorce—these are among the many phases dealt with in a convincing and masterful way.

The book is unusually interesting and valuable in that it is replete with beautiful and appropriate quotations, gathered from an unbelievably wide range of authors. Both sacred and secular sources have been searched by the author and the result is as fine a collection of usable quotations as one could find in any one volume short of an anthology. Yet so skillfully have these quotations been interwoven into the main body of the book that one does not get the impression that they are being quoted for their own sake, but rather because they so fittingly illustrate and enforce the ideas which the author sets forth.

The book will be useful to the minister as a storehouse of useful ideas. It will be enjoyed by the literary person for its apt and complete references to literature. It will be prized by the bewildered for its clear exposition of life's helpful truths. It will be treasured by the downcast and disheartened for the assistance which it furnishes in bearing life's burdens. Mr. Burgess has left us all heavily in his debt.—Hersey E. Spence, D.D., Litt.D., Professor of Religious Education at Duke University 1918 to 1952

OUR READERS SAY . . .

TELEVISION

Dear Editor:

Sometime ago a little boy, five years old, came running up to me with outstretched fists and said, "I am going to shoot you." I said to him, "You don't want to shoot me, do you?" He replied, "I can't do it now, but when I grow up I am going to be a cowboy, and then I can shoot you." He had been watching the cowboy pic-

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tures on television and saw a group of cowboys shooting some other cowboys and was fascinated by the scene.

Last May there was this item of news from High Point, North Carolina. "An indoor game of cowboy ended in death last night for 12-year-old Nevial Springer when he was shot by a playmate who claimed he thought the gun was not loaded." Surely Christians should manifest their disapproval of pictures on television which make the crime of killing folks attractive to children.

W. M. CURTIS

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Editor:

I have read my friend's, Rev. C. T. Thrift, latest booklet, "Why Christ Was Baptized in Infancy," and I wish to recommend it to my ministerial brethren and to all Methodists and other Christians in general. It is a scholarly bit of work, and the author makes out a good case for his main thesis. There should be a copy of this booklet in every Methodist home.

—JOHN CLINE



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IN DEFENSE OF THE MINISTRY

By Franklin C. Hubbard

Ordinarily an individual or group well-known to the community when attacked in public does not dignify irresponsible attacks by a public response. Today so many irresponsible attacks are being made on ministers, as individuals and a group, that it becomes necessary to reply so that one's silence is not an admission of guilt.

One of the most irresponsible attacks, in recent days, was made by Dr. J. P. Matthews in the current issue of "American Mercury." He makes a blanket charge in the lead paragraph, "The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen."

When questioned by interested parties for his reason why he picked out "Protestant clergymen" and if, perchance, there were not some Roman Catholic priests and Jewish rabbis among the "fellow-travelers" Dr. Matthews innocuously replied, "My article was dealing solely with the Protestant clergy."

Why? Why just the Protestant clergy? Could it be that the good doctor wished to avoid the disapproval of his Roman Catholic boss, the Senator from Wisconsin? And why does not the good senator investigate the priest (in Roman Catholic garb) who led one of the demonstrations in Union Square in behalf of the Rosenberg atom spies?

Why does Congressman Donald L. Jackson and the Senator from Wisconsin center their attack on Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam when there are, according to Dr.

Matthews, some "seven thousand Protestant clergymen in the same categories—party members, fellow-travelers, espionage agents, party-line adherents, and unwitting dupes?" Now could it just be that the good Bishop is too outspoken against the Roman Catholic hierarchy and that he is so right the Roman Church must find some means, however contemptible, to silence or discredit him?

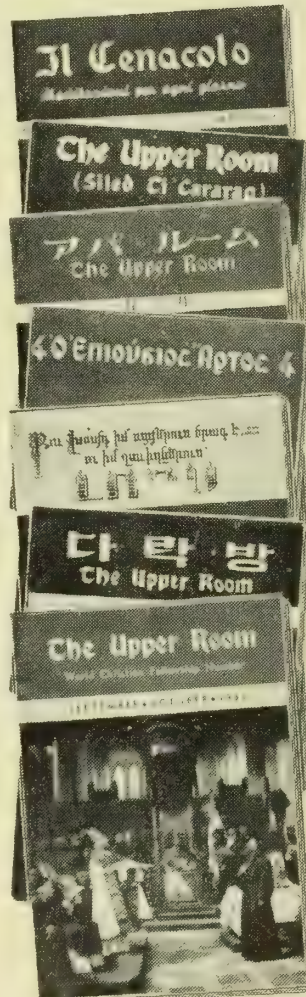
I happen to be fairly well acquainted with Bishop Oxnam. I first met him in 1936, long before my conversion, and I have had nothing but the highest esteem for him. That he is a liberal (save the tag) I readily admit but he is a liberal of the most patriotic and Christian type. I may not agree with all he says but his

loyalty to his country and his soundness of character are beyond question.

But the issue here is not whether Bishop Oxnam is a Communist. The issue here is that in a period when the witness of the Protestant Church is so sorely needed it has been persistently and falsely accused in many quarters and as a result of these accusations its witness is being damaged. Bishop Oxnam is well capable of defending himself. However the church, which is being so mercilessly maligned, needs your support and mine. The time has come when we should put an end to these irresponsible, misleading accusations.

Every Methodist should be interested in defending their leaders when falsely accused. Every attempt to undermine confidence in the church should be examined in the light of facts and not hearsay. Perhaps the time has come for Protestantism to march again.

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BREVARD COLLEGE STAFF ATTEND INSTITUTE IN NASHVILLE

The Tenth Institute of Higher Education was held in Nashville, Tennessee from July 28-30. President R. H. Stamey, Dean J. J. Stevenson, Jr., and Professor C. Edward Roy represented Brevard College at this meeting. Dean Stevenson discussed "The Improvements of Instruction" on a panel discussion on the topic of "Patterns in Academic Administration."

The Institute is sponsored by Scarritt College for Christian Workers, the Division of Educational Institutions of the Board of Education and the University Senate of The Methodist Church, and the Commission on Higher Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Co-operating agencies are American College Public Relations Association and the Division of Higher Education, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Outstanding leaders in the church related colleges of the United States were present. Three general sessions were held each day and sectional seminars were held each afternoon from Tuesday through Thursday. The Institute closed with a banquet Thursday evening which was held in the dining hall of Scarritt College. F. Olin Stockwell was the banquet speaker. His subject was "Prisoner of the Communists; Prison of Christ."

IF ALL the Methodist pupils attending vacation church schools this summer were gathered together in one place, they would populate a city approximately the size of the metropolitan area of Buffalo, New York, whose population is 1,085,606.

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The North Carolina Conference Caravan in Austria



The caravan in front of the newly constructed Methodist church building in Bregenz. Sitting, left to right, Richard Knight, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Carroll Butler, Leaksville; John Garrett, Warrenton. Standing, C. W. Robbins, Greensboro; Jean Cobb, LaGrange; Mary Bethea, Louisburg; Bill Bigham, Greensboro; Paula Pegg, Nashville; Joel Underwood, Durham; Mr. Hoffman, local leader; Edna Stokes, Pinetops; Shirley Wilson, Rose Hill; Pastor Louis Shreirer; Paula Sutton, Clinton; Meade Nehrig, Patton, Penn.; Dr. J. P. Bartak.

For story about the European Caravan see page 4
For report on Philadelphia Convocation see page 5

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THINK IT OVER . . .

By C. B. Riddle

Billy, that endearing name for William, lost his sight in a football game—and when he was only thirteen years of age.

This misfortune cut deep into Billy's heart, but seemed to cut deeper into the heart of the father. The father knew that Billy's sight could not be restored, but he could have a little world of his own in which to live and be happy.

So, the father with love in his heart for his unfortunate boy, and with timbers and nails and tools, built a rustic cabin in the backyard of the family home where Billy could play, listen to the birds and the radio, and entertain his chums. With all this Billy became one of the most cheerful and happy children of the community.

* * *

There are millions of handicapped children. They are everywhere. Some of them have lost their sight. Some of them cannot walk. Some of them cannot hear. But all their happiness need not be snatched from them. And it won't be if parents or others will plan something to bring sunshine into the lives of these unfortunates.

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From a cynic's standpoint, it is a selfish world and often there is much to confirm that belief. But there is a cure for selfishness just as there is a happier existence for physically afflicted children. And one of the greatest cures for selfishness is to do something to make some unfortunate child happy.

"COME UNTO ME"

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

Perhaps the strain and burden of life have made you tired. If so, maybe you are carrying life too heavily.

Primarily we do not get tired in our muscles but in our mind. We develop that "I'm swamped" feeling.

Allow this text to dissolve in your thoughts as a kind of spiritual lozenge. As you turn to Jesus in your thoughts He will give you rest. And how does He do that? One way is by showing you how to work.

"Learn from me," he says. In other words, work by my method. "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." That is to say, easy does it. Don't strain, don't tug, relax. Do one job at a time using the light touch, the easy stroke.

—Norman Vincent Peale

COUNTRYMAN'S GOD

Who reaps the grain and plows the sod
Must feel a kinship with his God:
For there's much on earth to see
That marks the hand of Deity.
When blossom spring from tiny shoot:
When orchard yields its luscious fruit:
When sap is running from great trees—
On all occasions such as these
The man who breathes fresh country air
Must know full well that God is there.

—Roger Winship Stuart

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOW TO BE GOOD AND LIKE IT

What does the word "good" mean? Several different things, obviously. When we speak of having a "good time," we mean that it is an enjoyable occasion. When we call a man a "good fellow," we imply that he is a congenial comrade.

When we talk of the "good life," we have in mind the full, rich and satisfying life whose secret the philosophers are ever trying to unfold. But when we are told to "be good," we think it means a sort of joyless, juiceless conformity to a prescribed moral pattern.

To be sure, being good in the sense of conforming to rules and conventions is pretty dull business. Some parents and teachers and preachers give children the impression that to be good is to suppress natural desires, restrain noisy activity, and in general to copy the conduct of sedate elders.

Emerson once observed a father trying to make his child into a pattern of himself, and he chided the parent saying, "You know and I know and God knows that one like you is enough for the world."

To be good is not to fit a pattern but to fulfill a purpose. A good dinner is one that fulfills well the function for which a knife is made.

Similarly a good person is one who fulfills well the function for which man was created. And since a living personality is always growing, a good man is ever trying to be more of a man than he is. He is ever advancing toward perfect manhood.

Admiral Richard Byrd has told what was his final test for choosing men to accompany him on his Antarctic expeditions. It was not physical endurance or intellectual ability or technical skill, important as all these were. The test was a man's disposition. Would he be inclined to respond to what was most needed in any situation on the voyage, regardless of his own convenience?

The men he chose were dedicated to follow him at any cost.

What is it then to be good? It is to keep growing toward the fulfillment of our God-given personalities, which means toward ever larger, less selfish interests and toward ever higher, less animal impulses.

If goodness is to be attractive, it must be cultivated not only through law and through the mind into the heart but also through exercise into grace.

Several summers ago in London I heard a very practical sermon by Dr. Leslie Whitehead. He was pointing the need of doing something here and now about our big ideals and good intentions. He told of a Londoner who was ever sitting around the house telling his wife and neighbors how the British Commonwealth should be run. He knew the answers to all the national problems.

One day as he sat spouting his theories about imperial policies, his hard-worked wife found her nerves a bit on edge. She tossed the crying baby into his lap and said: "Here take your bit of the British Empire and see what you can do with it. I've got to get dinner." That is what we would call bringing the issue down to earth.

Would we be good so that we shall like

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Let Us Pray

A PRAYER FOR ONE WHO SERVES

Lord, bless the hands
That care for me;
The gentle touch
Directed by a love divine.

Lord, bless the heart
That sings thy praise;
Forgetting petty woes,
Leading our thoughts
That grovel, to height
That reach our Father, God.

Lord, bless the soul
Of her who serves.
As did the Christ Child;
May she grow in favor
With God and man.

May faith fill her years,
May her longing be attained,
May her humble prayers
Reach thy blessed throne,
May she be Thine own,
Thine forevermore;
And may her children
Be called the children of God.

In the name of Him
Who loves us all. Amen.

Kate Hunt Kirkman

Pleasant Garden, N. C.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

it and others will like us? Then we must practice. We must do the duty which lies next to us. And then the duty next after that. Thus we became gracefully and effectively good.

Then we shall help to answer the little girl's prayer, when she asked: "O Lord, make all the bad people good and all the good people nice." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Methodists of North Carolina Must Decide

Since the editor has graciously asked me to write the editorials for this week, and has granted me the privilege of selecting the topics, I am sure the gentle reading public will allow me to speak frankly about my growing concern for the future of our Methodist Colleges.

A few days ago I received a letter from a Methodist who had made a pledge to the United College Appeal during a recent campaign, and then had decided to cancel it. It said in part, "There were doubts in my mind when I signed the pledge because I do not think that it is either justified or economically sound to have the many small denominational schools we have in this state, where we have such a fine state school system." Surely this Methodist has not thought through this matter thoroughly, and there are some aspects I want to lift up, which we cannot afford to overlook.

Let me say at the very outset, that we cannot have our Methodist Church without the Methodist College. Our ministers and missionaries and directors of Christian education are trained there. Also, and probably just as important, Christian principles and patterns are put into the lives of our 10,000 students each year who go back to their various communities to marry and establish a Christian home, and to become an active lay person in the local church.

It is estimated that during the next four years The Methodist Church will need to recruit and train some 6,000 new ministers, 12,000 doctors, nurses, social workers and technicians, 1,500 missionaries in a score of vocational fields, and at least 2,000 Christian educators. Our Church Colleges must do this task.

State Universities cannot constitutionally teach the Bible as the Word of God, nor are they able to make the Christian religion the central emphasis, as must be the case on the church related college campus. We could close all our Orphanages and all our Homes for the Aged and still carry on as a church. We would not be as Christian nor as vital. *But we could not close our Church Colleges and continue.* This is how imperative the matter of the Church College is in the very existence and continuance of the Church.

Since the existence of the church is so dependent upon the Church College for its life, then the Church College must be financially strong and thoroughly dedicated to the Christian way. The buildings and facilities should be as good as any state-operated college. The faculties

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should be exceeded by none, in their training and in their dedication to the purpose of finding the truth and helping students to relate that truth to life.

If we close our Church Colleges, or let them pass out of existence because of a lack of financial support, our youth will still be trained. When we fail, the Government will take over, and there will be Federal, State or Municipal control. Technically, education will be *competent* still, but it will be secular. God, and an emphasis upon Christian character will not, in fact, cannot enter. As conscientious Methodists, is that what we desire? It is no longer a matter of can we afford to support our Methodist Colleges of North Carolina, but *can we afford not to?* In the long view, what will it mean to have our young people educated technically but with less of the spirit of Christianity? What will it mean to our church, our nation and to our world? This is the question North Carolina Methodists must answer. I think I know what the answer will be, for I know something of the devotion and faith of North Carolina Methodism. They have never failed when they see their task in the causes of the church, and they will not fail the cause of Christian education today.



Enough To Frighten Thinking People

I was riding along in my car the other day and heard a news broadcast by Paul Harvey in which one item was like a bomb shell. The item had to do with a statement made at the national meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous to the effect that there are today *four million* alcoholics in America, and that the majority of these started drinking in their teens with the simple social drink.

This means that one for every thirty-seven in our total population is an alcoholic! This is almost unbelievable. But the end is not yet. We have not yet begun to reap the harvest of the very powerful, subtle, *really sinful*, program of advertising thrown at our children in the most attractive forms in radio and television programs and in the "supposedly" best magazines. By the time

they are in their teens they have been convinced that it is a mark of "*distinction*" and "*maturity*" to be able to drink. They have learned what brands are likely to get one into the place of prominence most quickly. They have had alcohol associated with the finest ideals and sentiments in our culture: "Golden Wedding," "Orchids," "Cap and Gown," "Books," "Goodwill," "Athletics," "Hospitality," even "Christmas."

We cannot escape the responsibility, as Christians, of the destructiveness and frustrations caused by the hard liquors, wines, and beer distributed by the licensed places. Too often we Methodists are duped by the fallacy that "because it is legal it is morally right." Morally, it is just as wrong to distribute legalized liquor as it is to distribute bootleg liquor. Whatever the method of distribution—whether legal or illegal—that which is being dispensed is destructive to persons, and that is the matter of greatest import for the Christian. It is not *how* distributed, but what does *that* being distributed do to God's image in his children—to the one in thirty-seven of our population, and the millions more to come? Ah, there's the rub. God will hold us accountable for the continued frustration of his children because of this "robber" of life and happiness. And any money we get from taxes in this traffic will turn to ashes and bitterness. *Mark this!*

The American people have evidently thought that all we have to do to settle a difficult situation is to pass a law. Two excellent illustrations are to be found in our American life. We thought we solved the problem of strong drink some years ago when we passed a national law forbidding the manufacture, transportation, sale and use of it. We settled back in our complacency to watch the law solve our problem. But it did not work. Then a lot of "bright fellows" got together and said, "Come now, we'll solve the problem by making it legal to manufacture, transport, sell and use it." But it has not worked, and we are still guilty of short-sightedness, and are responsible for the destruction that is, and is to come. It is increasing, and will destroy us if we don't destroy this traffic in death and frustration.

One must decide as a Christian whether he wants to be a part of this problem or a part of the solution. The one thing that any one of us can do and make sure he is a part of the solution is to abstain from its use, and refuse to sanction it in our home in any beverage form. This is the least we can afford to do as responsible Christians.

At Work in Vienna

By C. W. ROBBINS

The thirteen members of the 1953 North Carolina Conference European Caravan on July 13 arrived in Innsbruck, Austria, following two weeks of thrill-packed sightseeing in Paris, Montreux, Rome, Florence and Venice.

We were met at Innsbruck by Dr. Joseph Paul Bartak, head of Methodist evangelistic work in Austria, and Gunter Sommer, our German interpreter. We felt at once that we were in capable and reliable hands.

Dr. Bartak, who came to Austria from Durham in January of this year, is a member of the North Carolina Conference. Born in Czechoslovakia, he went to America as a young man, prepared for the Methodist ministry, served a church in Chicago for seven years, then returned to his native land as a missionary, where he served until the Nazis took over. He and Mrs. Bartak endured tremendous hardships and were in great peril of life time after time. Both have a wonderful spirit and are making a signal contribution to the cause of Christ and to better understanding between Christians of Austria and the United States.

Gunter Sommer, a 25-year-old German Methodist theological student, is a young man of unusual capabilities. He speaks English fluently and is of inestimable help to the caravan.

The First Service

Our first service was at Bregenz, a city of some 25,000 people and located in the northwest tip of Austria bordering Switzerland and Germany. We arrived by train late in the afternoon and walked about half a mile to the church—a lovely frame structure just completed and following the architectural design of Methodist missions in Africa. The parsonage is a part of the church plant, is extremely well designed and immaculately kept. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Shreier, made us feel at home immediately. Although neither could speak English, they soon won us completely by their genuine Christian hospitality. The delicious tea and cookies they served did more than slake our dry throats.

We gathered at eight o'clock for the service. Well over 100 were present, ranging in age from little children to elderly persons. The congregation is quite young. In fact, there are no members on the church roll. Practically all those who attend are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Some of the most prominent leaders are still members of the Roman Catholic Church. But you would never suspect that they were anything but lifelong Methodists. Their enthusiasm and devotion to the church are inspiring. For example, one couple came by train twelve miles and could not get a train back home until midnight. They got up at five o'clock the next morning just to wave at us as our train passed through their town. They brought a postcard picture for each member of the caravan and a painting for one of the members.

The service was full of good fellowship and was characterized by good humor and deep spirituality. Dr. Bartak served as my interpreter and Gunter Sommer interpreted for the youth members. The

caravan sang several numbers, including two or three spirituals. Talks were given by Shirley Wilson of Rose Hill, Paula Sutton of Clinton and Joel Underwood of Durham. The congregation responded with enthusiasm. Even though the services lasted about two hours, nobody seemed to be in a hurry to get away. We lingered for nearly an hour following the service.

Pastor and Mrs. Schreier, who were sent by Swiss Methodism to build the new congregation, are doing a remarkably fine job in Bregenz. They are in extremely high favor with the entire community and are winning many friends for Methodism in this thriving, industrious community. Although this was the first visit of a caravan, they insisted that the caravan come back next year.

We got up at five o'clock the next morning, had breakfast with the warm-hearted pastor and his wife, and caught the train at 6:55 o'clock for the long journey across Austria to Vienna.

Friends Won on Trains

We have found trains in Europe quite crowded. We traveled second class during the sightseeing phase, but are going third class in Austria and Germany during our caravan work. We meet a lot of interesting people this way. Fortunately, many speak English well enough to make conversation. One doesn't have to travel in Europe long before he discovers that we Americans are about the most stupid people in the world when it comes to foreign languages. Many of the people we meet can speak two or more foreign languages, one of which is usually English.

Our group has the happy faculty of making friends wherever we go. We are not on a train long before we have discovered a half dozen new friends. We find that there is a vast amount of goodwill for Americans who are willing to be friendly and congenial. On the train to Vienna we ran into two harmonica-playing YMCA boys and their trumpet-playing counselor. The train, of course, was soon filled with melody and song, with dozens of people crowding around to add volume to the hymns and folk songs. So much did we become absorbed in music-making that the hours sped by as minutes and we were hardly aware of the hard uncushioned seats and the harsh, jerking train. We reached Vienna at 8:30 p.m.

Most of the group were looking forward to their first contact with the Russians just beyond Linz where we passed from the American Zone to the Russian Zone. We had worried about getting gray cards which were required of all former caravaners. We were told that we didn't have a chance of getting into Russian-occupied territory and Vienna without such a card. But we have gone through the Russian territory to and from Vienna and nobody has asked to see our gray cards. The Russians have relaxed their rules considerably and the visitor is hardly aware that there is occupation of any kind here in Austria. We encountered no difficulty in Vienna where the four powers are in control. There seem to be better relations between the Russians and the Allied powers in Austria and particularly in Vienna than elsewhere in Europe. Our

American forces in Vienna under General William T. Fitts, who is a native of Warrenton, are in high favor with the Austrian people. The United States is the only one of the occupying powers that does not require the Austrians to pay for their occupation. This is paying off in goodwill and better understanding.

Our first service in Vienna was at the Third Methodist Church, a Czech-speaking congregation of around 200 members. The pastor is 83 years old, yet is remarkably active. He welcomed us enthusiastically. One of the prominent laymen, the man who led the prayer that evening, proudly told us the suit of clothes he was wearing came from Jarvis Memorial church, Greenville, the gift of the pastor, Rev. Leon Russell. The appreciative wearer told us it was the best suit he had. Many members of the congregation expressed heartfelt appreciation for the gift packages they have received from North Carolina. Clothes are particularly appreciated, as they are so expensive. Many wage-earners would have to work two weeks even to buy a pair of shoes. Cotton goods are extremely expensive.

Our speakers for this service were Edna Stokes of Pinetops, Meade Nehrig of Patton, Penn., and Richard Knight of West Palm Beach, Fla.

An Evening of Fellowship

On Saturday evening we had a fellowship meeting for the caravan and the Methodist youth of Vienna. More than 100 were present, even though it is vacation time and our total Methodist youth membership in Vienna is relatively small. We have only around 600 Methodists in the city which has a population of 1,700,000.

The Austrian and American youth got along wonderfully well. Chaplain Austin Stiles, Protestant chaplain, for the Vienna Command, who was present, said that he had never seen a finer spirit since he had been in Austria. Both groups sang. Music is a remarkable friends-maker. It is the language that all people understand. In Vienna with such a rich and glorious musical heritage from Mozart, Strauss and many others, music is the soul of the people. The choirs from the Methodist churches sang beautifully.

The games drew us together almost as much as the music. Austrian Christian youth can not only sing. They can play. They can make their own entertainment—as some of us had to do when we were growing up on the farm. We had a wonderful time together and closed the evening with a brief meditation and all praying together in their own tongue the Lord's Prayer. Representing the caravan were Paula Sutton of Clinton, John Garrett of Warrenton and Jean Cobb of LaGrange.

Sunday was chock full of inspiring and stimulating incidents. The group attended worship services at nine o'clock at First Methodist Church where Rev. Mr. Bland of Only, Va., brought his first message in an exchange with Pastor Mayr of the Vienna church. I brought the message at two Protestant services of the Vienna Command, one at 9:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel and the other at 11 a.m. at the Post Chapel. Chaplain Stiles was exceed-

ingly gracious to us during our stay in Vienna. He is very much interested in the Caravan Methodist Church at Linz. Although a Lutheran, he received offerings for this cause when he was stationed at Salzburg, Austria, and announced at both services Sunday that offerings would be received for this purpose during the next few months. The caravan sang a Negro spiritual at the Post Chapel.

Sunday in Vienna

Unfortunately, it rained all day Sunday. But it did not seem to dampen the spirits of Viennese Methodists. They gathered that afternoon for a big rally at the Jugend Gastehaus where we were staying. Some had to come great distances to get to the service. But they came. These Austrian Methodists in their loyalty and devotion to Christ and His Church, in their faith, heroism and sacrificial spirit, put most of us American Methodists to shame. Here their allegiance to Methodism costs in more ways than one. Often they are ridiculed for their devotion to The Methodist Church which here in Austria is regarded as an inconsequential sect. We have only 2,000 in a population of 7,000,000. But nowhere can one find a more valiant, more loyal, more conscientious group of spiritual sons and daughters of Wesley. One feels that in Austria he is close to early Methodism!

The service started at 3:30 p.m. and ran for two hours. Dr. Bartak, who is greatly loved by Austrian Methodists, was the interpreter. Unfortunately, Mrs. Bartak was in the hospital with a heart condition and was unable to be with us during our stay in Vienna. But Dr. Bartak made up for her absence in his friendship, love and care for us. He called himself our "protector," and in every respect he measured up to this term. He selected the place for us to stay—a former palace located on the edge of the city near the historic Vienna



METHODIST LEADERS OF AUSTRIA

Left to right: Dr. J. P. Bartak, head of Methodist evangelistic work in Austria; Mrs. Bartak; Rev. F. Mayr, pastor of First church, Vienna; Rev. J. Dressler, pastor at St. Pölten and Krems; H. Halmer, conference lay leader; Rev. H. Bargmann, superintendent; Rev. F. Argelander, missionary and pastor of Second Methodist Church, Vienna and church in Graz; Rev. S. Wurm; pastor of Third church (Czech-speaking), Vienna; Rev. C. W. Glaser, pastor of First church, Linz; Rev. E. Nausner, pastor of Caravan church, Linz; R. Marsar, associate editor of *Der Methodist*. The group is standing in front of First church, Vienna.

woods which had been converted into a guest house for youth. He also arranged all the meetings. This afternoon he not only interpreted for us; he was in charge of the service. His gentle, Christlike spirit brought us immediately into the presence of Christ where we lingered exultantly throughout the afternoon. There were many speeches and much good music. We sang Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress," in German, Czech and English. We Americans thrilled to the captivating anthems and hymns rendered by the Austrian choir and congregation. We were lifted by their words of welcome and love. The youth leader said that he could never have enmity in his heart for us because he had come to know us and to love us. What transformations Christ can bring into our hearts! We can only dwell to-

gether in peace when we find our peace in him. There is no better way to find that peace than through caravans of Christian young people spilling over into every land. The service Sunday afternoon was the climax of a series of many joyous Christian experiences in Vienna.

Representing the caravan that afternoon were Carroll Butler of Leaksville, Mary Bethea of Louisville and Bill Bigham of Greensboro.

The Caravan Makes Lasting Impression

North Carolina Methodism can be exceedingly proud of the young people representing us in the 1953 caravan. Each member of the group impresses Austrian audiences by their sincerity, their natural friendliness and their joyous and radiant Christian spirit. Former caravaners have made a lasting impression for good.

That evening we were invited for dinner in the lovely home of General and Mrs. Fitts. These two former Warrentonians lived up in every respect to the reputation of that fair city for gracious hospitality. We enjoyed a meal that was more typically American than any we've had since we left the States. They made us all feel that we were having a visit with loved ones back home. Mrs. Fitts is a charming hostess. General Fitts represents the highest in our military service. Genial, warm-hearted, down-to-earth, he impresses you that he is not only a skilled military leader, but is a man with a heart—the kind to whom mothers would be willing to entrust their sons who must spend some time in military service. From all quarters we heard only the highest praise for the wise leadership of General Fitts.

We left Vienna Monday for Linz grateful to God that we had been permitted to come in contact with so many fine Christian people from all walks of life. We knew we had received a far greater blessing than we had given.

A Greensboro Layman Reports On Philadelphia

By LAWRENCE W. ROUTH

The statue stands atop the seat of government of the city of "Brotherly Love." From this vantage point overlooking even the tallest building, and astride Market and Broad Streets, in the very heart of this great city the Quaker founder of the Colony of Pennsylvania has observed many colorful conventions. Many of these gatherings have probably caused the old founder to want to hide his face in shame. They have been so pagan in their nature and so foreign to the spiritual and moral precepts of the Quakers. But as the convocation of Methodists—six thousand strong—swarmed through the hotels and eating places acting as real Christians should, it seemed that the old Quaker's face wore a smile as he looked down on them.

The convocation was held at Convention Hall, which is on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania in West Philadelphia, about four miles from downtown. This great assembly hall seats about 10,000 people. It is approximately 600 feet

from the stage to the rear of the hall. Without a very efficient amplifying system it would be impossible to hear even the greatest of leather-lunged orators. However, with the amplifying system a whisper of the speaker can be heard from any place in the hall.

The convocation began on Friday morning and was concluded with a great mass meeting in Franklin Field Stadium with approximately 35,000 in attendance in spite of a steady rain. Approximately 1,000 new members were admitted to the church in that service.

What would John Wesley comment about this celebration of his 250th birthday if he had been there? Wesley was intensely interested in the social welfare of the people. The historian Leckey credited him with the avoidance of a bloody

revolution in England as was experienced by France because of his attitude and his campaigns to alleviate the suffering of the hungry and the homeless. Wesley was the champion of the oppressed and the poor wherever he found them. His followers are still the champions of these people and they fight for social justice just as fiercely as their founder did. Wesley spoke out against slavery and the unjust treatment of minorities. There was no segregation of races at this convocation, either in the hall or in the hotels or the eating places. The colored people represented fully 25 percent of those present. I believe Wesley would have approved of this situation. Wesley was above all interested in Evangelism. He had a burning zeal for the salvation of souls. He considered it the most important business and goal of the body called Methodists. That was the purpose for the existence of this body and all other church organizations. It was evident in this great convocation of his

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Belmont Park Congregation Growing in New Plant; National Youth Conference

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH

By B. C. Gibson
Chairman of Official Board

On Easter Sunday the congregation of Belmont Park church, Charlotte, moved into their new quarters. For a half century the church has stood on Pegram Street at 15th Street, about five blocks west of present new location on Hawthorne Lane Street. The growth of the congregation and the need for more modern facilities made it imperative to either rebuild on the old site or relocate. So it was decided to relocate where larger grounds might be had on the new extension of Hawthorne Lane Street, joining Tech high school. There 3 1-2 acres of land were purchased, providing off-street parking, a playground and other out-door facilities for church activities.

The new buildings are modern in every respect and are in keeping with the latest designs of architecture for beauty in worship and efficiency in Christian educational work. The sanctuary will seat 550 and the educational building will take care of an average of 800 in Sunday School, along with a large recreational hall and a very modern kitchen. Also a beautiful parsonage was built two years ago on the same grounds at a cost of \$20,000. These buildings and grounds represent an expenditure of nearly \$275,000.

Sixty persons have been added to the membership of the church since getting into the new church three months ago, making 82 so far this year. It is expected this number will be beyond 100 by conference in September. At this moment the membership stands at 955 with an average in Sunday School of about 540 since Easter. On last Sunday, July 19, the number present was 484.

The church is assured of a wonderful future by an unusually large number of young people and young adults. In one class of young adults there are 142 on roll. Another younger adult class has 58 enrolled. With these, and in the area of a tremendous building boom there seems no limit to the future prospects of the church.

The present pastor, Rev. E. M. Jones, is coming to the close of his ninth year as pastor of this church. He came to it in 1932 and spent five years. Four years ago he came back at the request of the congregation, to relocate and build the new church. This has been the best year in the history of the church. In recent years Belmont Park has lost a good many members to several new churches which have been built in this area but regardless of this it has had a steady growth in membership and interest which has off-set any loss it has had. Now with its new facilities it has the brightest future of all the years. From here out we think Belmont Park will continue to be one of the attractive appointments of the conference, and will take its place as one of the larger churches of Charlotte.

Not least, but perhaps the greatest reason for its success has been its line of good ministers. Among those of recent years are the names of P. L. Shore, J. P. Hipp, J. W. Fitzgerald, F. K. Kiker along with the present pastor, E. M. Jones. Across the years it has never had a poor pastor, nor one it did not hate to give up.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF METHODIST YOUTH TO MEET IN KANSAS CITY

The National Conference of Methodist Youth will hold its annual meeting August 21-29 in Kansas City, Mo.

Jameson Jones, president, said the 200 delegates and counselors will meet on the campus of National College, a Methodist school for Christian workers.

Delegates will include conference presidents of Methodist Youth Fellowships and state presidents of the Methodist Student Movement. They represent 1,500,000 youth members of the church, primarily of high school and college age, Jones said.

The national organization's two divisions—student and youth fellowship commissions—will meet separately until August 27 and then unite for a three-day business session. Dr. Harry Denman, executive secretary of the Methodist Gen-

eral Board of Evangelism, will be the daily platform speaker.

Principal business, Jones said, will be discussion and evaluation of the four year churchwide "youth emphasis" program now under way, planning of the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Student Movement to be held December 28-January 2 at Lawrence, Kans., and selection of dates and place for a nationwide youth convocation in 1955.

New officers will be elected to serve two-year terms. Jones, a native of Lexington, Ky., and a divinity student at Vanderbilt University, has been president since 1949. Other officers are James Lawson, Massillon, Ohio, vice-president, now a missionary to India; Miss Sara Jane Ledbetter, Heavener, Okla., secretary, and Kenneth S. Thompson, Jr., Willmette, Ill., treasurer.

Staff members of the Methodist General Board of Education who will serve as resource leaders include Rev. Harold W. Ewing, director of youth work; Dr. H. D. Bollinger, director of college and university religious life; Rev. George Harper and Roger Burgess, projects secretaries.

Following the meeting delegates will conduct a "Christian Witness Mission" in Kansas City. Working under adult supervision, the youth will participate in workshop studies, prayer clinics, and do evangelistic visiting throughout the area.

The mission will be supervised by Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter, president of National College, and Rev. Howard Ellis, Nashville, director of youth evangelism at the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.



Belmont Park Parsonage

THE IMPOSSIBLE

It is just as impossible for a man to possess God without love, as it is impossible that a man can exist without a soul.



Belmont Park Church, Charlotte

Building Program Under Way at Biltmore; Cox's Chapel and New Parsonage Dedicated

BILTMORE CHURCH STARTS ON LARGE BUILDING PROGRAM

The people called Methodists of Biltmore are not letting difficulties stand in the way of a new church. Problems have been abundant but Sunday always renewed their determination when they saw no adequate place for their children to meet and always found three Sunday School classes meeting in the sanctuary. Mr. A. C. Williams, former superintendent of the church school and lay leader, had for years tried to shuffle his classes around in order that adequate room might be found. Churches have been known to lose

service was over, \$27,600 had been pledged by those who had already sacrificed. Even with this generous response, there were additional financial arrangements to be made in the borrowing of funds covered by a mortgage. The lender, however, was not willing to accept a mortgage on the new church as the only collateral. It was then that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rea, who had already given \$20,000, offered a commercial building as additional collateral.

A. C. Williams has been charge lay leader, church school superintendent and pioneer in this building program. His son, J. Bruce Williams, is now church school superintendent, and another son, J. Alfred



As the new Biltmore Church will look

a whole generation of young people when facilities are not provided for an interesting and vital youth program. This is not, however, going to happen at Biltmore. Rev. Charles White, former pastor, and Rev. Lee Barnett, present pastor, found that they had to run to keep ahead of a congregation that was determined to see the job done. Mr. Barnett has had wide experience in church building programs and knows how to meet the problems which arise in any given situation.

Biltmore Methodist Church was established in 1896 and in 1932 an educational building was added. Now both are inadequate. This church of 411 members is growing and it is especially fortunate in the large number of young people under its care. On July 1 a new building was started on a more centrally located lot in Biltmore. The building is to cost \$190,000, and will contain 15,000 square feet. The sanctuary will seat 600, the Educational Building will have 20 classrooms, pastor's study, a large recreational room, kitchen, and all the features for a vital church program.

The financing of the new building is a story within itself. Approximately \$7,500 was raised during the pastorate of Rev. Charles White. When Rev. Lee Barnett was appointed to Biltmore in 1952 the need was so great that the program was accelerated. Some of the money had been raised by pledges over the past few years but when the time came to start actual construction an additional \$15,000 was needed even to make that start. Then it was that Mr. Barnett told his people that their pledges would not produce enough money in time to make that planned start. He also added that pledge cards were available for those who would make a second pledge. When the morning worship

Williams, Sr., is charge lay leader.

On the building committee are J. H. Rea, Chm., A. C. Williams, J. H. McMinn, F. A. Rickman, C. A. Daniel, C. T. Wilson, W. A. Bostic, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Mrs. D. K. Lipe, Mrs. W. O. Lund.



Cox's Chapel and Parsonage

DR. ROZZELLE DEDICATES NEW COX'S CHAPEL CHURCH

Cox's Chapel church, one of the churches that compose the Alleghany-Grayson charge of the Winston-Salem district, was dedicated on June 28. The dedication sermon was delivered by Dr. C. Excellence Rozzelle, preceding the dedication ceremonies. Assisting in the act of dedication was Rev. Avery A. Ferguson, pastor of the church.

The history of the church dates back to 1832. Little is known of the first church, built of logs, except that it stood west of the present church near the foot of the hill. The second church evidently was erected in 1871, and is thought to have been one of the first frame structures in this area. The third church building at Cox's Chapel was erected in 1905 or shortly thereafter.

Construction on the fourth church building was begun last year by twenty-two families in the community who contributed and raised \$12,718.64 cash and 3,627 hours of their labor to erect a modern brick building complete with a full size basement and two Sunday School wings.

In the afternoon of the same day, the parsonage of Alleghany-Grayson which was recently bought, remodeled, and furnished was also dedicated. Dr. Rozzelle was in charge of the dedication service.

Mr. Ferguson has been pastor of this charge for two years.

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TOWNER TO HEAD CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

Rev. Walter Towner, Nashville, will be in charge of the church school superintendents' conference at Lake Junaluska, August 14-16. He is director of the education board's Department of General Church School Work. He said that superintendents of 14 states will attend, as well as other church school officers who are chairmen of education commissions and assistant superintendents for membership cultivation.

Lexington First Church Awards Contract; Mrs. C. O. Newell Is Rural Minister of Year

LEXINGTON FIRST AWARDS BUILDING CONTRACT

Members of Lexington's First Methodist Church have recently voted to erect a large and beautiful sanctuary and education building in the heart of the downtown area. It will be situated on a very large lot which will provide a spacious lawn, outdoor playground areas, and ample parking space for the future.

After the congregation had voted to award a contract to the Charlotte firm of Fred N. Thompson, Inc., to build the \$517,-636 structure on a smaller lot, the church received an offer of two lots which, together, form what members of the congregation believe is the most desirable location in the city.

Fronting 203 feet on South Main Street, and extending that same width through the entire block, this property joins the parsonage lot on State Street, providing the church with 335 feet frontage on that street. Both these offers were unanimously accepted by the congregation.

The structure was designed by Harold E. Wagoner, of Philadelphia, who this year received the prize awarded to America's Best Church Architect. The education building will comfortably accommodate 700, and the sanctuary will seat 652. The fellowship hall is designed to serve as an extension to the sanctuary, and with its capacity of 350, space is provided for more than 1,000 persons to see and hear the choir and minister.

Every room in the entire structure will be air-conditioned. The design is Georgian Colonial. A large cross will adorn the top of the steeple and will be the highest point in downtown Lexington. The cross will, thus, be literally lifted up.

Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson is the pastor. Joe V. Moffit, Jr., is general chairman of the Building Committee, and A. S. Myers is co-chairman. Henry T. Link is chairman of the Finance Committee and of the pledge campaign. A. S. Johnson is chairman of the Advance Gifts committee, and the late J. Frank Spruill served as chairman of the committee which planned the education building.

Other committee chairmen are as follows: Robert Bruton, music committee; Mrs. Daisy Ford, kitchen, dining room and women's work committee; Howard Fite, recreation and fellowship committee; Mrs. George Coble, art and materials committee; Casper Timberlake, sanctuary and chapel committee; Joe K. Cecil, grounds and landscaping committee; E. Ray Coltrane, furniture and equipment committee; and D. Sim Siceloff, Jr., site committee.

It is estimated that the project, when completed, will cost approximately \$650,-

000. Toward that sum, the congregation has raised in cash and pledges \$450,000.

Leaders of the church expressed thanks to God that every major decision in the entire building project to date has been made by unanimous vote of the congregation. These decisions include the action 3½ years ago of setting up a building committee, the selection of the architect, the approval of the original sketches, the adoption of the final drawings, the letting of the contract, and, finally, the purchasing of the building site.

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METHODIST WOMAN NAMED RURAL MINISTER OF THE YEAR

A woman has been named Rural Minister of the Year in North Carolina by The Progressive Farmer magazine and the School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. She is Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell, pastor of the Crabtree circuit, Waynesville District, Rt. 1, Clyde.

The award is given annually to one minister in each of 13 Southern states in recognition of outstanding service to church and community.

It goes to Mrs. Newell "for strengthening rural churches, for building and remodeling buildings for rural congregations, for leadership in Haywood County's Community Development Program, for co-operative work with agricultural and civic organizations, and for demonstrating



Mrs. C. O. Newell

the place of women in the ministry of the church."

A native of Troy, N. C., Mrs. Newell attended Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, and is a graduate of the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

She was licensed to preach 23 years ago and was the first woman ordained as a minister in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Mrs. Newell supplied in her husband's charge for many years. However, a paralyzed vocal cord forced him to retire two years ago and, at that time, she replaced him as pastor of the Crabtree charge.

During her ministry, she has received many into membership. Two new church buildings have been erected and the other two church buildings have been remodeled. In two communities, she has held revivals with Baptist churches.

In 1951 she was selected by the women's business and professional clubs of Haywood County as "Woman of the Year."

In connection with the award, Mrs. Newell received a scholarship to the Town and Country School for Rural Ministers, a division of the Emory School of Theology. The award was presented July 29 at the closing of the school.

Past Ministers of the Year in North Carolina are: 1949, Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, Baptist Church, Apex; 1950, Rev. Garland R. Stafford, chairman, N. C. Rural Church Institute, Inc., Lewisville; 1951, Rev. Dumont Clarke, Religious Director, Farmers Federation, Asheville; and 1952, Rev. C. C. Crow, Oak Grove and Mt. Sinai Baptist churches, Shelby.



Lexington First's New Building as Visualized by the Architect

New Kinston Congregation Breaks Ground for Building; Holler Heads Jurisdiction Laymen

WESTMINSTER, NEW CHURCH AT KINSTON, BREAKS GROUND

Westminster Methodist Church of Kinston held a Ground-Breaking Service Sunday, July 19, initiating construction on the first unit of its church plant.

The unit, which has a combined contract price of approximately \$81,000, will consist of a chapel that will seat 150 persons, an educational unit that will include seven class rooms and the minister's study. The chapel will be furnished with pews, pulpit and lectern, organ, altar and

of Westminster church, Rev. James H. Miller, Jr.; Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church of Kinston; Bruce Petteway, Donn Dieter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wooten, and Anne Butler, representing the membership of the church.

The educational facilities of the unit are due to be completed in about six months, with the chapel ready for the first service in about nine months.

For the eighteen months since its organization, the congregation of Westminster Methodist Church has met in the

ship of 130. In December of 1952, the congregation purchased 1½ acres of land near the northwestern edge of the city, in the midst of four new residential areas. Plans were begun immediately for the unit which is now under construction.

The second unit of the proposed church plant is an educational-fellowship hall unit. The final unit includes the sanctuary, the permanent minister's study, and the choir room.

Westminster Methodist Church is made up almost entirely of young couples. It is typical of the many churches that are springing up on the edges of towns and cities today to take care of growth in population. The coming of DuPont's Decron Plant to Kinston and the operation of the Serv-Air Aviation Contract Flying School at Stallings Field increased the population of Kinston from approximately 18,000 in 1950 to approximately 25,000 in December of 1952.

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HOLLER PRESIDENT OF JURISDICTION BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

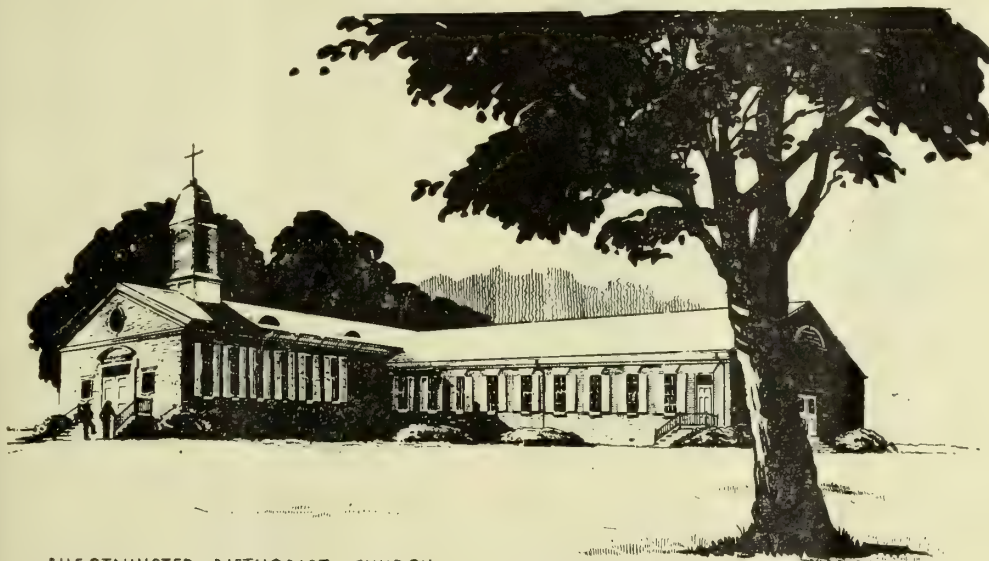
J. Carlisle Holler, Columbia, S. C., was elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Methodist Board of Lay Activities at the annual laymen's conference July 23-26 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Holler, South Carolina conference lay leader and program chairman of the Lake Junaluska meeting, succeeds Lee Davis, Nashville, Tenn., who also will retire in September after eight years as Tennessee conference lay leader.

Other new southeastern officers are J. P. Stafford, Cary, Miss., vice president, and Ralph Paul, Geneva, Ala., secretary-treasurer. They are lay leaders of the Mississippi and Alabama conferences, and in the jurisdictional posts succeed Donald W. Shriver, Norfolk, Va., and Earl Blazer, Maryville, Tenn., respectively.

The nation's youngest governor, the Hon. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee, was the principal speaker at the conference. He was introduced by Davis as "Tennessee's leading Methodist layman who speaks from more pulpits than I do."

In reply, the governor said "I have been speaking from pulpits since I was in high school and I don't intend to put the Lord on the shelf just because I am in politics."



WESTMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH
KINSTON, N.C.

JOHN J. ROWLAND, ARCHITECT
JAMES M. SIMPSON, ASSOCIATE

communion rail when complete. This unit is the first of three proposed units which will compose the total church plant. The entire plant will be of colonial architecture, designed by John J. Rowland, local architect.

The Ground-Breaking Service was attended by a crowd of about 150 persons. Participating in the service was the pastor

Jaycee Youth Center each Sunday. Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., the present pastor, was appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference on November 4, 1951, to establish the new church.

Charter Sunday for the church was held on March 23, 1952, at which time 46 charter members were received into the church. The church now has a member-



The above is a picture of the persons that were baptized and 45 who joined the Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton, May 24 at 11:00 o'clock following the Evangelistic Mission. Twenty-six had been received at Easter or earlier in the year, making a total of 71 additions to the church, the majority of them on profession of faith. The picture was taken by the pastor's son, John Kyles (15), who is on the staff and payroll of the Catawba Daily New-Enterprise and the Charlotte Observer.

Abernethy Memorial has had a grand year, according to the pastor, Rev. A. A. Kyles. The Woman's Society of Christian Service put a new electric refrigerator in the parsonage as a Christmas gift. The Horne family donated a beautiful outdoor, lighted bulletin board. The church installed a new Baldwin Electric Organ at a cost of \$3,700 and lacks only \$450 having it paid for and ready for dedication. Finances are in good condition. World Service for the year has been paid. The church sent the pastor to the great Philadelphia World Convocation on Evangelism. The Wesleyan Service Guild is planning to place a beautiful iron railing around the back porch.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

REV. RAY BRANTON is acting pastor and choir director for the Dallas church while the pastor, Rev. C. J. Huneycutt, is studying at Yale University.

BISHOP CHARLES C. SELECMAN, of Dallas, Texas, was guest preacher at First church, Charlotte, Sunday, August 2, in the absence of the pastor.

ANNUAL Homecoming Day will be held at the Bethel Methodist Church, Midland, N. C., on August 9. All former pastors, members, and friends are extended a very cordial welcome to be present.

DR. GILBERT T. ROWE will be guest preacher at Trinity church, Charlotte, on Sunday, August 9, for the annual homecoming. All former pastors and all friends are invited.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, has employed Rev. Walter Hudgins, student at Duke Divinity School, to assist Ray Moore for the remainder of the summer to work with the youth program.

MAJOR LEE R. SPENCER, a native of High Point, was awarded a diploma in graduation ceremonies held in the Chaplain School auditorium at New Rochelle, New York, July 30.

ROGER BABSON, SAYS: "If the tithing process were in operation it would give the churches of this country an income amounting to about 4 billion dollars a year. These figures seem very extraordinary, but on checking them no flaws can be found. The facts are the church people of the country are giving less than one per cent of their income to the church and missionary work."

THE MEN'S CHRISTIAN SERVICE Club of College Place church, Greensboro, held its regular supper meeting at the Mayfair Cafeteria Tuesday night, July 28. Lawrence Guill and Ira Shelly had charge of the program. Mr. Shelley introduced Rev. Don Marsh, pastor of Groometown church, who entertained the guests with group singing and stunts at the piano.

REV. B. REID WALL, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Home for the Aged of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, has been invited to address the annual scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society, Inc., in San Francisco, August 27. The subject of Mr. Wall's address will be "Policies of Admission and Finance in Homes for the Aged." The Charlotte Home is recognized as a leader in the field in its admission policies and in its financial policies.

LOWELL-SOUTH POINT charge is enjoying a very successful year. Forty-three new members have united with the churches. Most of them by baptism and vows. Pre-Easter services were held at Lowell and the Preaching-Mission revival at South Point. There was splendid cooperation in both churches. In the WSCS, each church has had four courses in missionary education. These were held jointly with the Guild. Three of the eight studies for each were for jurisdictional credit. Lighting fixtures have been installed in the Lowell church. South Point is working diligently toward the liquidation of the church debt. Rev. B. W. Lefler is the pastor.



MISS JEWEL ANN JONES, above, has accepted the position as Director of Christian Education at the Davis Street Methodist Church in Burlington. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Jones of Charlotte, and is a graduate of High Point College.

OUT OF MORE than 18,000 Protestant missionaries serving overseas during 1952, nearly half were in Africa or Latin America and the West Indies. The next largest number, totalling almost one-third, were in East Asia, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, says a report on mission work in 1952.

FIRST CHURCH, Salisbury, is planning for the formal opening of the new buildings the week of August 30. The first service will be in Fellowship Hall Sunday morning, August 30, at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by a week of celebration in which various groups and individuals will be honored.

REV. AND MRS. EDWARD F. SMITH are scheduled to sail for Rotterdam on the **Ryndam** on Thursday, August 13 and thence to Brussels, Belgium, for another year of study under the Bureau des Missions Protestantes du Congo Belge. In Brussels, their address will be: c/o Bureau des Missions Protestantes du Congo Belge, 5, rue du Champs-de-Mars, Brussels, Belgium.

HOMECOMING DAY, and cornerstone laying will be observed at Mount Mitchell church, Sunday, August 9. Rev. J. C. Cornette will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock hour; after the message he will hold the last Quarterly Conference; at 12:40 dinner will be served, and at 2:15 the laying of the cornerstone. At 3 o'clock Rev. S. W. Johnson from Gastonia (a former pastor) will bring the afternoon message. All former pastors are extended a warm welcome to be with us on this great day. Mount Mitchell was organized as a Methodist Episcopal Church April 12, 1869, by Rev. S. A. Roper, pastor in charge, and Rev. J. S. Michell, D. S., with 13 members, the present membership is 413. The new church building is a Colonial type and was built at the cost of \$76,000, and now has an indebtedness of only \$14,000. J. Max Brandon, Sr., is pastor.

HIGH POINT MYF subdistrict had a picnic supper and Galilean service at the City Lake Monday evening, July 27.

DR. CARL H. KING, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, will be guest preacher at Dilworth church, Charlotte, Sunday, August 9.

BIG SPRING church, Charlotte, has designated the week of August 9 as Youth Activities week. Youth in adjoining Methodist churches have been invited to participate.

MARTEN REINTJES of Holland was the guest speaker at the MYF meeting of Hay St. Church, Fayetteville, Sunday night, July 26. Marten is stationed at Fort Bragg and is a member of Hay St. church. He spoke on his native country.

W. A. MURPH and his Sunday school class of Midway church, Kannapolis, chartered a bus and took a trip to Manteo, Fort Raleigh, Nag's Head, and the seaside. The highlight of the 800-mile trip was seeing the Lost Colony.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, was host recently to the Youth fellowships of First church, Salisbury, and First church, Lexington, at a picnic and worship service at Memorial Park.

REV. JAMES MATHESON, senior at Duke Divinity School, will occupy the pulpit of First church, Henderson, during the absence of the pastor, Dr. Allen P. Brantley, who is spending the month of August at Lake Junaluska.

JERRY MYERS, the pianist of Midway church, Kannapolis, has received a scholarship of \$350 from Duke University and will enter Duke this fall. Jerry has been active in band, orchestra and other musical activities in the A. L. Brown High School.

LOVE'S CHAPEL church on the Stanfield charge observed their annual homecoming service on Sunday Aug. 2. A new religious education building had just been completed and was open to the public that Sunday. Rev. Clegg W. Avett, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant, was the preacher for the revival that continued throughout the week.

THE MEN OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Maxton, held their regular monthly meeting, July 30, in the church annex. Following the supper, C. E. Hasty introduced the guest speaker, Representative Roger Kiser of Scotland County. Mr. Kiser spoke on "Political Liberty" and made a strong plea for a rededication to the principles upon which our country was founded as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

MRS. C. E. ROZZELLE, whose husband is superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, entertained the Methodist ministers' wives of the district at a party Tuesday, July 28. Miss Betty Swofford, director of religious education at Ardmore Methodist church, assisted Mrs. Rozzelle with the entertainment. Each guest was presented with a little gift as farewell token from the hostess, who will be leaving the district in October, as her husband takes up his new duties at High Point College.

Mrs. E. B. White to Conduct Spiritual Life Retreat at School of Missions

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

A preview of plans for the seventh annual School of Missions and Christian Service to be held at Greensboro College August 31-Sept. 4, gives promise of an event of utmost significance to the woman's work of The Methodist Church.

The daily schedule will include four courses for credit, workshops, and clinics on various lines of work, and evening programs of vespers and platform addresses.

The cost of the school will be \$2.00 registration fee, plus \$11.00 for room and board. Registration fee for day students is \$2.00 full time, and 50 cents per day for part time. Registration for dormitory students will be held Monday, August 30, 1-4:30 p.m. Day students will register each morning, Monday through Friday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration blank and fee should be sent to Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Rd., Greensboro, not later than August 20.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Conference, district, and local secretaries of Spiritual Life, and others, will be led in a retreat by Mrs. E. B. White, of Jacksonville, Fla., immediately preceding the School of Missions and Christian Service at Greensboro College this month.

Mrs. White comes to the retreat exceedingly well qualified both in her own Christian experiences, and in her services in woman's work of our denomination. She has served as a member of the Board of Missions, and as president and promotion secretary of the Florida Conference WSCS. Because of her simple, direct manner of presenting her subjects, Mrs. White has achieved widespread popularity as a teacher and leader.

The Spiritual Life Retreat will begin with lunch at Greensboro College, Saturday, August 29, and will be concluded at the Sunday evening services. Registration for the Retreat will be \$1.00, room and board, \$5.00. The combined registration fee for the Retreat and the school will be \$3.00.

The School of Missions and the Spiritual Life Retreat are sponsored jointly by the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference WSCS.

WOMEN ATTEND SCHOOL

Nine conference officers, and a large number of district officers and other representatives of the N.C. Conference WSCS were in attendance at the Southeastern Jurisdictional School of Missions held at Lake Junaluska June 24-July 2, Mrs. M. M. Person, president of the Raleigh district WSCS, reports.

Dr. E. G. Homrighousen set the tempo for the platform addresses with his message on the topic, "World Missions and the Church Universal." Other platform speakers for the morning sessions and their topics included Miss Margaret Twinem, "Does Christ Need Me?" Miss Lucile Colony and Catherine Johnson, who gave information concerning the work of the WDCS as it relates to world missions in all fields. Dr. Walter Gum was the guest preacher for the eleven o'clock worship service on Sunday. Panel discussions on the themes, "Widening Fellowship and Unlimited Horizons," were presented at two morning sessions by Miss Arlene Merritt, Miss Mary Hope, Miss Thelma Heath, Mrs. A. Nanez, Dr. Clifford Earle, Dr. W. T. Shelton, Mrs. C. C. Long, Miss Mary Helen Clark, Dr. Glora Wynsor,

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Mrs. E. B. White

Miss Ethel Watkins, Dr. J. K. Matthews, and Mrs. C. A. Bender.

Two speakers held the spotlight for the evening addresses. They were Dr. C. S. Johnson, "Global Implications of The Teachings of Jesus" and "New Frontiers in Our Christian World Missions," and D. K. Matthews, "The World Wide Task of the Christian Church," "The Christian Church in India Today" and "Looking Ahead in World Missions."

Courses of instruction, workshops, and clinics were also a vital part of the program of the school.

The school was climaxed with a pledge service led by Mrs. B. R. Stout, treasurer, Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, with the presidents of the respective conferences participating.

Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, was hostess at an informal party at her summer home, honoring the women of the N. C. Conference.

WSG WEEKEND

The theme for the Jurisdictional Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, held at Lake Junaluska June 26-28, was emphasized in an address by Dr. Charles Johnson, President of Fiske University, when he spoke on "New Frontiers in Our Christian World Mission," according to Miss Elsie Parker, conference secretary of WSG.

Among other features of the program were an address by Miss Margaret Twinem, secretary of Missionary Personnel WDCS, a pledge service, a Holy Communion service, and an informal tea. The WSG of the 16 annual conferences of the Jurisdiction pledged \$206,260 for missions, \$11,750 of which was pledged by the N. C. Conference WSG. The sacrificial offering given at the communion service totaling \$135.16, has been directed to the nurses' home at the Seward General Hospital, Seward, Alaska.

Representing the N. C. Conference WSG, in addition to Miss Parker, were Miss Charlotte Hodges, Red Springs, Conference Chairman of CSR and LCA, Miss Corinna Sanders, Raleigh, secretary Raleigh District WSG, and Miss Elizabeth Gooding, Clinton, secretary Wilmington District WSG.

SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDIES

Representatives of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, and Alaska attended the third annual School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action held at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, June 29-July 3.

The school, sponsored by the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church, under the direction of Dr. C. R. Hooton, Executive Secretary, has for its chief purposes the training of an aggressive leadership which will carry out the challenging abstinence program planned by the General Conference of The Methodist Church, to approach the solution of the problem of alcohol with a clear understanding of the scientific and spiritual factors involved, and to inspire action in all areas of individual and social life where value in human personality and community welfare can be enlarged.

Mrs. James Floyd, secretary of CSR and LCA, Wilmington District WSCS, represented the N. C. Conference WSCS at the school.

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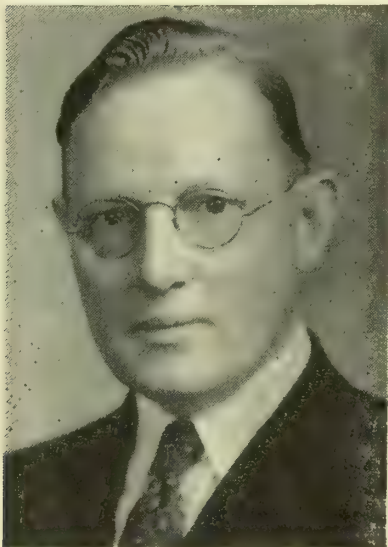
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Dr. Raymond Smith

Deans: Rev. and Mrs. Edd Spann, MSF directors at Duke University.

Inspirational Speaker: Dr. Henderson Davis, Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

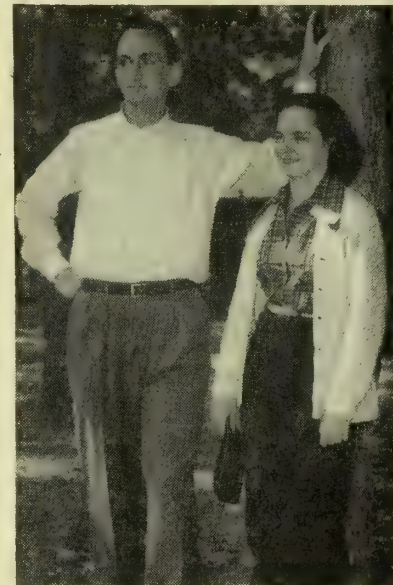
Forum Hour Leader: Dr. H. H. Hutson, president Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.

Forum Leader: Rabbi E. M. Rosenweig, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Leader: "Boy and Girl Relationship" Dr. Raymond Smith, professor, Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.

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Below: Canoeing on Gatling Creek, Camp Don-Lee

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Vacation Plans in Forefront at Children's Home; Many Congregations Pay in Full

UP FOR AIR

All of us in our big Methodist family have been mighty busy for the last couple weeks as the calls on us older people for looking after the interests of our younger people have become more insistent as the days have come and gone. Every detail having to do with our children's going away, and there will be over three hundred of them going away Saturday, August 1, must be carefully worked out in such a way as to guarantee that no mistakes are made. This scribe has just got out from under long enough to get up for some air, thus being enabled to check with our tried and true associates as to how well they have provided for the vacations of our children.

A YEARLY REST PERIOD

As a big majority of our children go away on a three weeks' vacation, a big majority of our staff members will also get away for the trips they will make to the various places that they have in mind to go for resting from their labors. Our hook-up here functions in such a way as to not permit our home mothers to get away on holidays but rather to stay with their families of children throughout the entire year except for weekly days off and now and then week-ends off. So the good women will have three weeks to go places and to enjoy the restfulness that the going and the places will provide.

FIFTEEN TO GO

Due to the fact that there is some polio scattered around over our territory, we have not encouraged some of our children's going into those areas where the hazard is more manifest. In other areas where the liability seems to be less, our youngsters will be permitted to go with reasonable assurance that they are free from attacks from infantile paralysis. Rev. P. H. Hager has arranged with families on his four-point Danbury charge for fifteen of our youngsters to be deployed about over the fine rolling country that prevails about Bethesda, Danbury, Davis Chapel and Palmyra. Some weeks ago a large delegation visited us from this charge and our friends became so much interested in our children as to ask for some of them on their vacation. So fifteen youngsters have been selected to go over into the promised land.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Some two weeks ago it was a joy to visit our corn fields and see the luxuriant greenness of promising stalks of corn. One hardly ever saw a finer lot of corn than in the hundred acres in our fields. A visit yesterday over the same area furnished a vastly different observation. The corn had dried up into puny efforts of trying to produce ears. Only in a few low places was there any evidence of luxuriant greenness. The drought has played havoc with our promising cornfields.

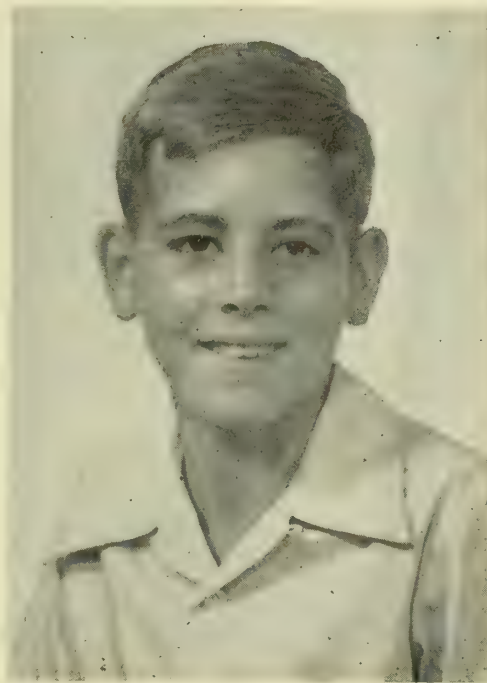
DOCTOR'S SUNDAY WORK

One of our fine Methodist ministers has just dropped by to tell us about a given doctor and his good wife who work together so successfully in providing healing for a wide area of good people. The minister said that the good doctor and his wife do not prefer to work on Sunday and have wished that they might have that day for worship and some needed rest. However, the busy people in the

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O. V. WOOSLEY, Editor



This Boy Bill Is Real

countryside thereabouts want to come to the doctor on Sunday, the day they can get away from the cultivation of their fields. The purpose of the minister's visit was to inform us that the money paid the good doctor and his wife for their Sunday work is set aside for giving to some worthy purpose. The minister thought that The Children's Home might receive a substantial contribution from "two of the best people who ever lived."

LAW OF GRAVITY

Thirteen-year-old John has just come by to make a report on his state of health. The last time this scribe saw John he was flat on his back in bed. Inquiry revealed that John's nose had been pushed aside in such a way that it would be looking towards the east when it should be looking towards the south. Inquiry further revealed that John had climbed a tree and put his security on a rotten limb which, when broken by his weight, proceeded to establish again the fact that all that goes up must come down. John seemed none the worse for wear since his nose had been put back in place.

SOME JOY BELL TAPS

Our good friend, Rev. John S. Oakley, pastor of five churches on the Denton circuit, writes: "You can give one tap for the Denton circuit when you are ringing the joy bell. I am sending you a small picture of our new parsonage. It is really nice."

Other good groups of people who have paid all their Children's Home askings and are entitled to have some taps for

them are herewith listed. Note the congregations and the pastors:

Fulton, Advance circuit, W. E. Fitzgerald; South Randolph circuit (four congregations), R. D. Ricks; First church, Salisbury, Brunson Wallace; Clinchfield, Nebo-Clinchfield, J. C. Gentry; Richland circuit (five congregations), N. C. Bush; First church, Liberty, J. B. Hurley; Salem, Davie circuit, H. D. Jessup; French Broad, Asheville, W. O. Goode; Cherry Street, Knersville, J. M. Barber; Bethel, Bethel-Shiloh, C. M. Maness, Jr.; Denton circuit (five congregations), John S. Oakley.

LARRY'S LONG LEGS

Some weeks ago it was reported that fifteen-year-old Larry had just about ruined all his clothes, new and old, with grease and dirt and some more grease and dirt, so badly that when the clothes were put in the washer at the laundry they not only didn't respond to the cleansing themselves, but added to the misfortune of other dirty clothes. When questioned, Larry said that he was so much interested in repairing the Farm-all as to forget about what sort of clothes he was wearing. The questioner did remember that for years long-legged Larry has shown a fondness for tractor driving. Well, today Larry was out on our campus with his big-wheeled tractor that had a mowing blade attached to one side, going about over the campus cutting off the grass and weeds that the lawn mower could not cut over. Observation revealed that Larry could dodge the trees and shrubbery in such a way as to get the grass and leave the shrubbery. To be sure, Larry has legs long enough to reach all the way to the ground but in this instance they stopped at the right place to keep the mower in good working order.

THE WATER BILL

We have just signed a check covering our water bill for the past month. The figures indicated that we used twice as much water as we normally do. This excess water bill was brought about because of the frequent changes of water in our swimming pool, the most popular place on our campus. Work on our new swimming pool has begun and when it is completed, we will have such new servicing equipment as to purify the water so that when the pool is filled in the beginning of the season it is expected to have the same water at the end of the season. The new swimming pool is going to be a wonderful satisfaction to all of us here.

THE BOY BILL

The picture herewith presented is that of eleven-year-old William Dobbins, better known to us all as Bill. William and his slightly older brother Benjamin are the sort of boys who tie on to a fellow's heartstrings right readily. They seem not to have any relatives to be interested in, so there's all the more reason for us to be attached to them. Last year Bill and Ben had a vacation visit that was provided by the welfare department of a given county. Evidently the polio scare has prevented the recurrence of this delightful experience. Ben will have a visit with one of his buddies as they go to the buddy's close-by home, but Bill will stay here with us to work some, eat some, sleep some, enjoy some watermelon, and go on a picnic to Hanging Rock. Those of our youngsters who do not get away on vacation have special consideration here as the three weeks of different doings prevail. Bill is sponsored by the Christenbury Class of Spruce Pine, Mrs. J. M. Welborn being the correspondent.

SHE'S A SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRL

This is a picture of Tilda Mae Rudder who lives on R.F.D. No. 3, Roxboro. Her papa and mama are Mr. and Mrs. Moses Rudder. Tilda is six years old and has not missed Sunday School for four years. She attends Brookland Methodist Church. Do you, too, like Sunday School?



THE BIRD THAT NEVER TOUCHES GROUND

The chimney swift, a species of the bird family, literally lives in the air. It is scattered over a large portion of the North American continent in summer but never, except by accident, sets foot on land. The bird even eats and mates on the wing. It is the chief among fliers, an aviator unexcelled.

Like a six-day bicycle rider who speeds around the wooden saucer, the swift is noted for its speed and tireless energy. During daylight hours throughout the summer, it has the habit of continual flight, sailing, circling on set wings, and then with a rapid beat of wings spurting off in a burst of speed, racing along like a cyclist during a sprint.

Probably the most unusual sight offered by a flock of swifts is often seen at night, when literally thousands gather and wheel in funnel-shaped clouds over a large chimney into which they descend to roost. Its roosting and nesting habits have given the bird its popular name, chimney swift.

The chimney swift cannot walk, but its feet and legs are strong enough to hold the bird to the wall of a chimney as it roosts at night, braced by its spinelike tail feathers. The bird's food consists almost wholly of insects and beetles; flies and ants are the principal items. It gets many beetles, the most serious enemies of forests, and takes also the old fashioned potato beetle, the tarnished plantbug, and many other injurious insects.

Swifts show no fear when caught. When held in the hands they will snuggle between the fingers confidently, and when held against the clothes they wiggle under the folds of the garment and contentedly go to sleep.—The Christian Sun.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 9

HOW CAN I FIND STRENGTH?

by Charles M. Laymon
Editor, Adult Church School Publications

Ephesians 6: 10-20; Romans 14: 19-21

The first Christians had a fighting spirit. They were not meek and mild. While at Thessalonica the Jews referred to them as persons who had turned the world upside down.

When the New Testament draws its picture of these followers of Christ it makes clear that they were not fighting primarily for survival but for the spread of the gospel. They spent their energies in a broadside against evil. A concern for service rather than safety is what made them "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might" (Ephesians 6: 10).

Today we are preoccupied with national survival. This lesson is the question of the hour: "How can we find strength?"

When the President's defense budget, already totaling \$34,000,000,000, called for a cut of nearly \$5,000,000,000 in air force spending, there was grave concern in the military. On the other hand, the announcement of Gordon Dean, outgoing chairman of the Atomic Energy commission, that the nation's first atomic submarine will be in the water sometime next summer was received heartily. This indicates the temper of the times.

In the face of all this, President Eisenhower's statement that any quest for "total military protection" would be futile and lead to regimentation of the United States is startling. The final answer is not in military armament but in free persons. It is spiritual and not material.

The author of Ephesians believed in these spiritual armaments and describes in his writing the armor of the Christian, which he calls the "armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-17). The soldier of Christ has his lions girded with truth, and wears high the breastplate of righteousness. His feet are shod with the gospel of peace, while in his hand he wields the shield of faith. And for a headpiece he uses the helmet of salvation.

The final article of standard equipment is the sword of the Spirit. Here is the atomic weapon of offense against evil, for this is the power of God no less. To receive this power one must pray. It is not handed out routinely over the counter of the ordnance department.

A strong nation must be a spiritual nation. Even though we be mighty in arms, it is righteousness that exalts.

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THOMASVILLE DISTRICT CHANGE

Rev. R. L. Young, Jr., has been appointed Associate Pastor of First Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C.

Rev. Harley Cecil will supply West End, Thomasville, until Annual Conference; Rev. John Sills, former pastor, having entered Emory University.

District Appointments

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

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Last Round

	August
Pasquotank, Hall's Creek, 11	16
Edenton, 8	16
Hatteras, Hatteras, 11	23
Kennakeet, Avon, 7:30	23
Columbia, Columbia, 11	30
Creswell, Woodley's Cpl., 3	30
Roper, Roper, 7:30	30
	September
Swan Quarter, Soule, 11	6
Mattamuskeet, Watson's Cpl., 7:30	6
First Church, (E. C.) 8	7
Stumpy Point, East Lake, 11	13
Manteo, 4	13
Wanchese, 7:30	13
Initial meeting of the College Foundation program, First Church (E. C.) 6:30	15
Windsor, Cashie, 11	20
Williamston, Holly Springs, 3	20
Plymouth, 8	20
Perquimans, New Hope, 11-1	26
North Gates, Parkers, 11:00	27
Gatesville, Gatesville, 3	27
South Mills, Sharon, 7:30	27
	October
Pasquotank, Union, 11-1	2
Washington, 7:30	4
Bath, Pantego, 3	4
Washington Ct., Wharton, 11	4
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk, 7:30	5
City Road, 7:30	7
Moyock-Memorial, Memorial, 11	11
Currituck, Sharon, 3	11
South Camden, Wesley, 7:30	11
Belhaven, 8	14
Ahoskie, 11	18
Murfreesboro, Harrellsville, 3	18
Aulander, Powellsville, 7:50	18
Chowan, Anderson, 11	25
Hertford, 8	25

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Last Round
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	August
Highlands, 11	9
Webster, John's Creek, 3	9
Lake Junaluska, 8	9
Haywood, Louisa, 7:30	10
Rockwood, Plains, 7:30	11
Crabtree, Mt. Zion, 7:30	12
Fincher's Chapel (Dedication), 11	16
Bethel, 7:30	16
Bryson City (Check-up Meeting), 10:30	20
Peachtree (Dedication), 11	23
Shooting Creek, Bethel, 4	23
Andrews, 7:30	23
Bryson City, 7:30	25
Franklin, 11	30
West Macon, Maiden's, 2	30
Macon, Union, 4	30
Franklin Circuit, Iotla, 7:30	30
	September
Morning Star, 7:30	1
Sylva, 7:30	2
Fines Creek, 7:30	3
Robbinsville, 11	6
Murphy, First, 3	6
Hayesville, Ogden, 7:30	6
Canton, Central, 7:30	8
Canton, First, 7:30	9
Cullowhee, 7:30	10
Waynesville, First, 7:30	16

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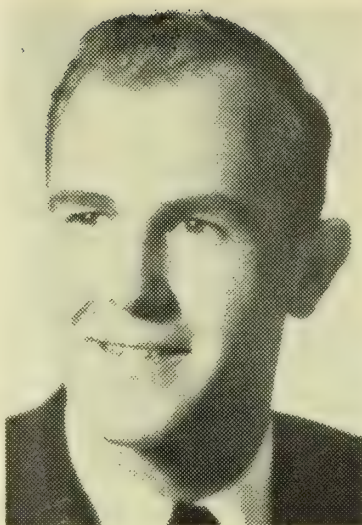
DO WE FEAR THE SHOCK OF PEACE?

Are we afraid of peace?
Will the armistice injure or end America's "period of unprecedented prosperity"?

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But we are not at all agreed as to what is going to happen when peace comes, when nations stop piling up armaments "for fear of" other nations. The traders in stocks and bonds—"always sensitive to world conditions"—have been rather jittery in recent days when peace negotiations seemed to be running smoothly. The prices "fell," and some stocks were "dumped." Peace would mean a cutback in the demands for certain materials and war gadgets; a cutback or cancellation of orders would cut or end profits: "get your money into something else."

Of course, there are those optimists (or are they more shrewd economists?) who declare that American economy and American industry are so strong they can "withstand the shock of peace." Even if all defense preparation were to end within, say a year, there are other industrial fields into which men and factories can be placed—some fields, like industrial use of atomic power and further development of colored TV, etc., just waiting for war-



Greensboro College announces the appointment of Carl N. Shull, above, as Assistant Professor of Music Education. Mr. Shull was born in Mount Clinton, Virginia. He received the degree of Bachelor of Music Education from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, and the degree of Master of Music from Northwestern University. An accomplished organist, Mr. Shull will teach the regular courses in Music Education plus a course in Conducting.

employed scientists, man-power, and money. During the re-tooling of factories, they say, the greatest corporations will still have undivided profits (and lowered taxes) to provide for employees.

No less an authority than industrialist Eugene G. Grace, of Bethlehem Steel—a corporation deeply engaged in the war effort and supply—says, "Only the timorous and uninformed could look on peace with apprehension." Industry, he and many others feel, is still in the pioneering stage of what it to be. Another recalls that some "experts" predicted that after World War II some 8,000,000 would be jobless in America. At least we seem assured of a few years of prosperity while we are "recovering from Korea."

All I would add here is my own personal conviction that if war is the price of prosperity (and I do not believe it necessary), then I am still for peace with whatever "downward economic adjustment" it entails. Any economic "system" that thrives on war will and should perish from the earth. I don't want my gadgets at the cost of your son's blood.

A GREENSBORO LAYMAN REPORTS ON PHILADELPHIA

(Continued from page six)

followers that once again they are going to take up the torch of Evangelism and hold it high. Once again Methodists are going to be in the vanguard of that mighty host of followers of Christ, marching as an army as it carries out His commandment, "Go ye into all the world."

If Charles Wesley could have looked down on this convocation on Saturday night, as a choir of more than 6,000 young voices sang several beautiful anthems, he would especially have approved. It would have made him happy to listen as 6,000 voices joined singing the songs that he composed. One of the most impressive of incidents occurred on the street car as the delegates returned to their hotels that night. Spontaneously, nearly everyone on the car began to sing, "A Charge to Keep I Have." As the strains of the song died out, a colored girl was overheard saying to her companion in the seat with her, "That's one of the songs that we sing at our church on Sunday."

John Wesley certainly would not approve of everything that has been done in the name of Methodism. I believe it must have grieved his heart if he knew that his body of followers became divided and re-divided over trivial matters, until they had multiplied into dozens of small denominations. He must have approved as three of the leading bodies re-united and as this great re-united Methodist church leads the way towards an ecumenical church.

The Methodist Church is the largest single Protestant denomination in America. This, however, does not prove anything in itself. Wesley once said, "I am not afraid that the time will ever come when those called Methodists will ever disappear, but I do fear and am sure that the time will come when they will be Methodist in name only unless they hold fast to the creed and the dogma that they now have."

There was evidence in this convocation that in all the essentials those called "Methodist" still hold that creed and that dogma and they are more than Methodist in name. They are real Methodists, and they are going forward to carry out the commands of their Lord and the desire of their founder, John Wesley.



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MRS. NATHANAEL M. JURNEY (See Story on page eight)

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THREE STEPS TO HARMONY

By Mrs. Hubert Cox

Did you know there are only three steps to the place where perfect harmony lies, but they are hard to climb? Only a very few people ever climb all three of these steps.

The first one of these is to think kindly of our neighbors. We all are well acquainted with our neighbors and know exactly what kind of people they are. We are forever measuring them by our own yardstick. Of course many of them can't measure up to our own standards. Naturally, we don't think kindly of them.

The second step is to speak kindly to them. God never put us here to sit in judgment on other people. He will do the judging when their lives are ended here. No matter what their race or color may be, we are put here to help and to speak friendly words to our close-by neighbors and all other people as well.

The third step is to act kindly toward our neighbors. Just think of the families living side by side who never speak and haven't for years. Just think of all those petty grievances and family squabbles that have been going on for years. Actions always speak louder than words and no matter what we may think in our hearts, it is our Heavenly duty to forgive and forget and act kindly and friendly towards our neighbors.

You can readily see why these three steps are so hard to climb. It is because we are busily engaged in thinking well of ourselves, speaking well of ourselves and acting in a manner which all think will do ourselves the most good. I think often of Burns' famous words . . .

"O! Wadsome power, the gifties gie us to see ourselves as either's see us."

RICH FIELDS OF LOVE

I'd rather own rich fields of love,
And have sweet peace within my soul,
And live in touch with God above,
And hear the bells of heaven toll,
Than own the diamond fields of earth,
Or all the pearls of all the seas;
For nothing is of greater worth
Than heav'nly riches as these.

O give me, Lord, rich fields of love
That I may live in heav'nly bliss,
And be as harmless as a dove,
Whatever else of earth I miss,
That men may labor here to own,
Including fame and great renown,
Or splendors of an earthly throne,
With gems and jewels of a crown!

Rich fields of love within my heart
Will bless my fellowmen I know
Far more than lit'rature and art,
Or other things I might bestow,
If I should have no love to give,
No grace to bring them unto God,
Nor nothing that would help them live
And go the way that saints have trod.

I do not ask, dear Lord, for fame,
Nor for the kingdoms of this world,
That I may bear a rich man's name,
Or sail 'neath splendor's flag unfurled;
But hear my humble prayer today
And fill my heart with love divine.
Yes, give me fields of love I pray
That make one's spirit great like Thine.
Taylorsville Walter E. Isenhour

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

LOOKING BEHIND AND AHEAD

We need to see what is behind us in order to safeguard us for the road ahead. Attached to your automobile is a mirror which enables the driver to see the road behind without taking his major gaze off the road ahead. As we know, it is quite as important to see what is coming behind us as to see what is in front of us; for on our crowded highways there is almost more danger of collision from the rear than from the front. And especially do we have to see behind when we make a left turn.

In our social thinking, we speak of turning to "the left" as meaning turning to the new, the radical, the revolutionary. And it cannot be denied that during the last few decades the general trend of political and economic life throughout the world has been toward the left. Hence it is doubly imperative that we look behind us in these leftward times lest some old fallacy carrying a 1953 license plate come dashing down the road and wreck us.

This is the danger that threatens us. The communistic philosophy of Russia and her satellites and the totalitarian programs of some other dictator-led governments are really old theories carrying new names. If there ever was a time that we needed to get back to the fundamental principles of our nation's founders, that time is now. Let us steep our minds in the spirit of integrity, industriousness, and courage which cleared the wilderness and built the communities of this western continent.

At this vacation season let us refresh our minds by reading some American history. If possible visit some of the historic spots such as Williamsburg, or the Hermitage at Nashville, or Old St. John's Church at Richmond where Patrick Henry spoke. Let us visit the museums of Chicago and Pittsburgh and the libraries of Pasadena and Newark and Boston in order that we may see the beginnings of our American way of life. The better we know the things that made America, the better we shall handle the things America makes.

Yet, there is always the danger that in looking back to the past we may lose our pioneering spirit toward the future. There are some people so enamoured of the "good old days" that they are intolerant of anything new.

We all have to watch this tendency as we get older, lest we grow too timid to tackle the things ahead of us. Yes, fear is one of our tendencies as age advances. Physically this is understandable because our bones become more brittle. But mentally and spiritually we need not become afraid as we approach age.

When does a person pass his prime? Physically, perhaps in the late forties; mentally, perhaps in the early sixties, although Immanuel Kant was seventy-four when he wrote his "Metaphysics of Ethics" and Goethe was past eighty when he finished "Faust." The calendar need not matter much. A person never passes his prime until he begins to believe the best of life is behind him. He is still progressing as long as he can say with Browning's Rabbi Ben Ezra: "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be, the last of life for which the first was made."

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

Ernest C. Durham

Deep is the hunger in our hearts for Thee, O God. Thou hast made it so, in creating man in Thy image. "Our souls are restless until they rest in Thee."

There is a spiritual gravitation ever pulling us upward. As the child feels the pull of the kite at the end of the string in the air above, so it is that we forever feel the pull of Thy power.

We find deep soul satisfaction when we yield to this gravitation from above. We ascend to the heights of faith and of fellowship with Thee in those moments when we allow ourselves to go as high as Thy drawing power can take us. We know it is God pulling from above. We have sweet communion with Thee. We hear Thy voice speaking to us.

Then we are strengthened for the work to which Thou art calling us. We must descend to the plains of service, but we carry God with us. We thank Thee,

A LIFT FOR LIVING

I like that statement of John Buchan (Lord Tweedsmuir), late Governor-General of Canada, in which he described how to keep the long view. He said that we speak of youth as climbing the hill of the years, and then when men pass middle age we speak of descending the hill. Tweedsmuir, however, reminds us that when we are going down the hill the long vistas are straight ahead of us.

And so it is when we get a godly confidence about the future. The view lengthens. Even death is not the end.

This has been the land of hope and dreams. When Pastor John Robinson preached his farewell sermon in Holland to the embarking Pilgrim Fathers, he told them that God hath more light to break forth from His Holy Word. And so He has. The great days are still ahead. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

through Christ. Amen.

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... A Guest Editorial ...

By DR. WILSON O. WELDON, Minister
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EXPECTANT "Someone has truly affirmed that what one expects goes a long way in determining what one becomes. This is not only apropos of individuals; it is true of churches. And this is the season in North Carolina Methodism when Ministers, Church Commissions and Committees will be judged by the degree of their expectations. During a vacation every wise Minister is planning for his sermons in the Fall and later; he is dreaming specific dreams of what his church or churches might accomplish. And the four Commissions in the local Methodist Church should be e-x-p-e-c-t-i-n-g special, specific and grand victories in the area of their work next year!.....

..... *SPEAKING* of making plans reminds us of that little book, *THE LOCAL CHURCH IN METHODISM* by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. What a helpful tool to every churchman who is hoping, praying and expecting that his Church will grow in its ability to represent Jesus Christ..... "You cannot be everything if you want to be anything" was the wise counsel of Dr. John E. McFadyen to young preachers as he urged them to develop the art of concentration, both in their preaching and in their broad pastoral duties. *EATING IN THE CHURCH* is sometimes scorned, and referred to as a cheap method of getting persons to various Church programs. If a meal is served as an end in itself under the auspices of the Church it may become both tawdry and ineffective. However, if it is undertaken as a genuine means of fellowship it can become a mighty instrument in the hands of Christ's Church. Do you know the essential etymology of that lovely word, "companionship"? It comes from "com"—with, and "panis"—bread, meaning the eating of bread together, the expression of happy friendship. And we shall be wise not to forget that companionship and fellowship are very significant in vital Christian living. For, I believe, that in the simplest terms religion is keeping company with God as we live in loving relationship with his children. Speaking recently at LAKE JUNALUSKA, the Rev. Olin Stockwell, the last Methodist missionary to be released from a communist prison in Red China, told of how he endured those long months of solitary confinement. "The New Testament, the Grace of God, and a sense of humor were my three main resources." Surely a trusting Christian, a faithful disciple can ponder those words and do some real heart-searching for his or her own life. The first two resources of Missionary Stockwell are frequently discussed, evaluated and appropriated, but I find that many would-be Christian disciples have not developed the third, a sense of humor. To be sure, humor can become cheap and sickening; but it can add savor to daily living! It can add zest and sparkle to conversations—and to sermons! One day an eminent psychiatrist was showing a party of friends through his institution, to one patient he said, "John, why do you continually insist on scratching yourself?" "Because," replied the patient, "I'm the only person in the whole world who knows where I'm itching." And that can remind us, in these days of book-burnings, investigations, etc. that the old Protestant emphasis upon the *INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE* is essentially right. After all is said and done, it is not what one's neighbor thinks, or the opinion of an employer or of a government official; what matters is how one feels and believes deep in his own conscience. You can *know* and I can *know* whether or not we are living for God and meeting His approval. *THERE ARE TWO SIDES*: One day a man was talking to his friend, "There are two sides to every question," he was saying. A bystander spoke up and said, "Yes, and there are two sides to a piece of flypaper, but it makes a difference to the fly which side he chooses." While there are two sides, one may be good and the other may be evil. It is everlastingly important to know the difference. And this suggests the two sides of Christian discipleship, the *negative* and the *positive*. "Tell me what you stand for. I also want to know what you will *not* stand for!" Life calls for both sides, but I often wonder whether or not we place too much emphasis upon the negative when the positive might be more fruitful of true character. Marguerite Wilkinson has penned these lines,

"I never cut my neighbor's throat;
My neighbor's gold I never stole;
I never spoiled his house and land;
But God have mercy on my soul.

For I am haunted night and day
By all the deeds I have not done;
O unattempted loveliness!
O costly valour never won!"

Those things which we always do at the dictates of our *faith* are the bountifully rich evidences of the kind of person we are! Methodists should not be *TOUCHY*. Dr. Howard Powell, Minister of Edenton Street Church in Raleigh, recently preached a sermon in which he cautioned against wearing one's feelings on one's elbow and being so easy to get one's feelings hurt. It was a fine sermon—but there is a sense in which Methodists should be *SENSITIVE*! We should be sensitive to the needs of others, to the poor, the persecuted, the unsaved. Bishop Gerald Kennedy writes of G. K. Chesterton, who could hate an idea but never an individual. He was very fond of children, though he had none of his own. His wife says she remembers only once having seen him punish a child. One day a small visitor spoke rudely to his maid as she came into the room, and Gilbert Chesterton insisted that she should apologize. She replied, "What does it matter? She is only a servant." Whereupon Chesterton arose in one of his rare moments of wrath and sent her out of the room. "What was it that upset him and made him angry?" Bishop Kennedy asks. "It was, I think, the clear Christian insight that if a child began to think of some people as worthy of respect and others as mere servants, she would destroy her *sensitivity* and lose her way. She had to learn that all men are worthy of our respect and love." This quotation above is from the new Mission Study Book, *HERITAGE AND DESTINY* by Bishop Kennedy. It appears to be an informative, and at the same time, a most interesting study. Let us hope that it will elicit a wide reading on the part of our Methodist people during the months ahead! We can well afford to be proud of our Methodist heritage. Only by being acquainted with our past can we rightly appraise the present and press forward towards making our contributions on a high and holy level! We Methodists can rejoice over what our Church is doing around the world. Let's make certain that we shall serve our Lord in our local Churches in a manner that will be pleasing unto Him. A noted scholar once wrote of a grand instructor, "I do not know what life, or lives, may lie before me. But I know this, that, to the end of the last of them, *I shall bear your mark upon me.*"

Let's bear the mark of Christ upon us, and thereby do our best!

At Work on the Church in Linz

By C. W. ROBBINS

One must necessarily begin the story of the Caravan Methodist Church in Linz, Austria, with Rev. and Mrs. Ernst Nausner—known to caravaners and friends as Papa and Mama Nausner. They are not only the moving spirit in the new church where caravaners spend more time than at any other place during the summer European mission, but they have a faith that is immediately contagious and a love that takes in everybody who will receive it. So we had no more than reached their small home more than a mile from the streetcar line on Monday evening, July 20, when we felt that we were a part of their large family that includes eight children, two adopted children, Papa Nausner's parents, his sister and anyone else who happens to need a place to stay or food to eat. Mama Nausner's firm handshake was soon replaced by motherly hugs for our boys and luscious kisses for the girls. That evening more than thirty persons gathered around the table for dinner. And nobody had a better time than Mama Nausner. Between loving pats on the back and enthusiastic words of welcome and love, she went about serving with the calm and grace of a queen. Through the entire period we were in Linz she served more than thirty persons sandwiches and drink, which she called a second breakfast, each morning at ten o'clock and a big lunch daily at 2:30 p.m. One evidence of her faith and devotion to Christ is revealed in her faithfulness to the church. In addition to preparing lunch and dinner for more than thirty persons on Sunday, she walked to and from church twice, a distance of well over a mile each way. What she failed to communicate to us through the barrier of language—as her English was not much better than our German—she made up in Christian deeds. One would have to search far and wide to find a more Christlike mother, a more devoted wife and a more sacrificial follower of Jesus.

A Chapter Out of the New Testament

Papa Nausner's life story reads like a chapter out of the New Testament. Born in Wilna, Lithuania, in 1901, his Methodist

training began in 1905, when his parents united with the Methodist church, which was organized in their home. Planning originally to be an architect, the call of Christ to missionary service in White Russia came to him, however, in 1928 and he did not hesitate to change his plans, to round up his growing family and set out for a new home. Interestingly, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who was in charge of missionary work in Europe, ordained him as deacon in 1936 and as elder in 1952.

Mr. Nausner remained at his missionary post near Brest-Litowsk until war broke out between Germany and Poland in 1939. He, along with all German-speaking Protestants, was arrested immediately and placed in a concentration camp which had been used as a prison for the worst kind of criminals before the war. Criminals and women—whom he described as hyenas—guarded the war prisoners. Then followed nine days of bitter, harrowing experiences. They called it a baptism of fire. A police line was formed daily and the prisoners, whose only crime was that they spoke the German language, were



We Begin Work on the Roof

forced to walk down the line while guards beat them over the head with guns and iron sticks. Many an innocent prisoner was beaten to death. Papa Nausner's father, who was then 70 years old, was beaten until his back was a hideous black mass. For nine terrifying days life was a cruel nightmare. The prisoners were given no water during the entire period. Those who broke under the ordeal were given one spoon of water as further punishment. They had two slices of bread daily and one tiny bowl of weak, unsavory soup. The group was forced to take physical exercise until some collapsed. Those who broke down were beaten, shot or kicked unmercifully. Hundreds were shot to death at night. Papa Nausner, who miraculously escaped some of the severest punishment, suffered for two years following his internment. Crippled from tuberculosis of the bone which he suffered during childhood, the cruel experience was almost too much for him. But he was kept alive, he insists, by his faith in God.

When the Germans reached Brest-



Caravaners Dig Ditch for Plumbing

Litowsk the prisoners were freed. Papa Nausner walked to Brest-Litowsk, a distance of about forty miles, and was met by friends with food. From there he went to Koenigsberg, Germany, and began the search for his family. Five months after his imprisonment he was united with his loved ones. In Koenigsberg he preached and served as a Russian interpreter which language he speaks fluently.

In 1945 he and his family came to Linz as refugees. But persecution and having to flee from evil forces were not a new experience for the Nausners. The families of both Mr. and Mrs. Nausner had been among the Protestants fleeing Roman Catholic persecution in Salzburg, Austria, during the eighteenth century. How ironical that after 200 years the great-great grandchildren of those who fled with nothing but their faith should return to their native land in like manner!

A Church Born in Faith

If ever a church was born in faith it is the Caravan Methodist Church of Linz. Named for Methodist youth caravan groups from our country, the church is more a monument to the heroic faith and



The Nausner family—with Dr. J. P. Bartak, second from left in rear.



Pastor Nausner and Bicycle—his only means of travel.

the untiring labors of Papa Nausner, his devoted family and a faithful little congregation. It had its beginning in the refugee camps at Linz.

One of the cruelest chapters of World War II was the treatment of millions of German-speaking people of Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Poland, Hungary and other eastern European countries. Some fled harsh, tyrannical governments. Many others were forced to flee their homes through the Potsdam Agreement. Overnight they were told to get out, to seek refuge in West Germany and Austria, that they could take nothing except what they could carry on their backs. What a pitiable spectacle it made! The highways were jammed with weary, plodding old

would help us," the refugee-pastor explained. Papa Nausner was able to secure for 38,000 schillings (about \$1,500) the back part of the lot. The home on the lot, which is fairly close to the factories that turned out Panzer tanks for the Germans in World War II, was destroyed by American bombs. We were told that six bombs fell on this one lot. The front part of the lot has just been purchased for 61,000 schillings (about \$2,500). Dr. Bartak has been able to secure funds for the purchase of the entire property and has helped the project in many ways.

Pastor Nausner hoped to purchase one of the army barracks for use as a church, but was unsuccessful in his efforts. This left the future of the church quite uncer-

12,000 schillings from the Austrian Methodist Conference. Papa Nausner purchased some barracks and bomb shelters from the iron works for a very small sum. Members of the congregations, working day and night, dismantled them and carried them to the lot. Unfortunately, Austria does not have many labor-saving machines and so much of the work is done with what to us are primitive, back-breaking tools. All adults and young people in the congregation gave up their holidays to work on the building. With the \$10,000 promised by our Board of Missions, it is hoped the building can be finished before winter.

The walls for the main building have been constructed this year. The task of the 1953 caravan is to complete the roof. A small crew of skilled workmen has been on the job for several months. We are providing mainly the unskilled labor. Our first task was to dig a ditch for the plumbing. Some of the girls have been cleaning brick. We are carrying brick and tile and mortar to the roof. We hope that by the time we finish our work here Friday, July 31, we shall have made some worthwhile contribution to the building of a church that from beginning to end is the product of blood, sweat, tears and an unquenchable faith on the part of a valiant pastor and a faithful people. Somehow we feel that we have been associated with the church of New Testament times and with Methodism in its early days. Every member of our caravan feels that we are treading on holy ground—that we are working with people who have gone through the fire and have come out strong and free.

Future Plans

Pastor Nausner will not stop when the present building is complete. He is now making plans for next year. He wants a caravan to help him build a home on the front part of the lot that will take care of fifteen refugee families. Life in the barracks is intolerable particularly for young people and newly married couples. Often two or three families live in one room. Mr. Nausner wants to make it possible for some of our Methodist families to move out into more normal surroundings at rental prices they can afford. Ordinary rent in Linz is around 400 schillings (\$16) a month. He wants to make two room apartments available for about one-fourth that amount. Moreover, he has plans for an enlarged youth program. Although with his 30 to 40 young people he is reported to have the best youth program in Austria Methodism, he has plans for a much more comprehensive program. He is also hoping to establish a kindergarten in the future.

But he must have support for this enlarged program. He needs not only a dozen caravaners from North Carolina each summer. He needs our sympathy, our prayers, our love. He needs as much financial support as we can give him. He is doing a wonderful work among some of God's most neglected and helpless people, people who face even a more distressing situation than those to whom John Wesley and the early Methodist preachers ministered. Many are good people. Some are responsive people. All are needy people. It may be that Methodism in Austria in serving the refugees is facing its grandest opportunity. It may be that this good man who has already achieved Austrian citizenship for himself and his family by continuing to identify himself with those who are bruised and homeless is reminding all the people called Methodists that we still have a responsibility toward those who are the innocent victims of war and tyranny and unspeakable cruelty.



The Caravan Methodist Sunday School. Dr. and Mrs. Bartak are shown in rear left.

people, children, youth and adults on foot going they knew not where. Their only sin was that they spoke German. Twelve million found their way into West Germany; 350,000 went to Austria. Today, after eight years, Linz has 26,000 in 46 camps. Whole families live in one room. They are the most tragic, the most hopeless and helpless people in Europe.

Papa Nausner, a refugee himself, began in 1947 to hold services in the refugee camps in and around Linz. No other denomination was working at that time. In fact, the Methodists, with two congregations, are doing more for the refugees than any other denomination. Evangelistic services were held in the barracks each week. Sunday services were held in the Nausner home. The Roman Catholics and the Lutherans in a number of ways opposed the work. But the people responded encouragingly. Attendance at both the services in the camps and in the Nausner home grew. Unfortunately, to make room for the services in their small house the Nausners had to move their furniture every week and much of it was damaged beyond use. The first members, a group of 40, were received in 1949. All were refugees. Opposing denominations were successful in closing the barracks for worship services. Then services were held altogether in the Nausner home, with as many as 70 in attendance. The church now has about 125 members.

Dr. Bartak Helps

The first person to appreciate his work among the refugees, Papa Nausner told me, was Dr. Joseph Paul Bartak, who in 1950 was working in Vienna. Dr. Bartak visited and made a survey of the situation and recommended that a building lot be secured. "Dr. Bartak believed the Lord

tain. It would be impossible for the little congregation of refugees who were receiving less than \$8.00 per person per month from the Austrian government to pay for the building. What could be done? Finally, Pastor Nausner hit upon an idea. The bricks and rocks among the bomb-shattered debris would be dug up, cleaned and prepared. Perhaps some day they might be used.

This is where the North Carolina Conference Youth Caravan entered the picture. In the summer of 1951 the caravan with Rev. F. D. Hedden as counselor came to Linz. The group dug up the bricks, cleaned them and stacked them for future use. Enough bricks were salvaged to complete the first unit and to take care of the main church building. Sufficient rocks were also dug up for the main building.

Work on Building Begins

Work on the building was begun in 1952. The first unit was opened July 27. The 1952 caravan, headed by Rev. M. C. Dunn, dug the basement and the dirt was used to fill in the lot that had been so badly torn up by bombs. Mr. Nausner estimated that work done by the caravans has saved thousands of dollars. For example, on the basement alone 40,000 schillings (\$1,600) were saved.

The first money for the new building came from the congregation itself. Out of their poverty they have shared with their church. Papa Nausner called the congregation together, explained that they needed around 12,000 schillings (\$600) to get started. Out of his modest salary he pledged 1,200 schillings (\$48) to be made in twelve monthly installments. Others gave and they were able to raise 13,000 schillings (\$500) this way. They borrowed

Youth Group Keeps Busy During Off Season; New Duke Professors Named; Korea's Needs

MYF GROUP DEFEATS SUMMER SLUMP

The young people of the Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville have been making an earnest effort to convert the usual "summer slump" into a "Summer Summons to Faith and Christian Action." A special part of this "Summer Summons" has been a series of Sunday evening Vesper services on the theme of "Our Faith"—Our Faith in God, in Christ, in the Church, in Prayer, and in the Bible. Another very important phase of this "Summer Summons" was carried out when 16 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Danville, Va., visited the Broad Street young people for a weekend of fun, fellowship, service and worship on July 25-26. The fun came in the form of a swimming party and sightseeing trips in and around Statesville. The fellowship—a wiener roast and fellowship singing enjoyed by the two groups which by this time had dissolved into one happy family of young people. The service to God—Sunday School, Morning Worship, and the MYF worship service on "Christ and Life." Service to mankind—a clothing drive, in which over 1,400 pounds of clothing were collected for Church World Service to distribute overseas; groups visiting shut-ins and holding brief devotional services for them; another group sharing with a group of young people of the Negro Methodist Church some ideas gained from camp experiences.

Two conferences, two churches, two youth groups drawn together—young people—ideas shared—all a result of the United Evangelistic Mission and an idea which materialized after a Mt. Vernon young person suggested to their visiting minister from the Broad Street church that the Danville young people visit the Statesville youth group. The Broad Street MYF plans to return the visit sometime in October.

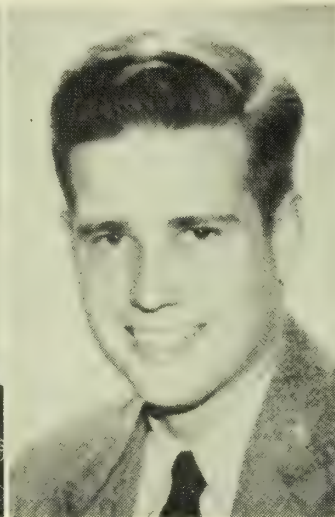
NEW DUKE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

Three permanent appointments to the faculty of the Divinity School of Duke University have been announced by Dean James Cannon.

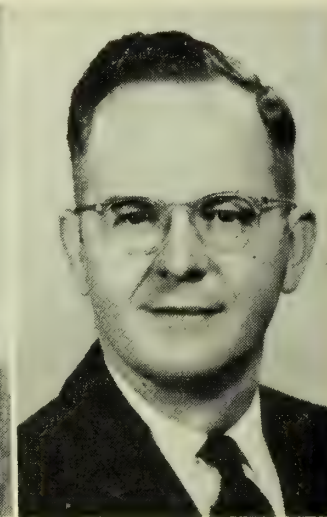
Dr. Creighton Lacy has begun work as Assistant Professor of Missions and Social Ethics. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Swarthmore College, receiving highest honors at graduation. He holds the B.D.



Creighton Lacy



Andrew D. Foster



McMurry S. Richey

and Ph. D. degrees from Yale University.

Dr. Lacy represents the third generation of a distinguished China missionary family and was born at Kuling, China. He is the son of the late Bishop Carleton Lacy of The Methodist Church, who recently died in China while in custody of the Communist government.

Andrew Durwood Foster is under appointment as Assistant Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religion, for

work to begin in September, 1954. During 1953-54, Mr. Foster will be studying in Europe as a Traveling Fellow of Duke University and as a Fulbright Scholar.

McMurry Smith Richey is under appointment as Assistant Professor of the Philosophy of Christian Education. He is to begin full-time service in September, 1954. For 1953-54, he holds a Divinity School Teaching Fellowship in the Psychology of Religion. Mr. Richey is a native of San Benito, Texas. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University and holds the B.D. degree from the Divinity School. He will complete the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Duke by June, 1954.

KOREAN TRUCE INCREASES NEED FOR USED CLOTHING OVERSEAS

Winter is coming and the need for used clothing, yard goods, knitting and sewing materials is greatly increased by the "Truce" in Korea. Millions will suffer untold hardships next winter unless we act now.

In the last six weeks 75,000 pounds of clothing have already been trucked to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland, for sorting, packing and overseas shipping. Tons and tons more are needed for winter distribution.

Those who read this are urged to make plans to help these needy people now. Do it by collecting used clothing through a Community Wide organization or a Committee in your church. Then truck it to one of the Continuing Clothing Centers in the state.

If you, your church or a Community Committee has clothing to give, write or telephone the Contact Person at the Reception Centers named below as to when it will be received:

Asheville, Mrs. John P. White, 211 County Club Road; Charlotte, Mrs. R. M. Wheeler, 2161 Norton Road; Durham, Mrs. Matthew West, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church; Fayetteville, Mr. J. O. Miller, 242 Hay Street; Greenville, Mrs. D. H. Conley, 2309 East Fifth Street; Winston-Salem, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Centenary Methodist Church.

For further information, materials and assistance in organizing a clothing collection write the N. C. CROP Clothing Project, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, North Carolina.



Left to Right: Dixie Lee Fisher, Shirley Redlack, Marybelle Horton, and Janice Tutterow pack clothing contributed during the MYF drive in Statesville.

A smile is worth a million dollars, but it doesn't cost a cent!—Apples of Gold.

Winston-Salem Couple With Group Touring Methodist Missions in Southwest

THEY SAW MISSIONS AT WORK

By Irene Long

A church-planned "vacation" for 32 young adults has produced 32 interpreters of Methodist Missions of the Southwest. The group—which included two married couples, several housewives and mothers, and single men and women—recently completed a 2,500 mile tour which took them from Memphis to Monterrey and back. They traveled by chartered bus.

Although the tourists had been active in churches in a dozen states, most of them realized for the first time the scope of mission work and its contribution to American culture.

"Anybody could be proud of what we saw the church doing," said one young man, citing the work of Wesley Community House in a crowded section of San Antonio where 42,000 persons were served last year. The center has a kindergarten, medical and social service program.

"I was glad to see so many happy and hopeful people," said another, "and not just the downtrodden."

There were other comments and observations as the tour continued through Waco to the border city of Laredo to Monterrey, through Kingsville to Corpus Christi.

"The Sunday school collections in every Spanish-speaking church were extremely high for the membership. The percentage of tithers must be higher than elsewhere."

"Many of them could be missionaries to us."

"I was like the woman who said we never see the results of missionary money. Now I'm looking forward to telling the people at home how well the money is spent."

"That dormitory ought to be renovated. Why can't something be done?"

"There just isn't enough money."

The young adults were guests at Mexican dinners in nearly every place they visited. Usually it was in the church. Once they ate at the restaurant of Moises

Carrasco, an active Methodist near Corpus Christi whose business opened three years ago with a dedication service.

The group concluded their visit with Spanish-speaking people at Mount Wesley in Kerrville, Texas, where they participated in the young adult assembly of Methodists from the Rio Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference. Here they met more leaders who are products of mission work in the area. Sessions were conducted in English.

The tour was sponsored by the Department of Missionary Education and the Division of Home Missions of The Methodist Church. Executives who accompanied the group were the Rev. Edwin F. Tewksbury and Miss Mary L. Titus. Arrangements were made locally by the Rev. Ezequiel Alvarez, minister of Kesley Memorial Methodist Church in Corpus Christi. Mr. Alvarez was a district superintendent in the Rio Grand Conference until recently.

Members of the tour are listed below:

Finley Eversole, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dale, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mildred Gibbs, Chicago, Ill.; Wm. Rizzo, Chicago, Ill.; Lon Winkle, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Gracie Farmer, Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Edna Hill, Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Kathleen Riley, Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Alberta Strickler, Charlestown, Ind.; Alice Krause, Indianapolis, Ind.; Myrtle Schneller, Bloomington, Ind.; Charles Almstead, Pittsfield, Mass.; Jo Ann Maunder, Pittsfield, Mass.; Barbara Weston, Pittsfield, Mass.; John R. Benson, Holland, Mich.; Frances Bigler, Buchanan, Mich.; Mary E. Smith, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Hilda Gallenkamp, St. Louis, Mo.; Laura Thee, Union City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Bynum, Jr., Winston-Salem, N. C.; Gloria Laubheimer, Nashville, Tenn.; Lilybel Lewis, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Eva Scott, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Bobbie Walker, Walland, Tenn.; Mrs. Jesse Curry, Dallas, Tex.; Bradley Sue LaFon, Dallas, Tex.; Helen Morgan, Dallas, Tex.; Esmond G. Shearer, Bedford, Va.; Mrs. Kathleen Bryan, Vienna, West Virginia; Marie Chilcote, Vienna, West Virginia.

IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED CHRISTIAN BROTHER

By P. R. Gilbert



When I began work on the Virginia Circuit I didn't realize there were yet living some of the old circuit riders. One of these was Brother Milson Wilson. Not only did he serve his home church, Hunter's Chapel, faithfully, but churches for several miles around. He was a local preacher for about forty years, riding his horse miles to preach the gospel to saints and sinners alike. Chestnut Grove Methodist Church, sitting in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, attests to the fact that he served here for thirty-five years on the first Sunday of each month. Never was there a man that gave so much and asked so little. It is no doubt but that he is responsible for many a soul in his church and community being brought to Jesus. He had the spirit of warmheartedness and determination of beloved John Wesley.

Thus, it was with humbleness and a feeling of inadequacy that I conducted the funeral of such a godly man on May 12, 1953, at Hunter's Chapel Methodist Church. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by two fine Christian daughters, the Misses Ethal and Fanny Wilson, of the home, one sister, Miss Lou Wilson, also of the home.

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YOU CAN GIVE A GOAT NOW

The Western Carolinas Dairy Goat Association has adopted as a project the collection of 100 goats—67 bucks and 33 does—as part of a 700 head shipment to Egypt, October 20, from the port of New Orleans. These goats will be used on a self help project in Egypt for up grading of the stock there. PUREBRED "Alpines," "Saanens" and "Toggenburgs" will be accepted for shipping. Other animals will be received with the understanding they must be sold and proceeds used on costs and purchase of purebred animals to be sent.

The Collection Center has been set up at "Luern's Goat Farm," Columbus, N. C. It is operated by Mrs. Ernest P. Hall, Jr., Box 226, Phone 2172. If you have live animals to give contact Mrs. Hall and arrange to deliver the goats to the Center. Donors should make delivery to the Collection Center by truck or express.

Seventy-five dollars is the usual cost of purchase, testing and shipping of a single goat. Cash will be accepted as well as live goats in any amounts. Share now in this self-help project.



This is the group of Methodist young people who saw missions at work.

North Carolina Conference MYF Opens Duke Meeting Aug. 16; Another New Church

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE OPEN 5-DAY CONFERENCE NEXT SUNDAY

Duke University will play host to some 500 young people from high schools and colleges throughout eastern North Carolina when the second Annual Conference Session of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship opens there on Sunday, Aug. 16.

Devoted to the theme "These Are Our Needs—To Believe, To Become, To Belong, and To Be Bound," the session will include discussion groups and committee meetings, business sessions, recreational fellowship periods, musical and dramatic presentations, a missions program, and various special worship services.

Business of the five-day meeting will be to plan the over-all program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the North Carolina Conference and to elect and install officers.

Highlight will be the eighth Annual Conference Rally on the session's final day, when more than 1000 young people and adult leaders in youth work join the delegates already at Duke for a picnic lunch, a speech by Rev. Dan C. Whitsett of Sylacauga, Ala., worship service, and the installation of officers.

In addition to delivering the principal speech at the rally, Mr. Whitsett will be

the inspirational speaker for a daily platform hour, discussing aspects of "These Are Our Needs."

Bill Baum of Elizabeth City, now completing a term as vice-president of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, will be presiding youth officer, in the absence of Nancy Lee Smith of Washington, president.

Other conference session leaders will be Rev. Troy Barrett, Raleigh, activities director of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, who will serve as dean of men, Mrs. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, who will be dean of women, and Rev. Curtis Gatlin of Durham, North Carolina Conference director of youth work.

The Conference Youth Council and the Durham area are serving with Duke as hosts for the meeting. Council members, in addition to Baum, are Joyce Boyd, New Bern, Pfeiffer Junior College student, secretary; John Wesley Mitchell, La Grange, Duke sophomore, treasurer; and Belton Joyner, Siler City high school student, publicity director.

Horace Mansfield, subdistrict president, Duke Memorial church, is assisting Rev. Gatlin in making local arrangements.

With the exception of the worship services in Duke Chapel and swimming and outdoor recreational events, all activities will take place in Page Auditorium.

Grand Old Lady Of Methodism

Our cover girl this week is Mrs. Nathaniel M. Jurney, of Mount Olive.

The original of this picture was copied recently in enlarged form, tinted, beautifully framed, and hung in the assembly room of the subject's name-sake organization, the Belle Jurney Class of the Mount Olive Methodist Church School.

Mrs. Jurney was born at Beaufort, N. C., December 25, 1862, the daughter of Captain John Sabiston and Hannah Murray Sabiston. Her parents were devout Methodists, and loving and serving The Methodist Church seemed to come to little Hannah Belle as naturally as breathing. When she had grown up and the conference sent the handsome, brilliant, and, yet, dashing, young Rev. "Nat" Jurney to serve a charge in the vicinity of Beaufort, falling in love with him came just as naturally. The matter was entirely mutual. They were married and Bell Sabiston Jurney became a circuit rider's wife—a role in which she was completely happy.

Their first appointment was to the Kinston charge. Among their subsequent appointments were Durham, Ashpole—which is now Fairmont—and Mount Olive. At the end of their four years in Mount Olive, Mr. Jurney was commissioned by the conference to travel in the interest of Craven Memorial Hall which was then being built at Trinity College, Durham, now Duke University. After finishing this work, he retired from the active ministry and located in Mount Olive, where his family had continued to live. He died in 1904, leaving his wife, two sons, Braxton Craven and N. M. Jr., and a daughter, Eva English, now Mrs. J. W. Wilkins. Young Nat died about thirty years ago.

In Mount Olive, Mrs. Jurney has two distinct designations: To the church folks she is The Grand Old Lady of Methodism; to everybody she is "Mama Bell." Loving everybody and loved by everybody, she is counselor, friend, confidante, and sympathizer to hundreds of men and women and younger people, many of whom keep in touch with her through correspondence. When she is able to write—and this is most of the time—there is seldom a day during which she does not write a friendly letter, a note of congratulation or card of sympathy to someone or mail a copy of the North Carolina Christian Advocate or The Upper Room to a friend who would not receive it otherwise. She is a constant source of inspiration and help to her pastor and his family and to the leaders in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of which she is a life member.

Thanks to the wonderful constitution Mrs. Jurney inherited from her sea-going ancestors, she is still active at ninety-one and in spite of having sustained a broken hip a year ago. She attributes her recovery from that injury to the goodness of God, and at the same time allowing that the skillful treatment and devoted care of "Ken," her grandson, known professionally as Dr. Kenneth Wilkins, had a lot to do with it. As this piece is being written she is in Atlanta, Georgia, visiting the family of her deceased son. From there she will go by plane to Biloxi, Miss., to visit Ken, who is serving in the army medical corps down there, and his wife.

Her family and friends in Mount Olive are hoping that she will return in time to share with them the celebration of her ninety-second birthday, which so fittingly falls on Christmas Day.

The New and the Old—Oak Grove on Landis Charge



The formal opening of a new \$60,000 church building at Oak Grove on the Landis charge will be held Sunday, August 16, at which time will also occur the laying of the cornerstone.

This church has a long history, the deed for the property bearing date of 1867—two acres bought for \$10. For a number of years Sunday school was held only eight months during the year, and collections ran from two to twelve cents a Sunday. The first church was framed with hewn timbers. The following interesting data were copied from an old record:

"The schedule prices of lumber by which the subscribers of the church which is to be built near David Earnheart's is to be governed. All lumber to come under the head of inch-plank, sills, plates, sleepers, corner-posts \$1.00. Shingles \$2.50 per 1000. Work done on the building by farmers or those inexperienced in the carpen-

ter trade \$.50 per day. Work done by regular carpenters \$1.25 per day. Sawyers for lumber per hundred \$.50. The lumber must be furnished at the place of erection at the specified prices.

"Committee: Jacob Bostian.

"Nov. 19th, 1867.

"House to be 35 by 50."

Work on the new building was begun in May 1951, and the education building and the basement were completed by December of that year. The congregation has been worshipping in the basement since that time. The building is now completed and furnished with new furniture and pews. It is estimated that the building would have cost \$60,000 had it been done under contract.

Former pastors and friends of the church are extended an invitation to attend this event.

.. News in Brief .. Personalities ..

AMONG WOMEN of the Western North Carolina Conference who have made headlines recently is Mrs. Ralph Sherrill of Statesville, whose picture appeared on the front page of the July-August number of the Methodist Woman.

THE NOVEMBER issue of the Methodist Woman will feature an article on and pictures of the foreign groups in Charlotte, the teaching of English for whom is being sponsored by the women of Myers Park Methodist Church.

SALEM CHURCH, Mount Airy, celebrated homecoming Day Sunday, August 2. Chaplain Floyd L. Heckard, was the guest preacher. This was homecoming to Mr. Heckard, as his father was the pastor of the church 10 years ago.

McKENDREE CHAPEL on the McKendree charge has just closed a very successful revival, with seven professions of faith and quite a few church members reclaimed. One of the members of the church said that it was the best revival in many years.

KNOX CHAPEL church on the Elmwood charge observed annual homecoming on August 9. Rev. R. G. Wagoner, a former pastor, preached. That evening the revival began with Rev. C. W. Russell of Highlands church in Hickory as guest minister.

THE ANNUAL REVIVAL of the Hall's Creek church began August 10 with homecoming. Rev. Allen Wentz is the guest preacher. On August 17 Dr. F. S. Love, district superintendent will preach in the morning and dedicate four new Sunday school rooms and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. D. J. Reid will preach.

REV. BILL JEFFRIES AND REV. BEN STAMEY are at Mayodan Methodist Church this week conducting a Youth Activities program. Both are students of the Duke Divinity School and are sponsored by the Town and Country Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference.

REV. B. A. YORK, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, celebrated his 95th birthday August 10 by preaching a sermon over the radio at 12:05 noon on that day. On Saturday, his daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters honored him with a birthday dinner at his summer home, 715 Florida Avenue, Hendersonville.

MRS. JOHN JORDAN announces that the annual picnic of the ministers' families of the Salisbury District will be held August 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Bethel Methodist Church. Rev. J. R. Duncan is the pastor. Going from Albemarle to Charlotte, on highway 27, pass Bethel School and take the first hard surface road to the left. The church is about a quarter of a mile off highway 27.

ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH on the McKendree charge, located five miles south of Troutman, will observe Homecoming Sunday, August 16. Rev. John K. Miller, former pastor, will be the guest preacher. Dinner will be served on the grounds, after which afternoon services will be held. All former pastors and friends of the congregation are invited. Rev. F. R. Davis is the pastor.



MISS GERTRUDE HAYES WALTON, above, has been appointed part time instructor in Speech at Greensboro College. Miss Walton was born in Salisbury. She received her higher education at Catawba College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving her A.B. in 1946 with a major in English. Since that time she has served with the United States Foreign Service in London, Munich and Stuttgart as a cryptographer, The Atlas Construction Company in Casablanca as co-editor of a newspaper there, and a script writer for the CBS Television Network. She comes to Greensboro College from the staff of the Public Relations Division of the Burlington Mills Corporation.

DOUGLAS R. BEARD, Jr. of Commonwealth church, Charlotte, was the guest speaker at Boonville Sunday, August 2.

THE METHODIST CHURCHES of Henderson County will sponsor a three teacher training school with courses taught by Dr. G. T. Rowe, Mrs. E. H. Saville and Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, at First church, September 13-17. Ministers of the participating churches are: J. W. Fitzgerald, District Superintendent; F. W. Paschall, T. H. Wood, R. L. Phillips, R. W. Richardson, Julian Holmes, R. W. Walters, Dewey Morrison, Earl Hansell, H. A. Pruyne, Sam B. Moss and L. C. Stevens.

TO MRS. J. C. BURWELL

Christ came to us through her smile,
He revealed his loving heart.
He spoke through her and made this day
One of joy—"Our Day Apart."

She brought Him before us in humility
In quietness and spiritual depth.
Christ stood before us, and unashamed
We with joyous hearts in silence wept.

She traveled on in her journey for Christ
She may not return again to this place.
But she planted seeds for Him
That time and winds will not displace.
Mrs. Wilford Wise
Manteo, N. C.

Editor's Note: The above tribute was inspired by a "Day Apart" service conducted at Manteo for the W.S.C.S of Dare County.

AMONG THOSE sailing late this summer for three years service as missionaries in Latin America are Betty Jean Lewis of Winston-Salem and Joy Little of Denver, N. C.

DR. AND MRS. E. H. NEASE have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Mabel Ruth, to Neal D. Miller, Ensign, USN, the ceremony to be held September 12 at Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church Charlotte.

FIRST CHURCH, HAMLET, began using their new organ Sunday morning August 2. The organ cost \$6,600 and necessary repairs and installation amounted to about \$10,000. This fine congregation is trying to raise the \$10,000 now and pay cash for the installation.

ST. LUKE CHURCH, Goldsboro, will hold its groundbreaking service on Sunday afternoon, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. on the church lot on the corner of Pine and Madison Streets in eastern Goldsboro. St. Luke was organized in November 1950, and it has made rapid strides since that time. The church school membership is 339 and the church membership is 258. The church has been meeting in the Edgewood school since its organization and one of the happiest moments in the life of the church will be the beginning of construction on the church. John Boss, Jr., is chairman of the building plans committee, and C. D. Darden heads the finance group. W. D. Caviness is the pastor.

DR. OTTO J. BAAB has been named acting president of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., for the remainder of the calendar year. He began his duties Aug. 1 upon the retirement of Dr. Horace G. Smith, who had been president since 1932. In announcing Dr. Baab's appointment, Herbert M. Johnson, president of the school's board of trustees, said that the joint committee on nominations had asked for more time to select a successor to Dr. Smith. The committee includes trustees, faculty, and alumni. A member of the Garrett faculty since 1934, Dr. Baab is professor of Old Testament interpretation and director of the summer school. He is the author of "Jesus Christ Our Lord" (1937) and "The Theology of the Old Testament" (1949) and is a contributor to "The Study of the Bible Today and Tomorrow" (1947). He has also written numerous articles for religious journals and reference volumes.

THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL will be held in September 1956 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. This decision, made by the executive committee of the World Methodist Council meeting in Birmingham, England, late in July, is announced by Dr. Elmer T. Clark of Lake Junaluska, one of the two joint secretaries of the Council. An invitation before the Council to meet in India because of the centennial of Methodist missions that year was reluctantly declined. Excessive travel cost was the reason. Meetings of the World Executive committee between now and the 1956 larger gathering were scheduled for Evanston, Illinois, in 1954, and either Belfast, Ireland, or Frankfurt, Germany, in 1955. World Methodist Council headquarters in America was formally established at Lake Junaluska. Assurances were given by Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., that a headquarters building and archives center will soon be erected at Lake Junaluska.

Vacation Schools; Camping, Church School Day Feature Year in Christian Education

A SIGNIFICANT YEAR

Reports will be going to our statistical secretaries in a few days. When compiled for the entire conference, these figures will tell an interesting story. The number received on profession of faith, membership in the children's division, enrollment in youth groups, the amount for world service, and on through the list. A casual study of the journal will show trends that indicate success or failure. Indications now are that progress will be registered in many phases of the work. The number of people received on profession of faith will probably exceed that of recent years. Such an achievement is always a challenge to the forces of Christian education. New members as well as old should be integrated in a good program of worship, study and fellowship. Church school planning sessions in September are significant for the entire year. It is a good time to consolidate gains made during the year.

Vacation Church Schools

Many vacation schools have been held. Reports indicate better planning and longer schools. Check again to see if the report has been mailed to Mrs. W. R. Reed, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C. Those received from the **Waynesville district** to date are as follows: Andrews, Sylva, Union (Macon), Murphy, Clyde, Central Canton, Bryson City, Franklin, Piney Grove (Haywood), Asbury (Macon), Hickory Knoll (Macon), First Canton, Carson Chapel Franklin Ct.), Plains (Rockwood), Rockwood, and Robbinsville.

Vacation Schools from the other districts are: **Charlotte:** Davidson, Central Monroe, North Monroe, Gillespie, Hawthorne Lane, Moore's Chapel, Harrison, Matthews, St. James, Spencer Memorial, Fairview, Belmont Park, Calvary, Wingate, Trinity, Wesley Chapel (Camp Ground), Bond's Grove (Camp Ground), Union (Camp Ground), Pleasant Grove, First Charlotte, Memorial, Wadesboro and Waxhaw. **Gastonia:** First Belmont, Lafayette Street, Mary's Grove (Concord), Park Street, Concord (Concord-Mary's Grove), River Bend, Maylo, First, Lincoln, Faith, Myrtle, Mount Holly, Sharon, Cherryville, McAdenville, Asbury, Friendship (Fallston), Lawndale, Boger City, Lander's Chapel (Crouse), Double Shoals (Fallston), Bethea, Central Kings Mountain, Bradley Memorial, Odell Memorial, Bethany-Rehobeth (Terrell), Mount Pleasant (Terrell). **Greensboro:** Ruffin, Calvary, Main Street Reidsville, Muir's Chapel, Glenwood, Carraway Memorial, Oak View, Wesley Memorial, Lindsey Memorial, Lebanon, Ward Street, Bethel, West Market Street, Oakdale, Calvary Greensboro, Tabernacle, Pelham, Hickory Grove, Bessemer, Mt. Pleasant, Mayodan, Proximity, Grace, Pleasant Garden, Gethsemane, Mount Pisgah, Draper, and First High Point, West End Greensboro.

Marion: Spruce Pine, East Marion, Old Fort, Valdese, West Marion, Cross Mill, Providence (Broad River), Zion Memorial, Forest City, Glen Alpine, Boone, Gilkey, Friendship (Friendship-Shady Grove), Tanner's Grove (Broad River), North Morganton, Providence (Marion Ct.), Avondale, Shady Grove, Rutherfordton, Roundabout, Cliffside, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Abernethy Memorial.

Salisbury: Friendship (Mt. Pleasant), Mt. Pleasant, Cold Springs, Love's Chapel,

Love's Grove, Shiloh (Bethpage-Shiloh), Central Spencer, Oakboro, Parkway, Landis, Oak Grove (Landis), Unity (Landis), First Street Albemarle, Main Street Albemarle, Roberta, Forest Hill, First China Grove, Rocky Ridge, Midway, Mt. Olivet, Kerr Street, Memorial, Long Street, Hiatt's, Coburn Memorial, North Kannapolis, Park Avenue, Main Street Salisbury, Oak Grove (Friendship), Mount Mitchell, Richfield (Pfeiffer), Zion (Pfeiffer), Wesley Chapel (Pfeiffer), Rowan, Shiloh (Granite Quarry), Porter, Stony Hill (Albemarle Ct.), Bethpage, Pine Bluff (Midland), Mill Grove (Midland), Trinity Kannapolis.

Statesville: Hiddenite, Troutman, New Salem (Cool Springs), West Jefferson, Providence (Cool Springs), Wilkesboro, Triplett, Providence (Cool Springs), Race Street, Highland, First Lenoir, Orion (Jefferson), Jefferson, Rose Chapel, Broad Street Statesville, First Hickory, Boulevard, Union (Wilkesboro), Shiloh (Claremont), Bethlehem (Claremont), First North Wilkesboro, Mountain View (Zion-Union Grove), Cool Springs, Rhodhiss, Monticello, First Newton, Zion (Jefferson), Bethany (Jefferson).

Asheville: Edneyville, Hendersonville, Fletcher, Black Mountain, Oak Grove (Ecusta), English Chapel (Ecusta) Central Asheville, Balfour, Trinity, Higgins Memorial, Sardis, and Acton.

Thomasville: Macedonia (Linwood), Concord (Liberty-Concord), Advance, Bailey's, Futon, Elboville, Mocks (Advance), Memorial Thomasville, New Mt. Vernon, Shady Grove (New Mt. Vernon), Midway, Linwood, Seagrove, Bethel, Shiloh, Chapel Hill, Central, Denton, First Thomasville, Bethany (Linwood), Cotton Grove (Linwood), Center (Welcome), Canaan North Davidson, Farmer, Salem (Farmer), Oak Grove (Farmer), New Hope (Farmer), First Asheville, Trinity Lexington, Level Cross (Randleman Ct.), New Salem (Randleman Ct.), Worthwhile (Randleman Ct.), Canaan (Denton), Siloam (Denton), First Denton, Newsom (Denton), Jackson Hill (Denton), First Lexington, Mt. Lebanon (Old Union), Old Union, Hopewell (Trinity), Browers Chapel (Richland).

Winston-Salem: Hiatt's (Union Ridge), Marvin, Sedge Garden, Trinity, Union Ridge, Ardmore, Pilot Mountain, Pisgah (Walkertown), Hanes, Main Street Kernersville, Central Terrace, New Hope, Siloam (Level Cross), Green Street, Maple Springs, and Morris Chapel.

Church School Day Reports as of August 1

Returns from church school day are \$3,893.94 short of total goal. The Thomasville District is closest to its quota with Winston-Salem second. Reports by churches from the Asheville and Wayneville Districts are as follows: Action, Trinity, Black Mountain, Brevard, Burnsville, Snow Hill (Chandler), Elkwod, Horse Shoe, First Hendersonville, Mills River, Swannanoa, First Canton, Bethel (Franklin), Francis Cove, Robbinsville, Rockwood, Sylva and Whittier.

The amounts still hoped for from each district are:

Asheville	\$508.98
Charlotte	586.28
Gastonia	439.32
Greensboro	530.55

Marion	299.40
Salisbury	436.33
Statesville	343.89
Thomasville	115.57
Waynesville	356.36
Winston-Salem	277.26

Check with the church school treasurer to see if his check has been remitted. F. Paul Wiles, Box 828, Salisbury, will receive all contributions cheerfully.

Christian Adventure Camping

Our camping program for intermediate boys and girls came to a close on August 5. More than 800 campers and counselors enjoyed the privileges of a week at Camp Tekoa, near Hendersonville. This is the largest number yet to attend our camp in one season. The program was well planned and directed, leadership was unusually good, and our rating by the state board of health representative, Dr. Hart, was grade A with a score of 96.5. Camp Tekoa is making a fine contribution to our youth program each year.

Children's Building

Another milestone has been reached in the opening of Kennedy-Skinner Memorial for our program with the children at Junaluska. Mrs. W. R. Reed has directed the program with the assistance of Mrs. Taylor and Miss Jones, public school teachers, from South Carolina. Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Miss Barnett Spratt, Mrs. C. B. Ross, Peggy McLarty and others have given generously of their volunteer services. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brown of Charlotte have given both program materials and playground equipment. The social, religious and recreational program for the children is now unified and centered in and around the children's building. It will still take approximately \$10,000 to complete the project.

Young Adults at Tekoa

Approximately 10 young adults met at Camp Tekoa, July 3-5, for a very effective workshop study of young adult work. Julian Lindsay was president and directed the activities. Archie Acey, Danville, and Hawley Lynn, Columbia, were the invited leaders. At the closing session the following officers were chosen for next year. Rollin P. Gibbs, President; Glenn Lanier, Vice-President; and Mrs. Sally McClelland, Statesville, Secretary.

Church School Day, September 13

Unfortunately for our cause, Church School Day, was scheduled for Sunday, April 19, when all ministers were away in the Virginia Conference. A few faithful churches came through in a very fine way though the minister was absent. Two hundred seventy-three schools observed the program with offerings which total \$7,106.06. This response is excellent from those churches. The fact remains, however, that approximately 800 church schools have done nothing about the program or the offering. The \$7,106.06 is \$3,893.94 short of the conference goal of \$11,000 and the amount needed to meet our obligations for the remainder of the year. There are two ways in which every church school in the conference can still participate. Observe church school day, Sunday, September 13, with a program on The Bible-Our Guide and take an offering for the conference program of Christian education. The other way is to send a generous contribution out of the church budget. Programs were mailed to every pastor and every church school superintendent in April. Additional copies will be sent immediately on request.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, LAST CHANCE FOR CHURCH SCHOOL DAY THIS YEAR!

School of Missions Program Broad in Its Scope; District Meetings Reported

PROGRAM OF JOINT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Joint School of Missions and Christian Service to be held at Greensboro College, August 31 to September 4, presents untold opportunities for conference, district and local officers and other interested workers in the two conferences to learn more about their particular work, as well as to get the best instruction offered in the study and presentation of the four study courses for this year.

Workshops will be held from 10:50 to 11:50 following class periods each morning. "Christian Youth and Vocations" in the Church" will be conducted by Mrs. C. M. Allen, Mrs. Mark Goforth, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Mrs. Hubert Odom and Dean Stella Ward. All of these conference officers are well trained in the duties of the departments of our work which deal specifically with youth, and when there is such a need for the services of consecrated youth all over the world all women, and especially the mothers of youth, will be benefited by the instruction given and needs presented in this workshop.

The unlimited possibilities in having too large societies divided into circles has not been tried in many churches, and some circles are not set up to do the best kind of work, so a Workshop on "The Circle, Its Purpose and Program," will be conducted by the two co-operating conference presidents, Mrs. H. I. Glass and Mrs. J. W. Harbison, both of whom are well versed in the work of circles.

There is an increasing interest in the excellent program material our Methodist church provides, but its inclusion of the total program of the church is not always understood, so our two vice presidents and program chairman, Mrs. Rupert Crowell and Mrs. H. L. McLeod, will explain the best use of the program material in a Workshop "The Woman's Society in the Total Church Program." Other duties of vice presidents will also be included in the instruction of this workshop.

In the afternoons, Clinics will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 in the departments of Missionary Education and Service, by Mrs. H. G. Allen and Miss Lillian Walker; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, by Mrs. Cicero Groome and Mrs. J. A. Warren; Spiritual Life, by Mrs. J. C. Burwell and Mrs. Frank Little; Presidents, by Mrs. H. I. Glass and Mrs. J. W. Harbison; Youth Work, by Mrs. Mark Goforth and Mrs. R. L. Jerome; Student Work, Mrs. C. M. Allen and Dean Stella Ward; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Harry Hendrick and Mrs. Hubert Odom; Promotion, Mrs. J. T. Doughtie and Mrs. T. V. Goode; Treasurers, Mrs. David Smiley, Mrs. H. A. Davis, and Miss Una Edwards. All of these leaders are at present or have been conference officers in these departments and can give valuable information concerning our Woman's Society work.

In addition to the fine group of instructors, pictures and short sketches of which have appeared on the Woman's Page of the Advocate for the past few weeks, there will be speakers each evening at 7:00. Among those are Miss Ethelynde Ballance, student at Scarritt College, Miss Mamie Chandler, director of Wesley Foundation at Eastern Carolina College, Miss Jane Stentz, former I-3, Mrs. Ralph Sherrill, Mrs. H. G. Allen and Miss Elizabeth Stinson, all of whom attended and participated in the Mid-Century Conference on

Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference

MRS. E. L. BALLARD, Editor
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MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

Missions held in April at Buck Hill Falls.

Mrs. H. G. Allen is chairman of the School Committee, and Mrs. N. P. Edens is secretary. Registrations should be sent to Mrs. Dan Forsyth, 409 Lindell Road, Greensboro, N. C.

Our president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, in a letter to local presidents says: "We covet your cooperation in having a well-attended school this year." It is hoped each society will have a representative there.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

At an executive board meeting, held June 30th at Mrs. L. M. Rash's cottage at Blowing Rock, with Mrs. James Marshall and Mrs. R. L. Bradley hostesses, Mrs. Ralph Sherrill shared her experiences and inspiration at the Mid-Century Conference at Buck Hill Falls. Each district officer gave a brief report and after each report, the promotion secretary, Mrs. J. E. Dooley, added messages from the conference officers at Lake Junaluska. Mrs. Dooley outlined the work for the coming year and discussed methods of carrying on the work.

Tentative dates for subdistrict meetings as follows: No. 1 August 21 at Wilkesboro; No. 2 October 6; No. 3 October 20; No. 4 September 29; Ashe County August 25. The Seminar will be held September 15. Women of this district are urged to hold these dates open for these important meetings.

Mrs. Fred Price is president of this district and presided at the meeting.

TRIBUTE TO A LOCAL WOMAN

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Concord, Statesville District, pays tribute to one of its members as follows:

"The life of Mrs. Allie Annas, affectionately known in her community as 'Aunt Ollie,' is beautifully portrayed by the words, 'Others, Lord, yes others Help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee.' And we, the members of Concord Methodist Church, offer them as a loving tribute to one whose life has truly been spent in service for others.

"It would be impossible to enumerate the many Christian deeds and services she has rendered, and after all she would not care for high praise and flowery words, but let it suffice to say that her Christian influence has touched the lives of all who know her.

"A lifetime member of Concord Methodist Church, and a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, she has been faithful in every capacity she has served. She gives unstintingly of her money, talents, time, and energy for the good of her church and others.

"Although her present illness prevents her from attending church, we know her heart is there. Her love and faithfulness and service is an incentive for us to not grow weary, but press on in a Christian way."

Concord W.S.C.S.

STUDENT WORK

Miss Stella Ward, conference secretary of student work, urges local secretaries to send "blue cards" for those going to college to the following: Duke University (men and women), Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spann, Box 4574, Duke Station, Durham; University of North Carolina, Joe Savage, The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill; State College, James Overton, Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh; Woman's College, U.N.C., Rev. James Stokes, College Place Methodist Church, Greensboro; Appalachian State Teachers College, Mr. Marvin Culbreth, The Methodist Church, Boone; Eastern Carolina College, Miss Mamie Chandler, Eastern Carolina College, Greenville; Greensboro College, Rev. R. Harold Hipps, West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro; High Point College, Miss Willie Davis, First Methodist Church, and Miss Hulda Whiteley, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point; Catawba College, Miss Ruby Plant, First Methodist Church, Salisbury; Davidson College, Rev. Harley Williams, Davidson, N. C.

When the student director is not known by name, the local secretary of student work should address the cards to "The Campus Director of Religious Activities." It is most important that these people know the names of students coming in to these institutions in order that they may keep in touch with them. It strengthens a tie between the student and his home church.

SALISBURY DISTRICT MEETING

At the Salisbury District Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, held at Kerr Street church, Concord, June 23, Miss Louise Avett, missionary on leave, was elected district representative for Scarritt College, a new office set up in all the districts, and Mrs. R. E. Bisel was elected delegate to the Assembly in May, 1954, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. William Clayton was elected alternate.

The quadrennial goals were presented, a pledge service and a memorial service held, slides showing projects of the supply department and institutions and rural work, and an address by Mrs. Ralph Sherrill, who represented the local society at the Mid-Century Missionary Conference at Buck Hill Falls, were given at the morning session.

Clinics were held in the afternoon for the various officers. 150 persons were present representing 35 churches.

Officers elected for this district are: president, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz; vice president, Mrs. Wm. J. Clayton; recording secretary, Mrs. Bryce Ruffy; treasurer, Mrs. George Miller; promotion, Mrs. Ralph E. Bisel; missionary education, Mrs. B. Kermit Hinson; CSR and LCA, Mrs. W. L. Linker; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Fran Fisher; student work, Mrs. N. E. Lefko; youth work, Miss Martha Ann Eury; children's work, Mrs. Marshall Miller; literature and publications, Mrs. J. Frank Scott; supply work, Mrs. Marvin Miller; missionary personnel, Mrs. Paul Townsend; spiritual life, Mrs. C. W. Murph; status of women, Mrs. A. C. Day-vault. Subdistrict chairman are: Cabarrus, Mrs. J. R. Boger; Rowan, Mrs. Harry Leonard; Stanly, Mrs. T. R. Tysinger.

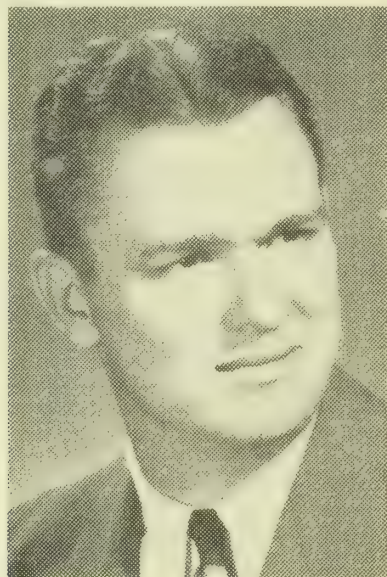
NEW SECRETARY OF PROMOTION, CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Mrs. Earl A. Howie, 1460 Medford Drive, Charlotte, N. C., has been elected secretary of Promotion in the Charlotte District, succeeding Mrs. P. E. Snead.

New School Principal for Orphanage; Retiring Worker Is Honored; Watermelons

We are looking forward to having Mr. B. Paul Hammack as the new principal of our school.

Mr. Hammack is a native of Augusta, Georgia, where he graduated from the Junior College with high honors. Following this he graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. degree from Furman University, and also has a Master of Education degree in School Administration from Duke University. While a student at Duke he was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society in education. He hopes later on to earn the Doctor of Education degree at Duke.



B. Paul Hammack

For five years Mr. Hammack taught at the Belmont and Cramerton High Schools in Gaston County, and during that time lived at Cramerton.

In 1950, he became principal of the Royal Oaks Elementary School at Kannapolis, which is in the Cabarrus County School System. After one year he became principal of the Woodrow Wilson School, which at that time was the largest elementary school in Kannapolis.

Mr. Hammack considers his work in the field of education as much a call to Christian service as though he were entering the ministry.

At one time, Mr. Hammack had planned to enter George Tech to study there until he obtained a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering, but after careful consideration decided to stay home and complete the Junior College of Augusta. It was during his second year that his mind was definitely made up that education was the field he should follow.

Mr. Hammack has turned down several attractive offers in research and business, and four times turned down calls from churches in order to remain in the field of education. He remarked to me that he was leaving Kannapolis to come to the Orphanage because, "I believe it is the will of God for my life."

Mr. Hammack is married to the former Jimmie Ruth Alewine of Cramerton. They have no children.

We sincerely hope that Mr. and Mrs. Hammack, and Mrs. Hammack's mother will be very happy in their new home in Raleigh.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Saturday, July 11, between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m., Rev. A. S. Barnes, a tall stately gentleman, was the center of attention.

Hundreds of our alumni of the Home, members of the board of trustees, and friends gathered here at the Methodist Orphanage to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Mrs. B. W. Wells, the daughter of the Barneses, was the instigator of this very enjoyable gathering.

In addition to the many who came, others by the hundreds sent telegrams and letters expressing their love and congratulations.

Mr. Barnes retired as superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage five years ago, after having served well over a third of a century.

His many friends wish for him many more such enjoyable occasions.

CHILDREN ENJOY WATERMELONS

I am sure each of you remember how you longed for watermelons when you were a child. Our children do the same.

We have had quite a number of watermelon cuttings on our campus this year, and we have two people that we would like to thank for their generosity. C. A. Dillon, has twice this year seen that our children had their fill of this delicacy, and following in his footsteps, C. A. Roach of Linden has also sent us two loads.

I only wish you could see the children partaking of this delicious morsel. With watermelon dripping down their faces, yes, and even their clothes, they anxiously look to see if there is to be another go-round. I really feel that their hunger for watermelons has for once been satisfied, and we would like to offer our sincere thanks to these friends for their kindness.

OFF TO MANTEO

You would have seen some excited boys and girls, had you happened to be around our campus early on Tuesday morning, August 11.

That is the day our rising seniors loaded into cars to make the long awaited trip to Manteo to see the Lost Colony.

They start talking about this trip long before school is out and by the time they are supposed to leave they are really jubilant.

Wade Pridgen, Troy Barrett and Alton Williams chaperoned the group this year.

They returned to the campus on Thursday, August 13.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

A number of friends of Miss Martha Elizabeth Sanders, better known on our campus as "Miss Lizzie," gathered in the Burwell Building on Thursday evening, July 30, to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of her service to the Methodist Orphanage.

Having reached the age of retirement,

Miss Lizzie brought to a close a period of service almost unequaled by any in the field of orphanage work.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of thirty-five silver dollars. A dollar for each year of service. A very homey touch was given as Miss Sanders opened a basketfull of gifts, as her friends gathered round. These packages were most utilitarian since they contained various food items. It was something like a Methodist pounding.

Miss Lizzie has rendered a real service to the Home, which is deeply appreciated by the board of trustees, and all who have any part in the on going of the institution.

She is now in her new home at 214½ Harrington Street, and would be delighted to have any of her friends come by to see her.



Miss Saunders receives thirty-five silver dollars.

NEW DINING HALL SUPERVISOR

Miss Lolita Phillips of Sanford has recently joined our staff as supervisor of the Dining Room.

SUNDAY NIGHT CHURCH ATTENDANCE INCREASING

Methodists are making headway in their national campaign to "recapture Sunday night for the church."

Adult attendance at Sunday evening fellowships averages approximately 400,000, according to the Rev. Walter Towne, director of general church school work at the Methodist Board of Education. He said the attendance figure is based on reports from 60 per cent of the Methodist Church's annual conferences across the country. A column for evening attendance is included this year for the first time in the annual report blanks of Methodist pastors.

TWO KOREAN PASTORS DIE

Korea has lost two more of its able Methodist pastors, according to word received by the Board of Missions. The Rev. Im Young Kim, of Seoul First Methodist Church, died recently of high blood pressure; and the Rev. A. Chun of the Inchon Central Methodist Church died in his sleep recently. Rev. Mr. Kim was pastor on the U.S. west coast in Korean Methodist churches at one time and was graduate of Drew Theological Seminary.

Bishop Lew writes to the Board in great appreciation of the lives and service of these men but almost in desperation at the loss of such leadership in the church.

How Can I Know God?

by Charles M. Laymon

Colossians 1: 3-6, 9-20

Vice-president Richard M. Nixon spoke recently at historic Gettysburg. Three thousand persons were present in the assembly that heard his address at the high-school athletic field.

He called upon every American to be informed concerning the false teachings of Communism, saying, "When you know both your system and the Communists', there is no question as to which is the better." Then he added, "The best answer to a false doctrine is to study it and know its weaknesses so as not to be misled."

It is half-truths and misinformation that betray us. Only truth that is clear as crystal will set us free from confusion of mind and hysteria. This applies to our religion quite as much as to government.

When Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians, in today's lesson, he opened his letter by telling them that he prayed that they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will "in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col. 1:9). False teaching was threatening to undermine the church. To meet it the apostle determined to bring them the truth concerning God.

And where were men to look for this truth? Paul had the answer. They were to fix their gaze upon Christ, for "he is the image of the invisible God—in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Col. 1:15-20).

There is no confusion here, no partial truth and no blurred picture. In outlines of cameo sharpness God can be known in Christ.

This means that in the gospel story of the love of Christ toward sinners and outcasts we see God's love, and that in the concern of Christ for the poor man and sorrowful we are brought face to face with the mercy of God. It means also that in Christ's bearing of the cross, the lengths to which God will go to save his children are revealed.

Mr. Nixon closed his address by saying that it would have been much better if every American had read "Mein Kampf," Adolf Hitler's book, during World War II. Then they would have understood the evils of Nazism.

Just so, let every man read the Gospels to know the glory of God as seen in the face of Christ.

Book Reviews

NEW LIGHT FROM OLD LAMPS—Roy L. Smith. pp. 253. Abington-Cokesbury, \$1.75.

"New Light from Old Lamps" is a very appropriate title for this volume. The author shows how new light, new insights and meaning, breaking from the scripture through the Revised Standard Version.

A running comparison and comments on selected Bible verses, quoting the R.S.V. and K.J.V., from Genesis to Revelation, well illustrate how the new version reveals a clearer and more meaningful understanding of the Word of God to the contemporary mind and heart.

Startling sermons may leap from its pages, or a lift and light may come for every day living from every page of this book. Dr. Smith has a rare gift for euphonious titles, and down-to-earth comments and illustrations.

"The Cult of Cleverness" is the title of a page, suggested by Exodus 1:10: "Come, let us deal shrewdly with them." (R.S.V.) The old version uses wisely instead of shrewdly. Another heading, "The Retreat from Responsibility" lifts up an old truth in the modern world, our attempt to run away from our responsibility. He quotes: "Oh, my God, send, I pray, some other person (Ex. 4:13, R.S.V.)"

One verse from the gospel may suffice to point up the suggestiveness of this volume: "But Jesus said, 'No more of this!'" (R.S.V.) The K.J.V. is not so clear: "And Jesus answered and said, 'Suffer ye thus far!'" Here Christ rebuked men for their "barbarities, violence, brutalities, lewdness, and cruelties, which thrive among us" unrebuked. No more of this!

An index adds to the usefulness of the above book.—D. W. Charlton.

THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

By Cale K. Burgess. 245 pp. Brotherhood Press, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, \$3.00.

North Carolina Methodism is indeed fortunate to have such a noble and faithful layman as Cale K. Burgess. For nearly thirty years I have followed the work of

Mr. Burgess as a Sunday School teacher, as a leader in the temperance movement and as an outstanding champion of all good causes in our nation and especially in North Carolina.

Mr. Burgess has now added another important item to his long list of noble deeds. Throughout his life, Mr. Burgess has held that Christian love is the greatest thing in the world; that it is practical and that it works. In his new book "THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE" Mr. Burgess endeavors to help guide men and women into a way of life that will bring happiness and well being.

Taking as his text the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians Mr. Burgess has in twenty-five chapters made the most careful and inspiring exegesis of the words of the Apostle Paul that I have ever read. Years of research have gone into this most excellent book. Mr. Burgess has drawn upon the great preachers and authors for illustrations to the value of Christian love in secular and religious affairs. I sincerely hope that this book will be read by many people, by both the clergy and the laity.

After reading this book one joins with the author in his closing paragraph that "love is eternal and everlasting. It does not cease at death, as other graces do; it endures forever . . . of all gifts and virtues, on earth and in heaven, the greatest is love."—Paul Neff Garber, Bishop of the Richmond Area, The Methodist Church.

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"I thought that you would be here to open the door for me," mother said a little sadly. "I had so many packages that it was hard for me to find the key." Arthur hung his head, "I forgot Mommy," he confessed.

"Forgetting is a very bad habit, Arthur," mother told him, "so I have brought you something which may help you learn to remember."

Arthur was all excited and asked mother a lot of questions. She unwrapped the box. Arthur hoped that it would be a sailboat, but it was not! It was a small chart with places on it to paste in gold stars! There was a box of stars, too!

"Now, son, whenever you remember to do something kind and do the things you are asked to do, you shall have a gold star pasted on one of these small squares. Think how fine it will be when the whole chart is covered with stars!"

"But, Mother, I wanted a sailboat," Arthur said.

"Do you remember what happened to the other sailboat that I bought for you?" mother asked gently.

"I left it in the pond at the park," Arthur admitted. "I forgot all about it."

"That is why I bought this chart for you," mother told him. "When it is filled with stars, you will have learned to remember things. Then you may have a new sailboat, Arthur."

Arthur worked hard to fill that chart with stars, but it was a difficult task for a boy who was always forgetting things. Slowly but surely, however, the chart was filled with stars, and Arthur learned to bring his toys into the house in the evening instead of forgetting them in the street or on the steps. He learned to wash his hands before he came to the table.

"Pretty soon I shall have the sailboat, Mother," Arthur said one day.

"Indeed you shall, Arthur," mother answered. "There is only one square on your chart unfilled. There is a big star that goes in there when you do something that is very, very worthy. I wonder when you will get that star."

"I will try to get it soon, Mommy," Arthur said.

"I should like you to go to the store for me now, Arthur," mother told him. "I need a spool of white thread and a package of white tape."

"All right, Mother, I'll go right away," Arthur promised. He started down the street for the store. He asked for the thread, paid for it, and started back home. Just as he started to open the front door he remembered the tape. He ran back to the store as fast as he could go. There were quite a few people in the store, so he had to wait.

"What happened, Arthur?" his mother asked. "You were gone such a long time."

Arthur was tempted to say nothing

about forgetting the tape. He knew that he could tell his mother there had been a lot of people in the store and that he had had to wait. It would not really be untrue. He felt that that would be cheating, though he did want to receive his last big star. As soon as he got that one, then he could have his sailboat. He waited a long time before he answered. Then he said simply, "I forgot, Mother. I had to go back to the store."

"You may have lost that star, Arthur," mother said, "but you won a battle over temptation. I know how hard it was for you to tell me that you forgot the tape. I think you deserve the big gold star at the very top of your chart, so let's put it on. It is a star for victory!"—M. R. Ridge in *The Young Soldier*.

A PRAYER

God of grace and God of love,
 Look down from thy throne above,
 Upon us make thy face to shine,
 And all the glory shall be thine.

And lest our feet should go astray,
 Lead us in the narrow way;
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District Appointments

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Walter C. Ball, D. S.
1019 Hay Street, Fayetteville, N. C.
Fourth Round

	August
Goldston, Asbury, 11 a.m.	16
Glendon, Highfalls, 7:30	16
West Rockingham, Pee Dee, 11 a.m.	23
East Rockingham, E. Rockingham, 7:30	23
Stedman (Bishop Garber), 11 a.m.	30
Caledonia, Johns, 7:30	30
	September
Mt. Gilead Ct., Hebron, 11 a.m.	6
Ellerbe, Concord, 3 p.m.	6
Cordova, Cordova, 7:30	6
(CHECK UP MEETING IN ABERDEEN, 10 a.m.)	8
Person Street, Person Street, 7:30	9
Pinebluff, Pinebluff, 11 a.m.	13
West End Ct., Doubbs Chapel, 3:30	13
Vass, Vass, 7:30	13
Northmount, Wesley Heights, 7:30	14
Jonesboro Heights, Jonesboro Heights, 8	15
Hope Mills, Hope Mills, 7:30	16
St. John-Gibson, Gibson, 7:30	17
Robbins Ct., Pleasant Hill, 11	20
Troy Ct., Ophir, 3 p.m.	20
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Gilead, 7:30 p.m.	20
Calvary-Victory, Calvary, 7:30	21
Eastover, Salem, 7:30	22
Laurinburg, Laurinburg, 7:30	23
Rowland, Purvis, 11 a.m.	27
Parkton, Marvin, 3 p.m.	27
St. Pauls, St. Pauls, 7:30	27
Rockingham, Rockingham, 7:30	28
Gardners, Gardners, 7:30	29
Maxton, Maxton, 7:30	30

	October
Laurel Hill, Sneads Grove, 7:30	1
(MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSE AND ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT HAY STREET CHURCH IN FAYETTEVILLE), 11 a.m. (Sat.)	3
Siler City Ct., Hope, 11 a.m.	4
Siler City, Siler City, 8 p.m.	4
Hay Street, Hay Street, 8 p.m.	5
Haymount, Haymount, 7:30	6
Fayetteville Ct., Camp Ground, 7:30	7
Aberdeen, Aberdeen, 7:30	8
Stedman, Cokesbury, 7:30	9
Troy, Troy, 11 a.m.	11
West End Station, West End, 3:30	11
Robbins Station, Robbins, 7:30	11
Raeform, Raeform, 7:30	12
Hamlet, Hamlet, 7:30	13
Red Springs, Red Springs, 7:30	14
Broadway, Broadway, 11 a.m.	18
Carthage, Center, 3 p.m.	18
Sanford, Steel Street, 7:30	18
SESSION OF THE 1952-53 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT DUKE MEMORIAL CHURCH IN DURHAM OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 1, 1953.	

RALEIGH DISTRICT

W. A. Cade, D. S.
1609 Iredell Drive, Raleigh, N. C.
(Some Fourth Q. C.'s Were Held in July)

	August
Coats, Coats, 11	30
Edwin, Edwin, 7:30	30
	September
Mount Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, 7:30	2
Creedmoor, Creedmoor, 7:30	3
Princeton, Fellowship, 11	6
Four Oaks, Corinth, 3	6
Garner, Elizabeth, 7:30	6
Granville, Rehoboth, 7:30	9
Stem-Bullocks, Bullocks, 7:30	10
Clayton, 11	13
Oxford Ct., Salem, 7:30	13
Bailey, 7:30	15
Benson, Benson, 7:30	16
Franklinton, Franklinton, 7:30	17
Gray Rock, Gray Rock, 11	20
Garner-Ebenezer, Ebenezer, 7:30	20
Henderson, City Road, 7:30	22
Henderson, First Church, 7:30	23
United College Appeal, "Kick-Off" Meeting, Edenton St., 6:30	25
Vance, Gillburg, 11	27
Henderson, White Memorial—Wesley, Wesley, 7:30	27
Apex, Macedonia, 7:30	29
Lillington, 7:30	30

	October
Louisburg, 7:30	1
Raleigh, Hayes Barton, 7:30	1
Tar River, Plank Chapel, 11	4
Louisburg Ct., Bunn, 7:30	4
United College Appeal, Victory Report Meeting, Edenton St., 6:30	5
Millbrook, 7:30	6
Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial, 7:30	7
Raleigh, Trinity, 7:30	8
Raleigh, Fairmont, 7:30	9
Moncure, Moncure, 11	11
Kipling, Kipling, 7:30	11
Raleigh, Edenton Street, 7:30	12
Raleigh, Westover-Pleasant Grove, Westover, 7:30	14

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1953

Knightdale, Youngsville, 7:30	15
Cary, 11	18
Raleigh, Longview Gardens, 7:30	18
Wesley Circuit, Hopewell, 7:30	23

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

M. Teague Hipps, D. S.

	August
West Bend, 7:30	13
Randleman Circuit (New Salem), 7:30	14
Coleridge (Mt. Olive), 11	16
Asheboro Circuit (West Chapel), 3	16
New Mt. Vernon (Shady Grove), 7:30	17
Mt. Lebanon (Old Union), 7:30	18
Ramseur (Franklinville), 7:30	19
West Side, (Asheboro), 7:30	20
Bethany-Grays (Bethany), 7:30	21
Denton Central, 11	23
Liberty Circuit (Randolph), 3	23
Lexington, Erlanger, 7:30	23
Liberty, First, 7:30	24
Trinity-Hopewell (Hopewell), 7:30	25
North Davidson (Canaan), 7:30	25
Welcome (Center), 7:30	27
Cid, 7:30	28
District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications	
Memorial Church, Thomasville, 10 a.m.	29
Central, Asheboro, 11:30	30
Midway, 5	30
Davidson (Good Hope), 7:30	30
South Davidson (Chapel Hill), 7:30	31
District Check-up Meeting and Picnic, Fairgrove, Thomasville, 4:30	31

	September
Denton Circuit (Canaan), 7:30	1
Thomasville, Memorial, 7:30	2
Thomasville Circuit, (Prospect), 7:30	3
Seagrove, (Pleasant Hill), 7:30	4
Advance, 11	6
Liberty-Concord (Concord), 3:00	6
Farmington (Mt. Olive), 7:30	6
Linwood (Macadonia), 7:30	8
Lexington, First, 7:30	9
Pleasant Grove, 7:30	10
Mocksville, First, 7:30	11
Asheboro, First, 7:30	14

OUR READERS SAY . . .

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Dear Editor:

After all the fine credit to churches supporting the Rices, I believe the Hickory First Church folks would have appreciated it just a little if in connection with the article by Charles Clay this week there had been some such little by-line: "Charles Clay is supported by First Church, Hickory."

Incidentally, you are informed that Charles' father went out from this church as a missionary to Brazil to establish our publishing house there in 1913 and remained down there 13 years. That was Charles' first taste of Brazil. Charles was back in the States here at Lenoir Rhyne College then at Duke with me. I consider him a very personal friend and a fine missionary. Another sidelight: Miss Joy Little, of Denver, who is a 1953 graduate of Greensboro College and now with the LA-3s in training at Hartford, Connecticut, has been assigned to the Institute in Sao Paulo and will work with Charles.

REV. J. E. CARROLL.

Editor's Note: Sorry, Brother Carroll and First Church, Hickory, we just didn't know.

In Memoriam

MRS. INEZ HERRING CHENOWETH

CLINTON—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Clinton Methodist Church, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Christian life of Mrs. Inez Herring Chenoweth, wife of George Chenoweth, who entered into life eternal on July 7, 1953. As a graduate nurse her skill was given generously to those in need, young and old, rich and poor. Her loyal devotion to her church, the Sunday School, the choir, and the W.S.C.S. was an inspiration to all who knew her. The hymn, "Others," which she had requested to be sung at her funeral service, was truly expressive of her joyous Christian life.

Be it resolved:

First: That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, thanking Him for her life and for the contribution she made to the ongoing of the Kingdom.

Second: That our love and sympathy be extended to her family.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our minutes, a copy be sent to her husband, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Mrs. R. A. Turlington, Mrs. Blount Whiteside, Mrs. C. Freeman Heath.

MRS. CLAUDIA BURNETTE

OXFORD—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of Marrow's Chapel church on the Oxford circuit, wish to pay tribute to one of our most faithful and beloved members, Mrs. Claudia Burnette, who passed away on Mother's Day, May 10, 1953. She was spiritual life leader of the W.S.C.S. and a charter member of the society. She was always loyal to her society, to her family, to her church and to her God. Her Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her, we deeply feel our loss, but her Christian life of unselfish service among us is a blessed memory to cherish.

In appreciation of her service, and the beautiful life of Mrs. Burnette, we offer these resolutions:

First, that we keep in our hearts the memory of her loyalty and service.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.—The W.S.C.S. of Marrow's Chapel Church.

MRS. EDNA ROWE GUION

CORNELIUS—It is with a feeling of deep sorrow and gratitude that we, the members of The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Zion Methodist Church of Cornelius, pay tribute to the memory of our beloved friend and co-worker Mrs. Edna Rowe Guion—sorrow because we have lost her for awhile, gratitude for the privilege of knowing and working with her through the years.

Her life of service and devotion closed suddenly July 1, 7:30 p.m., 1953.

While we miss her presence, we know that the impress of her life will be among us. In expressing our appreciation, we offer these resolutions:

That we keep in our hearts the memory of her loving kindness. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our Society.—Mrs. T. L. Gillespie, Pres., Mrs. Mason Lowrance, Mrs. Cliff Westmoreland.

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**SOCIAL TIMIDITY CAN KILL
THE CHURCH**

Frankly, I am deeply concerned over what seems to be a social conservatism—not to say “social timidity”—on the part of too many young ministers recently graduating from our theological seminaries. A decade ago or less, it was to the younger men that we looked hopefully for “the prophetic ministry” and “the social vision,” and they did not fail us. They still speak on the bearings of the teachings of Jesus to the life and problems of today. But the post-World-War-II seminary crop, many of us fear, do not have the social passion and insight of yesterday.

Here is perhaps a good place to stop and let the gentle reader have his word or his question “Thanks be that we are quitting social (or political) issues, and getting back to religion!” “What have the social gossellers ever accomplished except to get the church into trouble?” “Didn’t some of our seminaries get too far to the left?—and aren’t they just swinging to center **where they belong?**” “Your’e just out of step yourself!”

Of one thing both the Record and experience made me certain: the Gospel proclaimed by Jesus Christ is and is intended to be a powerful force (even a revolutionary force) working for the betterment of the individual’s relationship with God and with fellowmen; for the betterment of all conditions under which men live in this world; and the the better of all institutions (including those that are social, economic, and political) designed to serve men, and of all institutions through which men seek to express themselves.

When any phase of life is “outside” Christian religious concern, that area can destroy the whole body. When the church refuses to concern itself with any phase of human need, the church will be rejected by men—and be forsaken by God. We are **spiritual** beings; but God made us **physical** beings also. Neither the spiritual nor the physical lives independently from the other. The church—and that means the minister and the layman—cannot adequately serve the one and ignore the needs of the other. It is not a matter of seminary teaching “swinging” from left to right, or staying in the center: it is a matter of describing the larger arc that takes in both left and right.

My greatest concern, however, is lest the seminaries—unconsciously, of course—may not be succumbing to the deadly fear that is paralyzing all education and all progressive and original thinking in America today: fear of being suspected of communist sympathy, of holding subversive ideas, of embracing alien ideologies, all because one does not conform to the inquisitor’s regimentation. There is such a vast area for Christian teaching, and there is so much that cannot be crowded into a seminary curriculum, that one can still proclaim the truth and not touch on matters that may provoke question, or ignorant suspicion, or unfortunate discussion, or newspaper headlines. “The more timid, the more secure”—but that falls short of the “whole truth” that redeems individuals and society. That is surrender to society—not constructive leadership of it.

There was ample evidence at the annual convention of the National Education Association that thousands of teachers are

today afraid to discuss in class rooms such “controversial” subjects as sex education, socialized medicine, communism, the United Nations’ organizations, the race problems, political and economic questions and policies. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has even more “controversial” and “subversive” topics than these to discuss. We have come to a sorry day if seminaries and churches, professors and ministers, must fear to speak forth boldly upon any concern of their God and Master that affects human well-being.

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**WHAT DOES THE WORLD
NEED TODAY?**

By Mrs. G. A. B. Holderby

Hear the word of the Lord and obey! Read Jeremiah 22:29. We need to come back to God for guidance, because, “men’s hearts are failing them for fear.” Luke 21:26. Fear, greed, jealousy, selfishness, all of these things are separating us from the love and service of God. Oh, earth, come back to God!

In the 19th Psalm, 1st verse, “The Heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.” In the 91st Psalm, we find the mountain of God’s blessing, the sunshine of His love, the power of His protection the peace of His presence. We need the Christian faith, prayer and Bible study. We need to read the Bible daily and believe it, for it is the window of hope through which we look into eternity.

Moses was keeping his father-in-law’s sheep when he heard a voice, but he had to first take his eyes off of his business, turn aside to see the burning bush from which God spoke to him and Moses obeyed

God’s command. God is calling us for service and every bush and flower is afire with God’s glory. Oh, the good we all may do while the days are going by! If we will begin the day with prayer, God will keep us and give us strength for every trial and temptation. Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow!

(Editor’s note: These words were written by Mrs. Holderby last March. She died in Asheville December 28, 1952.)

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**FULL OXNAM TESTIMONY
IN UNITED STATES NEWS**

The **United States News and World Report**, a weekly magazine edited by David Lawrence, has published testimony of Bishop Oxnam before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The hearing, granted Bishop Oxnam at his own request to provide opportunity for the correction of erroneous and misleading material about him in the Committee’s files, was held in Washington, July 21.

At its close the Committee voted unanimously that they had no evidence indicating any Communist affiliation on the part of the bishop.

The issue of the **U. S. News** carrying 52 pages of testimony is dated August 7. It is available on 25,000 newsstands. Special arrangements have been made so that newsdealers receiving requests for copies after the issue is off the stands may obtain them from their wholesalers.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Have you lately been discouraged,
And your burdens heavy grown?
Are you spending endless moments
With no friend to call your own?

Does the day seem fraught with blackness
Each new dawn wrapped up in care?
Have you looked around for someone
Who would help you sorrow bear?

Do you dread the silent darkness
As the long night's hours wane?
And the sleepless seconds linger
As you toss in restless pain?

Are you all mixed up inside you
With the sense confusion brings?
Have you told it to your God?
Prayer changes things.

Have you wandered to the chasm
And you've now no place to go
And you know that one step forward
Will send you reeling down below?

Do you look across the abyss
As you stand bewildered there?
And long again for someone
With a hand stretched out in care?

Are you heart-hungry to be needed
In this busy world of strife?
Do you know some simple word of yours
Might save another's life?

There's an answer to your seeking,
Which will make your heart to sing.
Take your problems to your God.
Prayer changes things.

Raleigh Frances L. Jones

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be
ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as
ye know that your labor is not in vain in
the Lord.—I Cor. 15: 58.

TO MY CHILDREN

Wherefore these magic dreams
That I may beauty make through golden
words
Spun from some far far height that seems
A near the place where music's chords
Float out in space and meet the heart
That's stirred my purest, noblest art?

I strive but rich fulfilment fails
To reach my deepest, sweetest thought
For only genius e'er prevails
To find the spirits long time sought
Who have the power to reach the loftiest
height
Or calmly hope throughout the starry
night.

Yet I can sing the simple song
That flows throughout our life
I love you, love you, right or wrong,
In joy or sorrow, peace or strife,
For God Himself will hold His children
all
In tenderness, the strong who stand, the
weak who fall
Yet in repentance comes again to find
Forgiveness from the Eternal Mind.

Mrs. Metta Folger Townsend, Lenoir

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

ADVENTURERS

When school children cease to be thrilled by the daring courage of adventurers like Columbus, American culture will have lost its spark of life. In this dark and dangerous time some pessimists think we are in the twilight of our age. We do well to steep our minds in the spirit of the explorers and pioneers who came through shadows deeper than ours. Consider the intrepid Columbus who resisted the urging of his comrades to turn back and stood in the prow of his little ship commanding "Sail on," though as the late George Santayana said, he "had no chart save one that faith deciphered in the skies."

Take a look at this thing called faith. Little birds were born to fly. The urge is in them. But they are too timid to take off and try their wings until the mother bird pushes them out of the nest.

We see the same principle in teaching the child to walk. The baby is a born explorer. It reaches out in every direction, tries to take apart everything that is put into its hands. And yet that little adventurer has to be encouraged and almost forced to take the first step. Most normal men have in them the exploring impulse, but God has to call it out.

And let us fasten this point in our minds because ours is a security-conscious age. Even religious faith is being stressed as security. We tend to forget its venture-someness. Some historians would have us believe that religion rose out of man's fear and his desire for safety. They tell us that primitive man, finding himself surrounded by dangers from lightning, floods, storms, disease, turned to his gods primarily for protection. And religion today is presented so popularly as a refuge from life's strain and hardships. Come to church and find shelter from the world's worries and tensions. Turn to God for security. How frequent and popular is that appeal.

To be sure, God is our refuge and strength and we should turn to Him for relief from sorrows and suffering. The hardiest mariner at times longs for the harbor. But if Columbus' faith had meant only peace of mind and protection from perils, he would never have discovered America.

As children we begin life as eager explorers. How fast we learn in our first five years. What if we kept up that rate of learning until we were fifty. Think how much we would know. But alas, we seem to lose the eagerness for investigating new things and the pace of learning slackens. An educator explains this by saying that before school age we pursue knowledge, and then when we are sent to school we get the impression that knowledge is pursuing us and we try to escape it. The test of a good mind is whether it keeps growing. In Sir Winston Churchill's autobiography he tells us that in the winter of 1896, near the end of his twenty-second year, a strong desire for learning came upon him. He began to feel himself wanting in even the vaguest knowledge about many spheres of thought. So he resolved to read history, philosophy and economics. He asked his mother for books on these subjects and for two years he devoured them. He says: "It was a curious

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

FULFILLMENT

By Frances L. Jones

"Come ye apart and pray awhile,"
Softly my Saviour called.
The sweetness of His gentle voice
My very soul enthralled.

How my heart thrilled in untold joy
As I heard His tender plea:
"Stop for awhile, O child of Mine,
Come ye apart with Me."

I went to Him and at His word
Leaned closely on His breast,
His loving arms enfolded me
In Him I found calm rest.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile,"
Softly my Saviour said.
In answer to His loving call
My hungry heart, He fed.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

education, but I approached it with an empty, hungry mind and with fairly strong jaws; what I got I bit."

Faith keeps us on the growing edge of life. The spirit of faith keeps building even during days of danger and destruction. The dome of our national capitol at Washington was completed during the war between the North and the South. That has been the spirit of America, for as Jefferson said, "It is a part of American character to consider nothing as desperate."

When the great new ship "Titanic" struck an iceberg and was sunk in 1912, one of the passengers was a distinguished leader of the stage, Charles Frohman. As the ship went under, he was heard to say, "Death is life's finest form of adventure."

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Being Widely Different Without Differing Violently

God makes no two of us alike and for this we should give thanks. Also God makes each one of us to think for himself. No human being is enough of a model to form the perfect pattern for all other human beings. Hence, it was never intended of our Creator that his earthly children should be regimented either in their thinking or living. Individuals have entirely too much difficulty living in harmony with themselves to imagine even vaguely that everybody else should be like them in person, in thought and character. In a world abounding in refreshing variety it would be a torturous monotony for all of us to be no different in our looks and outlooks.

Those persons who have opened up new frontiers of thought and conduct have been they who were unwilling to be chained down in a rut with the general crowd. They dared to be different not simply to be different but because they had to be different if they were to be true to their loftiest dreams and visions. If everybody was alike no one would be an improvement over the others in appearance, and no one would be able to lead the others in either thinking or living. All mankind is indebted then, to those heroic men and women who in being different have been constructive pioneers.

There is plenty of room in our world for people who differ widely. If despite their radical differences they strive hard to live like Christ they can live without differing violently. Dwight L. Moody had very different theological ideas from those of Henry Drummond. Yet each of them had the highest regard for the goodness of the other and Mr. Moody said of Mr. Drummond, "He is more like Jesus Christ than any man I know."

When Sleepers Become Pillars

Considerably more than one-seventh of the membership of North Carolina Methodism is listed in the two conference journals of the 1952 sessions as inactive. Of a grand total of 410,008 Methodists in our State, 61,659 are on the inactive rolls. In most instances inactive memberships are arrived at largely by guess. There is such a fine line of distinction between those who are totally inactive and those who are barely active that it is impossible to catalogue every one in the correct category. In keeping with legislation of the last General Conference, the attempt to divide Methodists into active and inactive groups is now

Guest Editor This Week:

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IT ALL DEPENDS

I do not know what course that you may choose,
Nor what your plans in life may be;
I only know if wrong that you will lose,
If right you'll win—success you'll see.

To choose the right and wisely shun the wrong,
And lay your plans in God's good will,
Will bring you out beyond the erring throng,
And lead you up the victor's hill.

Your knowledge—wisdom—may be great or small,
And you, yourself, quite strong or weak;
But if you heed in life God's holy call
You'll reach the goal in what you seek.

To leave God out and try to make your way
By what you choose and what you do,
And by the plans you think you wisely lay,
But brings defeat when life is through.
Taylorsville Walter E. Isenhour

done away with in pastoral reports to the Annual Conferences. While none of us know exactly how many inactive members we have and while a simple change in one item of pastoral reports will alter in no wise either the number of inactive or active Methodists in North Carolina or throughout the church, all of us may be assured that there are entirely too many inactive members on the local church registers of Methodism.

No doubt the lack of active participation in the program and work of the church on the part of many individuals is due to infirmity and illness. Yet there are scores of able bodied persons without a justifying excuse for their apathetic unconcern for the church which they pledged to support loyally by their attendance, their prayers, their gifts and their services. Doing something to re-ignite their interest in their church and integrate them actively into its life of worship and Christian ministries is the challenge confronting the active church members. A task of such proportions as this demands the most prayerful thought, the most patient and understanding human approach and the most thorough dedication of which earnest Christians are capable. However, with this sacred task effectively done, a transforming revival will be experienced within the church. Those who have been satisfied just to sleep at their posts of high privilege will be converted into stalwart pillars upon which Christ can build his eternal Church.

How Big Is Your Church?

The actual size of a church is not determined primarily by the size of its membership, but rather by the size of its members. Hence, even though a church may have thousands of members it is not truly a big church if those members are narrow and prejudiced in their vision and small in their plans and ventures. On the other hand, a church with a small membership may be a big church if its members envision the church as the greatest of all institutions and esteem it their blessed calling to give to the church the very best they have of thought, talent, time, substance and effort. The sure gauge of the size of a church then, lies not in the quantity of its membership but in the quality of its leaders and members generally. Whatever may be the number of the names of members on the roll of a particular church, that church is a big church indeed if its members always have a unanimous concept of their church and its program and at the same time, such a simple faith in God and such a loyalty to his work as to trust God as if everything depends upon Him and then lay themselves out in labors for Christ and His Church as if everything depends upon them.

A Handy Tool for Sincere Workers

Nothing is worthy of being done in the name of the Christian church which is not considered worth doing exceptionally well. Surely this is the honest conviction of every sincere worker in the church. Therefore, any thing that aids church people in doing the work of Christ more efficiently and effectively is a genuine benediction. Of such is the character of "The Local Church in Methodism," a timely booklet by Bishop Costen J. Harrell. In this small but comprehensive treatise, the author has fashioned a wonderfully helpful guide for church officers in giving brief and simple interpretation of the working organization of a local Methodist Church. In his clearly stated "Foreword," his illuminating diagram and his thoughtful and pungent seven chapters dealing with the church, Bishop Harrell makes available to all sincere church workers a handy tool which when studied carefully and used faithfully will enable dedicated Methodist leaders in the local church to prove themselves workmen and workwomen of God that need not to be ashamed.

Concluding Days In Austria

By C. W. ROBBINS

With the laying of the last tile on July 30 for the roof of the Caravan Methodist Church in Linz, Austria, the 1953 North Carolina Conference European Youth Caravan completed one of its most important assignments. The 1951 Caravan had dug up and cleaned brick from the bomb-riddled church lot. The 1952 Caravan had dug the basement. Pastor Nausner



Caravan Methodist Church when we arrived in Linz

and his congregation had worked hard to get the building far enough along to enable us to concentrate on the roof. Employed workmen as well as volunteer helpers had been on the job several months. To the delight of everyone we were able to finish the job on schedule. The evening before, the baumeister (building master) sponsored a festival—a widespread custom in Austria—to celebrate the completion of the roof. Representatives from the city government and the building trades were present. There were a few speeches, but the chief feature was eating and drinking. Most of the hired workmen and some of the visitors drank Linz beer. Caravaners and members of the congregation, however, stuck to hot chocolate.

There was naturally much rejoicing on the part of both the caravaners and the local Methodists. The Caravan Methodist church was no longer a dream. The roof made it look like a church. Even though services have been held in the first unit in the rear, everyone has regarded the erection of the sanctuary as the main task. There is much more work to be done. But it is expected that the entire structure will be ready for use before the end of the year. Moreover, the building will be completed debt-free, or practically so. It seems incredible that a building that would cost \$40,000 in our country could be erected with less than \$15,000 in actual cash. It is certainly a remarkable testimonial of faith and love on the part of Pastor Nausner and his congregation.

Church Services in Linz

But working on the church building was by no means all we did in Linz. We held five services in the Caravan Methodist

Church and three in the First Methodist Church. In most cases the services were informal and lengthy, general characteristic of Austrian Methodist services. In our first service in Linz, July 22, we sang six or eight selections, had greetings both from the host group and the Caravan, had several testimonial speeches and several other features. Most of the services followed this pattern, particularly when the Caravan was not in charge. Even the youth service on Saturday evening, July 25, ran for two hours. One reason it ran so long, however, was the fact that it was an open forum and our topic was "Freedom Through Christ." Present also were a dozen young men from various European and Asiatic countries who are engaged in on-the-job training in several Linz factories.

On Sunday, July 26, caravaners participated in four services. At the Sunday School hour Meade Nehrig and Edna Stokes discussed Sunday School work in large and small churches in America. Sunday School work in Austria seems to be very weak. Churches do not attempt to have classes for anyone over fourteen



The rafters for the roof go up

years of age and most of the Sunday Schools disband during the summer months. At worship services Rev. Richard Knight spoke at First church and I was the speaker at the Caravan church. That evening our theme was "The Difference. Christ Makes—to the Individual, to the Home and to the Nation." Speakers were Richard Knight, Jean Cobb and John Garrett. On Wednesday evening, July 29, the Caravan was in complete charge of the service. The program began with a recreational period led by Shirley Wilson and Jean Cobb and closed with an impressive candlelight worship service led by Carroll Butler and Mary Bethea. The local Methodists, although unaccustomed to programs of this nature, were highly pleased. They want to know about our church program in America, and many frankly stated that they need our help in planning a fuller and richer program for their churches. Unfortunately, Methodism in Austria is too adult-centered. Young people have little to do with the program of the church. Consequently, few churches have many children and youth.

In Linz we also enjoyed our work with Pastor W. K. Glaser of First Methodist Church. A Czech Methodist pastor, during

the war he was imprisoned and remained in jail for almost a year. He, too, was a refugee. Mr. Glaser is chairman of Methodist refugee work in Austria. In our first services at First church, whose 300 members are mostly refugees, each caravaner was asked to tell something about his home and church. On Thursday evening, July 30, following a delicious dinner with pastor Glaser, we had a program centered around evangelism. Bill Bigham was in charge and speakers were Meade Nehrig, Mary Bethea and Joel Underwood. The congregation was amazed to learn that during the present conference year, the two conferences in North Carolina have already added around 14,000 to their church rolls.

Our Biggest Contribution

But perhaps our biggest contribution in Linz was neither in our work on the church building or the formal services we held in the churches, but rather in our personal contacts with the youth and adults of the community. The caravaners were accepted heartily by all the people we met. Abiding friendships were formed. For two weeks we worked together, played together and worshipped together. There was not a note of discord between the two groups during the entire period. Young people of the Caravan church met us each morning as we got off the street-car. After lunch at the Nausners each day they walked with us a distance of well over a mile to the street car line. It was more than apparent that Austrian and American Methodist Youth liked each other immediately.



Lifting tile, block and brick to complete the roof. On this job even the counselor had to work

The influence of our group was not limited to the Methodists we worked with. The skilled workmen on the building who had naturally been skeptical of us when we arrived had an entirely different attitude before we left. At first they assumed that we were a bunch of soft, easy-going, spoiled Americans—which most Americans are in many respects, who were unaccustomed to real work. But when they saw us toil uncomplainingly in a blistering sun, when they saw tender hands becoming toughened by hard labor



The roof is almost completed

they began not only to respect us individually, but to respect the ideal that impelled a small band of American youth to engage in a church-building mission among people who just a few years ago were their enemies. Perhaps the person most impressed was the baumeister. He had been frankly dubious of any contribution we would make to the building enterprise. Classrooms and office jobs, the baumeister knew, are not very good places to find ditchdiggers and carpenters. But if we did not impress him with our building skill, we impressed him with our sincerity of effort and devotion to an ideal. During our two weeks in Linz we did not win a warmer friend than the baumeister. So concerned was he about our welfare when we were putting on the roof that he stayed with us all day—even though he had several other pressing jobs. He was afraid that one of our group might get hurt. He was highly pleased when we attended the festival celebrating the completion of the roof, called on the caravan for several songs and urged me to make a speech. He wanted to be in all of our photographs. He attended several of our meetings, ate lunch with us each day—even though it meant waiting two hours beyond his normal lunch hour—and spent the evening with us Friday when we had our farewell meeting at the Nausners. He told Gunter Somner, our interpreter, that he was very much impressed by the kind of Christianity represented by the Caravan congregation and the American caravaners. He wanted to know about The Methodist Church. Although a Roman Catholic, he did not hesitate to say that the Caravan Methodist Church represents the best kind of Christian faith he had ever witnessed. He told us that the entire community was talking about what the Methodists are doing in Linz. He said that Linz was seeing Christianity at its best.

Perhaps so. It may be that our caravaners, in working with their hands to build a church, are bearing the kind of witness our generation so desperately needs.

A Sad Occasion

It was a sad occasion when we bade goodbye to our Linz friends at the Nausners on Friday evening and again at the railroad station the next day when we left for Salzburg. It is incredible how close

you can come to people, even when language is a barrier, in a short period of two weeks. The only explanation is found in Christ in whose name we came together and for whom we worked as one loving family. Every member of the Caravan, although feeling a deep sadness at leaving our new-found friends, knew that we were immensely richer for having gone to Linz. We had lived among Christians whose faith and dedication could be compared to Jesus' followers in New Testament times.

We met several members of the United States Occupation forces at Linz who made our stay in this industrial city of 180,000 people most pleasant. Chaplain and Mrs. James E. Parr were exceedingly gracious to us. Chaplain Parr, who is a member of the Southwest Texas Conference of The Methodist Church, showed me over Camp McCauley where our troops are stationed. I was well pleased to discover that the Army is giving so much attention to the social and spiritual welfare of the troops stationed overseas. Mrs. Parr, along with Mrs. Dobson, wife of Colonel J. W. Dobson, and two other wives of army officers, gave the Caravan a Coca Cola party one afternoon. Mrs. Dobson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hendrix of Greensboro.

Third Class Travelers

Salzburg is only a two hour train ride from Linz. But when one has to stand all the way—as we did because of overcrowded trains—it is not too pleasant a ride. In order to stretch our funds to last through the summer—and we have grave doubts now that they will last that long—we are riding third class, staying at the least expensive places and sometimes eating food that we would pass up at home. But there hasn't been a whimper from any member of the group. We are

Bigham, Carroll Butler, Jean Cobb and Paula Pegg as speakers. Jacob Filippi, local preacher and refugee from Yugoslavia is the faithful lay leader of the congregation: In Salzburg, we stayed in the homes of Methodist refugees who have been fortunate enough to get settled in their own homes. We also heard the Vienna Boys' Choir together with the Men's Choir, the Philharmonic orchestra and the famous organ in the Mozarteum. All agreed that this was certainly one of the highlights of our experience this summer.

Needs of Austrian Methodism

Our assignments in Austria completed, we left Salzburg for Germany on August 5, but as we departed we confess that along with our sadness that comes from leaving new-found Christian friends our hearts ached for Austrian Methodism. Methodism in Austria is really at the crossroads. Its membership is slightly over 2,000 in a population of 7,000,000. Few children and youth are being attracted to our churches. Most of our ministers are in their declining years. Some still in active service are over eighty years of age. We are not producing here in Austria young men to take their places. Roman Catholicism is powerful. For example, there are 39 Roman Catholic churches in Salzburg. But Roman Catholicism is not the answer to the spiritual needs of the Austrian people. It is a decadent church, old and outmoded, steeped in superstition and tied to a dead past. The people of Austria need a warm-hearted, simple message—the kind of gospel that Methodism still proclaims. Methodism has a message for the multitudes of Austria. We have an unusual opportunity in our work with the 300,000 refugees of Austria. Most of them are fine people—the kind of people who settled America. They are poor, but are men and



A view of both units

really identifying ourselves with the common people of Europe, and we believe we are being blessed in many ways. Our blessings far outweigh our hardships.

Salzburg, with a mixture of the ancient and the modern, is easily the most beautiful city in Austria. Surrounded by mountains, this city of nearly 100,000 is world-famous for its music festivals, its historic salt mine which dates back to the eleventh century and for its lovely churches. Unfortunately, none of its attractive churches are Methodist. In fact, Methodism in Salzburg is struggling for its life. The small congregation meets in a tiny stuffy upstairs room in a building erected 300 years ago. Pastor Glaser comes from Linz to hold worship services for the faithful little group. We held a worship service for the congregation Sunday morning and that evening, following a fellowship supper, we had another service with Bill

women of character. They need the ministry of Methodism.

But Austrian Methodists cannot meet their challenge alone. They need trained workers from the United States. They need missionaries, children and youth workers. Dr. Bartak and Mr. Argelander, our missionaries over here, are doing a magnificent job. But they need help. Our work needs to be strengthened at strategic places like Vienna, Linz, Salzburg, Graz, Innsbruck—just to mention a few.

Austria is a bridgehead between the East and the West. The Communists are breathing down our necks. Just a few miles from Vienna in Czechoslovakia the iron curtain begins. If evangelical Christianity fails now the soil could be ripe for the western expansion of communism. Anyone who lives with Austrian Methodists as we have for the past three weeks

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Weaver's Chapel Is Dedicated; Floods in Japan Cause Widespread Need

NEW CHURCH ON LITTLETON CIRCUIT DEDICATED

From Rev. Z. V. Cowan
Pastor, Littleton Circuit

From a bush arbor meeting place to a modern Gothic structure—in 78 years—has been the transition of the Weavers Chapel Methodist Church.

Climaxing this colorful history was the August 16, 1953, dedication of the building, constructed at an estimated cost of some \$18,000, including free labor and materials. Rev. Z. V. Cowan is the pastor at this time, and Rev. J. F. Herbert, district superintendent, preached the dedication sermon.

With an average enrollment of approximately 90, the church has added considerable prestige to this small Halifax County community—and has overshadowed the former church built in 1876.

One of the most outstanding forms of church architecture composes the one-story building—the cruciform plan—which is in the form of a cross, with the sanctuary and chancel forming the body of the cross and the Sunday school rooms, which may be opened on occasions of overflow, forming the cross piece.

Constructed out of eight-inch cement block with brick veneer, the church has the general lines of Gothic. The chapel, for instance, has pointed arch windows and doors, and the interior of the sanctuary follows the same architectural trend, with divided chancel.

Sunday school rooms, extending on both the left and right sides of the sanctuary, are equipped with the most modern steel casement windows; and the rear of the church will be available for any future additions.

Church officials realized they had a big job on their hands when the project was begun in 1950—they knew the path would not be without obstacles, such as weather and lack of funds at various times.

Various projects were begun with a view to creating the nucleus of a building fund. Contributions and offerings also aided this fund.

In February 1950, the congregation elected a building committee composed of D. G. Dickens, chairman, now deceased; L. G. Jenkins; N. E. Wilson; Bryant Wilson; and Hervey Harper. Committeemen visited other newly constructed churches to obtain some ideas as to the various types of buildings, floor plans, and inside finishes. The cruciform plan was decided upon.

Members of the building committee, accompanied by Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor at that time, met with officials of the Duke Endowment Fund to obtain information regarding financial aid from that body.

Those officials advised that a licensed architect be secured to draw up the building plans. This was done. Laborers were then secured and on October 18, 1950—a momentous date in the community history—the ground was broken for construction of the new church.

On dedication day, the former "old vineyard school house" gave way to the new Weavers Chapel Methodist Church.

Sunday school services were the beginning of Weavers Chapel, when in the spring of 1875 a Mr. Throckmorton organized a Sunday school with a few members in an old log school house about one-quarter mile south of the present building.

In August of the same year, all crops

having been laid by and everyone at leisure, a group began to cut branches and bushes and built an arbor—even splitting logs to use as seats.

This group, community history has it, consisted of the following men and their families: Nat Wilson, P. T. Wilson, Eaton Wilson, R. D. Wilson, A. J. Wilson, Tom Morris, Tom Pulley and D. B. Gholston.

After the arbor was built, the new problem faced by the group was to find a preacher. And they finally located one in Brunswick, Va.

His name was John Weaver—and thus, history records that Weavers Chapel got its name—from the preacher who held services in the brush arbor.

This brush arbor meeting lasted for 15 days. The split log seats were very uncomfortable. But the people sat for hours, listening to the word of God there.

Reports indicate they came from far and near—on foot, by ox cart, wagons, and even a few buggies (those who could afford them).

Spring of 1876 found the people who had built the arbor joined with others who then decided that a school house and a brush arbor was not an adequate place for their worship. So the work on a church really began.

Logs were cut and the bottom sills laid by P. T. Wilson, John Harper and Jessie Jenkins and others that had helped build the arbor. Glass windows were donated by Sterling Johnston—and other essentials obtained in various ways.

Harper was the carpenter—directing the others who hewed the logs by hand; and painted the framework when it was completed later in the same year.

Until the church was dedicated, the congregation couldn't have a regular pastor—so Harper and Bob Fletcher held services occasionally.

In 1877, the church was dedicated and Rev. Lat Harris was the first pastor. Sunday school was held regularly, with Henry Throckmorton, John Harper, and Bob Fletcher holding various offices, including superintendent.

At that time the members paid the pastor according to their income, or as they they were able to pay. And in 1907 a charge was put on the members, with a certain portion thereof going to the pastor and the other going toward different expenses.

In that same year, the pastor, J. A.

Ledbetter, helped raise the money to buy the first music for the church—heretofore confined to group singing—an organ. He also was organist during his service tour here.

Miss Ruth Jenkins was the first community organist. She played many years at Sunday services.

In 1915, the church was in need of repair—so the pastor then, Rev. W. E. Swain, and the members raised the money for repair.

Again, in 1917 the pastor, D. M. Loy, and members built the recess pulpit, plastered and painted the church. Additional minor repairs had been done through the years.

But the church was getting old and in 1949 the plans were laid for the new structure which will continue to bring God's word to the community of Weavers Chapel.

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KYUSHU ISLAND FLOOD DAMAGE LISTED

The American Joint Flood Relief Committee in Japan reports the following casualties and property damage as a result of the flood which inundated large areas of the southern Japanese island of Kyushu at the end of June.

Dead, 640; Injured, 1,600; Missing, 141; Homes completely destroyed, 5,000; Homes partly destroyed, 37,000; Homes flooded, 346,000; Rice fields damaged, 133,000 cho (631,750 acres); Other cultivated fields damaged, 125,000 cho (593,750 acres); Bridges destroyed, 2,144; People in dire need, 597,000.

General losses, of a non-personal nature, are estimated at approximately \$6,000,000.

Church World Service diverted 63,000 pounds surplus powdered milk from Korea to Japan. The milk, which was donated by the US Commodity Credit Corporation was moved to New Orleans from storage points in Wisconsin with CROP funds. It left New Orleans for Yokohama on July 3. A carload of whole milk, contributed in the state of Washington, was shipped from Seattle, July 26. Contributions to pay for the whole milk were received by the CROP Committee of the Washington and Northern Idaho Council and Christian Education. Main speakers during a dedication ceremony for the milk, July 23, were Governor Arthur B. Langlie and the Japanese Consul, S. Saito.

Both Kyushu and Honshu suffered severe flood damage in the summer and fall of 1949.



Weaver's Chapel

First Hand Report on Layman's Meet at Junaluska; Visitation Evangelism

GREENSBORO LAYMAN REPORTS ON JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE

By P. B. Magruder

I made my usual trip to Lake Junaluska to attend the Laymen's Conference July 23-26. It is a most wonderful place for a meeting of this kind. The auditorium is now enclosed, so regardless of weather conditions, the meetings can go on. I would consider this one of the most important meetings of the year. The possibilities are without limit.

The meeting opened at 8 p.m. with President Lee Davis presiding. The message of the evening was brought to us by Mr. Robert Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities. He brought us an inspiring message on "Help Wanted." He brought out the fact that there are 400,000 places selling strong drink and 185,000 churches in this country. This is a matter to be considered seriously. In 1915 we had 1,600 missionaries, it dropped to 600 and has now reached 900. The goal is to be back with 1,600 by 1970. Against this the Chinese have 2,500 communist missionaries in Asia. Methodists in America have 40,000 churches with a shortage of workers in a number of them. He pointed out that there is a real need for trained laymen to work in these churches helping the minister in carrying on the business as well as the spiritual work of the church.

Last Layman's Day 70% of the churches used laymen to bring the message. There are 5,600 men's clubs affiliated with the Lay Board. This is a small number when you consider 40,000 churches. From information he has secured, only two or three out of each 100 Methodists tithe.

Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee gave us an excellent talk on "Today's Ideals and Tomorrow's Successes." He is an enthusiastic Methodist layman and active in his church. He stressed the need of laymen to be active in carrying the message of what God has done for them in their everyday contacts with people. He advocates the laymen making themselves the "filling stations" of the church.

Dr. John O. Smith, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., brought a good message. His topic was "From the Abstract to the Concrete."

Dr. E. Lamond Geisinger, associate secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, brought a message: "The World's Most Needed Miracle." Both of these men gave us things to think about and work for.

The laymen were divided into three groups for town discussions, each group meeting three times. The meetings lasted over an hour and a half, and the groups rotated so they had the benefit of all three discussions. One was in training laymen. The leader brought out there are four kinds: down and out, in and out, up and out, and out and out. The discussion was very helpful.

The second was on stewardship of time, talents, possessions. It was agreed that if a layman gave his time usually the other two followed. The third was on conservation of the results of the United Evangelistic effort. This was found to be very important. One layman from Norfolk, Va., spoke of his church having received 400 new members over a short period of time, but they could not see any increase in church attendance. The sum up of this discussion was that the layman was the key

man in conserving the results of the United Evangelistic effort.

The matter of new churches was discussed and Western North Carolina Conference Leader Paul Evans, reported twelve new churches in Charlotte over a short period. Members from Nashville, Tenn., reported a number of new churches. The question, "are we keeping up with the changing population by providing additional churches," is a matter to be considered in many communities.

Bishop John Branscomb closed the meeting, using as his topic "The Power of an Obsessed Life."

J. Carlisle Holler, Columbia, S. C., was elected president. J. P. Stafford, Cary, Miss., was elected vice-president.

It was a great meeting. Unfortunately, there were only 189 laymen from 16 conferences or nine states, about half the number present last year. There were 36 from the Tennessee Conference, and they won the William P. Few Memorial Cup for the most mileage covered in attending the conference. There were only ten from the Western North Carolina Conference, almost entirely from the smaller churches; three from the North Carolina Conference; nine from the Virginia Conference, considered the largest conference. The delegates were mostly men beyond 50 years of age. In one group the youngest man was 49. We need more younger men attending these conferences.

The Methodist church has to a large extent given up the Sunday night preaching service. The Wednesday evening

prayer meeting which was considered one of our strongest links has been abandoned by most churches. From the attendance at this conference I would say the Laymen's Conference will be a thing of the past if more interest is not taken by the ministers, conference lay leaders, district lay leaders and charge lay leaders. There should be at least 500 or more in attendance. I hope everyone concerned will take an interest in the conference in 1954.

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KOREA TRUCE PERMITS EXPANSION OF RELIEF

"The truce in Korea provides wider opportunities for relief," says Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, administrative secretary for work in Korea of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Church. Refugees will try to return to their homes as soon as possible and will need assistance in restoring their farms and businesses to normal.

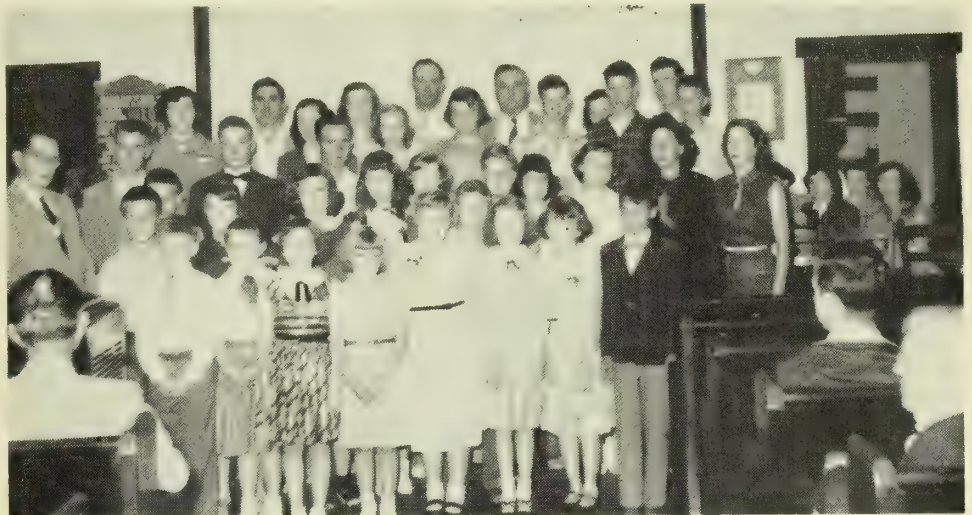
"At last the people of Korea will be able to give primary consideration to the rebuilding of their economic and social life," Dr. Brumbaugh adds.

Rehabilitation projects which have been tested on a small scale can now be enlarged to help able-bodied workers to help themselves. Fifty dollars will provide a loan to a farmer so that he can buy tools and seed. Or this amount will purchase a sewing machine for a widow who will then be able to support her family.

All funds for this purpose should be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Relief clothing should still be sent to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland.

PASTOR PROVES EFFICACY OF VISITING EVANGELISM



Whether or not visitation evangelism can be successfully used on a rural charge seems to have received an affirmative answer in the experience of Rev. J. M. Carroll, pastor of the Waccamaw charge. This charge is a four-point work located in a very busy section, and the United Evangelistic Mission in the N. C. Conference came at a time when the farmers were in the midst of crop setting. According to Mr. Carroll, some said it is the wrong time, while others said that there is no wrong season for evangelism as it must be the heart of the church. Anyway, Mr. Carroll asked for two guest preachers, organized the charge into two missions and put on a training program in each church. As a result of this effort there were 64 commitments to the church. After Mr. Carroll

returned from South Carolina, where he helped in the United Evangelistic Mission, he found that the work had not ceased but that the visitors had secured seven more commitments.

Beginning the assimilation program with a fellowship supper and following up with a membership training course, it was found that there had been a loss of only three among the 71 signing the commitment cards. The remaining 68 were received into the membership of the churches on the charge. The accompanying picture shows one of the membership classes as they were received into the church.

"This is evidence," concludes the pastor, "that visitation evangelism will work anywhere, anytime."

Okinawans and American Soldiers Co-operate to Build Church; Voluntary Aid

BY FAITH THEY BUILT

IN TAKEBARU

By Otis W. Bell, Jr.

Naha, Oinkawa

Takebaru, a village in Okinawa, sits on a small hill overlooking the ocean. It is a very beautiful sight during any time of the day. The population of this village is only 900, yet in the surrounding villages there are over 5,000 people.

After Pastor Teruya and I had gone there to preach several times, large groups of people implored us to build a church and send a pastor. We explained that we did not build churches—that this job belonged to the people of each community; churches were built like schools and other public institutions from the pockets of the people.

On one of our visits the people took us to a tract of land (5 acres) upon which stood a large cement floor that had previously been used by the Army. They explained that this land did not belong to Christian people, but that the people who owned it wanted so much to have a church in Takebaru that they gave the land. We encouraged the people to pray and do what they could toward raising the money for a building.

One day the Chaplain of the 29th Infantry Division came to the missionary and asked for a project on which to put his American GI's to work. Knowing that they passed Takebaru every day in trucks, it was suggested to them to help the people there to build a church. The soldiers were really glad for this opportunity. Among them was a designer who was immediately put to work drawing plans for a building. They made a large sign and put it by the highway stating that the 29th Infantry Division was on record as being a friend and neighbor to Takebaru. Finally the Chaplain agreed to

raise the money for a building if the church people would furnish the pews and necessary inside furniture. This was agreed upon by both parties.

Today there stands upon that concrete foundation a beautiful little cement-block church that overlooks the village of

church members and asked her about the house. Her answer will remain in my mind for a long time to come as a true act of faith and vision. She said, "The 900 people of our community want a Christian church and pastor. We see the church being built by American soldiers and so to strengthen and prove our own faith we have built a parsonage. We know we have small prospects of a pastor, but we believe we have a better chance if we have a house. So there it stands waiting for the Lord to

Newly constructed parsonage of Takebaru Church on the Island of Okinawa, built by the parishoners before they asked for a resident pastor.



Takebaru. But that is getting ahead of the story. One day when going to check on the building I noticed a small house being built upon the land. I didn't ask them about the house, nor did I get back there for over a week. Upon my return to Takebaru the house was finished, but not a soul was in sight. I hunted up one of the

send us a preacher of the Word. Even those among our villagers who are not Christians believe that we will have occupants soon."

Dedication Day came and the church was packed with people. But the parsonage was empty. A total amount of \$4,000 had been raised by GI's and Okinawans to build this project.

The nearby town of Maehara had a pastor, not a parsonage. Soon an agreement was worked out so that Pastor Teruya would live in the Takebaru parsonage and serve both charges, the only stipulation being that Maehara would continue to have the morning service.

All the people of Takebaru are not Christians and may never be. But this we know: that in Okinawa this community wanted a church badly enough to sacrifice for it. With this kind of spirit and sacrifice they are bound to win souls for Christ and to fill Takebaru church.

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THE VALUE OF VOLUNTARY AID PROGRAM

In a statement released after his tour of Asia and the Near East recently, Arnold Vaught, Associate Director of Church World Service, said:

"On my tour of Asia I was impressed anew with the vital importance of voluntary agency programs. Disinterested and voluntary giving by one people to the needs of another people has a psychological effect that official programs often cannot achieve. . . . Voluntary giving is so complementary in nature to official aid programs, as well as being in itself of such size and importance, as to mean simply the difference between life and death to millions of people every year....."



The Christian Church at Takebaru which the 29th U.S. Infantry Division built for the united Church of Christ of Okinawa.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

OAK FOREST church in the Marion district celebrated homecoming Sunday, August 16.

DR. ARTHUR KALE of Duke Divinity School was the guest preacher at First church, Salisbury, Sunday, August 9.

JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE — A special opportunity is offered to adults August 25-28 at Lake Junaluska. The Family Life Workshop will be in session.

MISS CLARICE BOWMAN, associate professor in the Department of Religious Education of High Point College, was guest speaker at the W.S.C.S. meeting of Memorial church, Thomasville, August 3.

TRINITY CHURCH, Statesville district, continued the celebration of homecoming, which started Sunday, August 9, throughout the week with a revival meeting. Rev. D. H. Dennis is the pastor.

REV. EARL BLACK, JR., local preacher from Big Springs church, Charlotte, graduated from Wofford College, Saturday, August 5. Mr. Black will attend Emory University Theological School next year.

THE REGULAR summer meeting of the Methodist Men of Greater Greensboro will be held on Tuesday, August 25, at Pleasant Garden church. Mr. Stanley Yow of Groometown church is the president of the club.

CENTENARY church on the Rowland charge will celebrate homecoming Sunday August 30; Rev. Ted Wilson of Goldsboro will preach. Rowland church will have homecoming September 20 with Bishop W. W. Peele as the guest preacher. Rev. M. R. Chambers is the pastor.

MRS. L. C. JOHNSTON, hospitality chairman of Abernethy Memorial church, writes: "Have you not wished you could return to Rutherford College when a number of former students, church members, and friends were there? The Abernethy Memorial church is giving you this opportunity on Sunday, August 30. The homecoming service will be at 10:45 a.m., and a picnic dinner will follow at noon. Come, meet and mingle with old friends and help make this a memorable day."

COLLEGE PLACE CHURCH, Greensboro, was the recipient of a beautiful brass cross and set of candleholders for the altar Sunday, August 2. Mrs. John Ruffin Holden, Sr., presented them in loving memory of her husband. Dr. Warren Ashby, guest preacher, and teacher at W.C.U.N.C., dedicated the gift. Rev. Donald Marsh, pastor of Groometown church, was guest preacher, Sunday, August 16, in the absence of Dr. J. C. Stokes who is on vacation.

AN ARTS AND CRAFTS School will be held in the Education Building of the Homestead Methodist Church, Route 6, Charlotte, August 17-28, 7 until 9 o'clock each evening, except Saturdays and Sundays. In order that the materials be ready for use when the classes begin each person who wishes to attend is asked to register and pay \$2 Wednesday evening, August 12, at 7 o'clock. The plan is to divide the people who register into five groups and each group work two nights on each of the following: Art, Plastics, Model Craft, Basket Weaving, Wood Craft.

REV. W. A. ROLLINS, will return to his home church, Palm Tree, on the Fallston charge, Sunday, August 23, to preach the homecoming sermon.

SALEM church in the Winston-Salem District dedicated a new bulletin board, Sunday, August 9. The bulletin board, made of red oak, was given to the congregation by friends of the late Robert Gravely in his memory. Rev. E. L. Ballard is the pastor of this church.

MRS. JESSE H. LANNING, wife of the minister of Graham church, is now recuperating in the Alamance County Hospital, from a major operation. Friends are delighted with her response to medical treatment. She can have visitors.

MISS GERALDINE COLEMAN of Shady Grove church represented the young people of her church at the second annual session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Duke University, August 16-20.

COMMONWEALTH CHURCH, Charlotte, has designated August 6 and September 6 as Church Loyalty Sundays. One of these days the members will bring a tithe of a week's income and offer it as a "spiritual service" through their church.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING of Moriah church, Greensboro, will be held Sunday August 23 with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship service 11 a.m., picnic dinner on the grounds, an afternoon service with special singing and visiting speaker. Friends, former pastors and members are invited to this event and bring a basket.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, has notified all members of the church of a call meeting of the quarterly conference, August 30, 1953, at which time the plans for a new church building will be discussed. The building is to be erected on the property recently acquired by the church which is located at the southeastern intersection of Chestnut Street and Westchester Drive.

THE CONGREGATION of Myers Park church, Charlotte, held a church conference Sunday, August 2. At this conference the congregation approved the plans for a proposed addition to the Snyder Educational Building and authorized the planning committee and the official board to proceed with the preparation of working drawings and specifications and the construction of the building at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Francis Asbury church, at Candler, are being nurtured in church work and led in activities that are up to their ability and of real service under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Sawyer and Mrs. Clyde Wright. Book racks were recently installed by them and they plan to do some planting of shrubbery at the parsonage. A benefit supper, in co-operation with the Woman's society, last week was very successful. Barbara Sawyer, Venetia Fincher, James McCain and Roger Sluder presented the W.S.C.S. program at the August meeting. LaRue Wright is president of this fine group of MYF-ers.

REV. R. L. JEROME, Elizabeth City, and Rev. C. P. Bowles, Charlotte, were elected vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, at the recent meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Pastors Association at Lake Junaluska.

VICTORY SUNDAY was celebrated in St. Paul church, Goldsboro, Sunday, August 9, at which time the congregation laid \$2,640 on the altar to be used for painting the sanctuary and to make payments on some conference obligations.

HORNES CHURCH on the Elm City charge will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the church, together with a homecoming day service, Sunday morning, August 30. All former pastors, members and friends of the church are invited and urged to be present.

MISS FREDIA MORGAN, serving as U.S.-2 at Metcalfe Community House, Dunbar, Pa., is spending her vacation at her home in Midland. Fredia is a graduate of Pfeiffer College and Greensboro College. Before going to Metcalfe Community House she served a year at Dilles Bottom Community Center in Dilles Bottom, Ohio.

CONGRATULATIONS to John L. Penick, a young ministerial student from First church, Salisbury, who has been selected to receive the Reader's Digest Foundation award. This award is a scholarship in the amount of \$500 and is granted on the basis of scholarship, leadership, personality and character.

FRIENDSHIP church on the Fallston charge is building a new \$15,000 parsonage. On July 6 the members of the church got together and cut logs for the building. Due to be finished in about three weeks, the parsonage is made up of a living room and dining room combined, three bedrooms, one bath and a half; large kitchen and breakfast nook, basement and garage.

DR. WILSON O. WELDON and family of Main Street church in Gastonia have moved to 106 South Patrick Avenue, Gastonia, which house the church has leased as a parsonage until a new one is built. The old parsonage adjacent to the church will be used for church school purposes until the new church building is completed.

FAMILY NIGHT, featuring a program of worship, recreation, and a picnic supper, climaxed the observance of Youth Activities Week at the Edenton Street Methodist Church on August 7. Youth Activities Week, sponsored by the Senior and Older Youth Groups of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, had for its purpose the enrichment of the spiritual growth of the youth of the church. Highlights of the week's program were the two courses of study, "Finding God's Will for the Youth Today," and "Youth Courtship," taught by Mrs. W. J. Roberts, and Rev. C. S. Hubbard, respectively. Also included on the program were a fellowship supper, worship, and recreation. An added feature of the Wednesday evening session was the attendance of the young people at the regular mid-week prayer fellowship to hear a message by the pastor, Dr. Howard P. Powell, on the topic, "Choosing to Be Spiritually-Minded." The entire program for Youth Activities Week was under the general direction of Miss Carolyn Dorn, Director of Christian Education.

Successful Season at Don-Lee; Rally Day Set for Sept. 27; Youth Emphasis

SEJ LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ATTRACTS TWENTY-FIVE

Twenty-five delegates from the North Carolina Conference attended the Southeastern Jurisdictional Leadership School at Lake Junaluska, August 3-14. Nine of these were local church directors of Christian education or educational assistants, six were district directors, four were pastors, and six were local church workers. One of these, Mrs. James Auman of Fayetteville, participated in the Seminar for Laboratory School Instructors. Special features of the school this year were a workshop for Directors of Christian Education and a Seminar for Conference Executive Secretaries. Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, Director of the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education, and a member of our Annual Conference and Conference Board of Education, served as dean of the school.

This school was preceded by a three-day convocation for District Directors which was attended by nine delegates from our conference. It was followed by a three-day Convention for Church School Superintendents which was attended by twelve or fifteen delegates from the North Carolina Conference.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPING SEASON CLOSING AT CAMP DON-LEE

We are in the closing week of our camps for junior boys and girls at Camp Don-Lee. The Older Youth Assembly, August 23-27, will bring our camping season which began June 9th to a close. It has been the most successful season of camping in the history of our conference. For the first time we had to turn away boys and girls from both the Christian Adventure Camps and the camps for juniors. This was true in spite of the fact that six weeks were scheduled for Christian Adventure Camps and four weeks for Junior Camps. A later report will reveal the exact number of campers that attended camp Don-Lee this summer.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS BEING RECEIVED

Vacation Church School reports are being received in our mail almost daily. When the reports are all in we feel sure that this will prove to be one of our best summers for Vacation Church Schools. Churches that have not sent a copy of their report to this office are urged to do so at once. Additional report blanks are available from this office upon request.

CHILDREN'S BUILDING OFFERING DISAPPOINTING

Even though every church school was urged to receive an offering on Children's Day for the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska, to date only \$400.00 has been sent in. We are anxious to complete our quota for this important project. We hope those churches that have not sent in an offering this year will do so soon. Send it to Wayne G. Starnes, Treasurer, 1503 Carolina Avenue, Durham, N. C.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF THE MYF CLOSES TODAY

The Second Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship closes with a Conference-wide Youth Rally in Page Auditorium, Duke University, Thursday, August 20. More than one thousand youth and adult leaders were ex-

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pected to attend this rally which began at 10:30 a.m. and closed at 3:30 p.m. Four hundred youth delegates and their adult leaders have been attending this annual conference at Duke University since Sunday, August 16.

Billy Baum of Elizabeth City, vice-president of the Conference Youth Council, served as the presiding officer in the absence of the president, Miss Nancy Lee Smith, of Washington, N. C. Rev. Dan Whitsett, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Sylacauga, Alabama, was the Conference speaker. Other leaders included Rev. T. J. Barrett of Raleigh, who served as dean of men; Mrs. R. L. Jerome, of Elizabeth City, who served as dean of women, and Rev. Curtis Gatlin of the board staff, who directed the entire proceedings.

OLDER YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT CAMP DON-LEE

Post-high school youth, college students, working youth, and youth in the service, are invited to attend the Older Youth Assembly at Camp Don-Lee, August 23-27. Four great days of worship, study, discussion, boating, swimming, fishing, good food, prayer, and Christian fellowship are in store for those who attend. Leaders will include Rev. and Mrs. Ed Spann, M.S.F. directors at Duke University, Dr. Henderson Davis of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., Dr. H. H. Hutson and Dr. Raymond Smith of Greensboro College, Rabbi E. M. Rosensweig of Chapel Hill, and Rev. Curtis Gatlin of our staff.

PLANNING AND TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

The annual Planning and Training Conference for district directors of Adult, Youth, Intermediate, Children and General Church School Work will be held at the St. Paul church, Goldsboro, September 14-16. The conference will open with registration and supper on Monday evening and close with district staff meetings led by the district superintendents on Wednesday afternoon. Approximately fifty persons are expected to attend. Members of the conference staff will guide this conference.

A special feature of the conference this year will be a Training Conference for Adult Resource Leaders Tuesday and Wednesday led by Dr. Edwin Tewksbury of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, and John M. Meares, our Conference Director of Adult Work.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Church School Rally Day packets are being mailed this week to pastors, church school superintendents, and directors of Christian education, or education assistants. This packet includes a program en-

titled, "Take a Look," prepared by Miss Virginia Henry of the General Board of Education, a poster, a leaflet, "Your Church School Rally Day offering at Work," a sample offering envelope and a remittance advice.

We are very anxious for every church in the North Carolina Conference to observe Church School Rally Day and take an offering for the Conference Board of Education on Sunday, September 27, or the nearest date thereto as practicable. Local churches are urged to begin making their plans at once for this observance. Display the attractive church School Rally Day poster, appoint a committee to plan the program, order additional supplies from this office, and work for a record attendance on this day.

THE YOUTH EMPHASIS

Most of you know that the last General Conference called all Methodist churches to "place a special emphasis during the quadrennium 1952-56 upon developing, improving, and extending its youth program, and upon reaching increased number of youth for the Christian life and membership in the church." The entire church is being urged to get behind this emphasis which was instigated because of the following disturbing facts:

1. Three out of every four youth are outside the church—Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish.
2. The MYF is losing youth. In ten years the MYF membership decreased one-fourth of one per cent while the youth population increased seven per cent.
3. The MYF has a large responsibility. MYF membership should reach 4,600,000 by 1960. It is now 1,127,479.
4. The youth program needs improving.

This is a serious situation and merits the special attention of the entire church. Church workers are being urged to give special attention to this problem. An abundance of fine guidance materials are being provided. The youth emphasis calendar in the immediate future includes the following items:

1. A special youth emphasis packet is being furnished each local church through the district superintendents and the pastors. Ask your pastor about this packet.
2. September 13—a Day of Prayer in every church by the entire church, called by the Council of Bishops.

—Special NBC-TV Program "Frontiers of Faith," produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches, Sunday, September 13.

—Two 15-minute radio programs available free to any local station on LP records the weeks of September 7th and 14th entitled "Let There Be Light," produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

3. Youth Emphasis at Annual Conference, Duke Memorial Church, Durham Saturday, October 31.

—Afternoon Workshop for local church adult leaders

—Night session of Annual Conference featuring drama and address by Mr. Jamieson Jones of Nashville, Tennessee Seminary student at Garrett Biblical Institute, Editor of **Concern**, Youth Magazine, and retiring president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

4. December 31—Watch Night Service for the entire church in every local church.

For additional information concerning the Youth Emphasis contact this office or Mr. Harold W. Ewing, Director of the Youth Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Plans Complete for School of Missions at Greensboro College; Day Apart Observed

PLANS READY FOR ACTION

Following many months of thoughtful, prayerful planning by those responsible for the program of the 7th annual Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, to be held at Greensboro College August 31-September 4, a multitude of



Mrs. H. I. Glass

women of both the N. C. and the Western N. C. Conference WSCS are eagerly awaiting this most significant event.

The quality of the program, the theme of which is "Christian Discipleship Around the World," is assured. Its ultimate success will depend upon the number of women reached by it. This means that it will be most essential that those attending shall make an effort during the months and years ahead to share with every other member of the WSCS of the two conferences the inspirational and practical features of the school.

Among the several practical features of the school will be the four workshops on various promotional phases of the work of the WSCS, one of which will be "The Circle, Its Purpose and Program," led by the Presidents of the two conferences, Mrs. H. I. Glass, of Durham, and Mrs. J. W. Harbison, Shelby. Both Mrs. Glass and Mrs. Harbison are exceedingly well prepared for their participation in the school, as are the other leaders of the courses of instruction, clinics, vespers, and platform addresses. Other workshops and their leaders will be Methods of Teaching Current Courses; Christian Youth and Vocation in the Church, Mrs. Hubert Odom, Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Mrs. Mark Goforth, Mrs. C. M. Allen, and Miss Stella Ward; The WSCS in the Total Church Program, Mrs. H. L. McLeod, and Mrs. Rupert Crowell. Everyone should register also for a workshop. Methods of Teaching is not a workshop, but everyone will have an opportunity to take this subject.

Registration for dormitory students will be held Monday, August 31, 1-4:30 p.m. Day students will register each morning through Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m. and from 6:30-7:00 o'clock Monday night.

Each dormitory student should bring sheets, towels, pillowcase, and pillow.

Woman's Society of Christian Service North Carolina Conference

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MRS. WARREN ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Mrs. J. A. Warren, Conference Secretary of CSR and LCA, was elected as one of three vice presidents of the North Carolina Woman's Council at its annual meeting in Chapel Hill on July 28.

The Woman's Council, organized in July 1952 at Woman's College of the UNC, Greensboro, is composed of 12 State-wide organizations for women, representing a total membership of 242,000. It has for its purpose to provide opportunity for organized groups, agencies, and individual members to plan and act together voluntarily concerning areas of special interest to women, and to provide a clearing house for women's organizations in the state.

The chief project of the Council thus far, according to Dr. Gion G. Johnson, of Chapel Hill, its president, has been the cooperation with the University of North Carolina Extension Division in sponsoring a Leadership Training Workshop for women each year. The workshop was held this year at Chapel Hill, July 26-28.

The general officers of the N. C. Woman's Council, in addition to Dr. Johnson, and Mrs. Warren, are Miss Grace Van Dyke More, Greensboro., and Mrs. Charles Graham, Linwood, vice presidents, and Mrs. Edith Bocker, Chapel Hill, secretary. Also on the Executive Committee is a representative of each member organization and agency of the Council.

Organizations and agencies holding membership on the Council include N. C. Division of American Association of University Women, N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, American Legion Auxiliary, Auxiliary of N. C. Medical Society, Classroom Teachers Association, Pilot International, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, State Nurses' Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

DAY APART HELPFUL

"The days were hot, and the distance to travel long for many of the women, but as we heard expressions of a deepened consecration at the close of each session, we knew they were worthwhile," Mrs. M. B. Gillam, Secretary of Spiritual Life, Elizabeth City District, writes of the recent Day Apart observed by four of the sub-districts. "As Mrs. Burwell lovingly and wisely asked that we 'keep open the door of our hearts that our Lord be an abiding guest, and as she plead that we give Him first place in our love and service, our hearts, too, were 'strangely warmed' and we were indeed conscious of His Holy Presence. These were days to be remembered and we are grateful to Mrs. Burwell for her service to us."

The subdistricts observing the Days Apart, and the places of meeting were Martin - Washington - Tyrrell, Columbia;

Beaufort-Hyde, Lake Landing; Dare County, Wanchese, and Outer Banks, Avon.

RUTH MERCER CIRCLE

Acting upon a desire to create more interest in the work of the WSCS, members of the Ruth Mercer Circle of the WSCS of the Franklinton Methodist Church featured an address by the president of the Raleigh District WSCS, Mrs. M. M. Person, and a family night picnic



Mrs. J. W. Harbison

at their July and August meetings respectively.

Mrs. Person addressed the group on the total program of the WSCS, beginning on the local level, and tracing its plans of work through the subdistrict, the district, the Jurisdictional, and the national organizations.

Officers of the Ruth Mercer Circle, whose membership is composed of the young women of the church are president, Mrs. Alice Grissom; vice president, Mrs. Nell Finger; secretary, Mrs. Joanne Owen; treasurer, Mrs. Jo Green; missionary education and service, Mrs. Helen Collins; CSR and LCA, Mrs. Barbara Langston; spiritual life and youth work, Mrs. Gene Weston; L and P, Miss Edith Jackson; supply work, Mrs. Lura Hight; student work, Mrs. Jimmy Williamson, and special projects, Mrs. Ialeen Mode.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT MEETS

The annual meeting of the Rocky Mount District WSCS featured an address, "What One Woman Can Do," by Mrs. H. I. Glass, Conference President, an address, "Missions at Mid-Century," Mrs. N. P. Edens, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, a message by Mrs. Pierce Johnson, District President, a service of remembrance conducted by Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, awarding of life memberships, reports of officers, and installation of officers for the new conference year.

The adult Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. House, of the Bethel WSCS, Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon, and Mrs. W. M. Wells, Wilson.

New officers installed to serve with the hold over officers were Mrs. C. E. Shaw, vice president; Mrs. S. G. Boone, children's work; L and P, Mrs. Ira Gunn; supply work; Mrs. R. J. Whitehurst, status of women, Mrs. W. R. Everett.

Children on Vacation; Lee's a Joiner; Faulty Wiring Corrected; Silos Filled

FRIED CHICKEN

This scribe has just come from our central kitchen where several staff members and a number of our older girls were busy getting ready for a picnic trip this afternoon to Hanging Rock Park for those youngsters who were not away on a vacation trip. The most interesting feature of the preparation was the frying of chicken, several skillets accommodating the frying process. Our children seem never to get enough fried chicken. They do not go so strong on beef and hog meat but they can center a good deal of interest and joy on fried chicken.

OPAL'S FEELINGS

One of our Opals is a fifteen-year-old girl who was permitted to start her vacation on July 1 in order to have the privilege of going to Florida with some of her relatives. Opal reports that their party went all the way to Key West and saw a good deal of other interesting Florida features. On returning to where she came from seven years ago, Opal noted that her boy friend had not lost his interest in her. When time came for Opal to return to The Children's Home, a delay of three days offered still more time for the young lady to be with her boy friend. On arrival here with us Opal's heart's sentiments were left where she came from. It was then easy for our young lady to buy a bus ticket and return to where she wanted to be. Several days were consumed in helping Opal see beyond her immediate desires. Through the aid of the sensible boy friend and the awakened girl friend, Opal is now back with us getting ready to enter high school and be better prepared for carrying on a love affair after her boy friend is out of military service and after she has gone further in her high school training.

SCATTERED CHILDREN

Our readers may remember that our children are privileged to have a three weeks' vacation each summer. A small number of our older youngsters had their three weeks in July but three hundred or more members of the family are now enjoying their vacation through the first three weeks in August. With so many children away in so many places, one finds himself a little anxious when the telephone rings and the announcement is made that some long-distance talking is desired. So far only one youngster is very sick, some intimations being that the lad may have a slight case of polio.

LEE'S LEANINGS

Thirteen-year-old Lee is an interesting chap. He does not learn so much in school but he learns a whole lot about every fellow who comes in on the Home grounds more than once or twice. Young Lee is a fellow who will strike up a conversation with a stranger very quickly and can tell the stranger almost anything, since Lee's imagination overflows into his verification. Lee knows how to make friends and is working on the matter of how to hold them. Recently while on a visit with a very fine man who comes to see us right often, Lee went with this friend to his Baptist church meetings from time to time. Young Lee liked the congregation so much as to inquire of the minister if he could join his church. Then the minister inquired of us as to the wisdom of granting Lee's request. It was agreed that since Lee had already joined a Methodist

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church, he need not join another. On questioning Lee after his return, the inquirer was put wise by Lee when he stated that he thought well of being in a good crowd wherever he was and that he thought well of joining a church for two weeks. Lee is a great fellow for joining up with anybody who looks like he is happy in living.

HILLBILLY FRIENDS

Recently this scribe was away over yonder among the hills of Watauga county trying to find where three little youngsters lived whose frail mother had inquired as to whether they could be admitted into The Children's Home. It seemed that there were so many roads in that area as to make a fellow uncertain as to where he was going. Finally he stopped in front of a house and a real home, where a good father and a good mother were directing four interesting children. When the visitor made himself known, the woman of the house said, "O, you are the fellow who gets out that little paper called The Home Chronicle. I like to read what that little paper has to say, and am particularly interested in the fifth Sunday offerings which will have a chance to be revived during this month."

GLENDA GALLOPS

The picture this week is that of Glenda Herman, eleven years old and going to the sixth grade this fall. Our Mr. Clary put Glenda on a Southern Railway train for starting the long trip to Texarkana, Texas. Glenda picked up a slightly older brother at Connelly Springs and at Asheville had the opportunity of a short conference with her father, after which she

rode along the way across the Mississippi river to where her older brother is living. Doubtless Glenda will have a lot to talk about when she returns to The Children's Home. This young lady is sponsored by the Friendly Class, Newlyn Street, Greensboro, Mrs. W. C. Russell being the correspondent.

WEARING APPAREL

When our children return from their visiting vacations they will doubtless have a lot of wearing apparel that we will have to evaluate in terms of taste, fits, and adornment. We have noticed that sometimes our youngsters can select the most gaudy colors, which, in our opinion, simply swear at one another. What to do with the surplus wearing apparel is tied in with the youngsters' emotions and we sometimes find it necessary to have some conferences on what is suitable for our youngsters to wear. Whatever strikes the fancy of a few of our youngsters can spread all through the family. We may have rainbow colors without any rain.

SCRAPES THE BOTTOM

Inquiry was recently made as to what caused the bruised places on thirteen-year-old Anita's face. Since Anita is a good looking girl, the ugly places on her face caused the inquirer to become interested in knowing how come and why the bruises. Anita answered by stating that she had dived too deeply in the swimming pool and had scraped its bottom to the hurt of her face. Anita remarked that she would be glad when our new swimming pool opened so there would be less danger of hurting her face when she dived in with her curving jumps.

FAULTY WIRING

Visitors to our campus can readily observe that there are different types of architecture exhibited among our twenty-five brick buildings, this difference having come about because of having no definite plan for enlargement until more recent years. Four of the buildings on our campus were more cheaply built than those of later years. From time to time we have redecorated and readjusted these buildings. We have been particularly interested in checking on the electric wiring system. The last of this business was done last week when it was found that there was at one place live wires that were not well insulated. We feel safer now that experienced and licensed electric workers have put their stamp of approval on the wirings we now have.

FILLING THE SILOS

The extended dry weather has caused hurried efforts at getting in our silage corn before it became too dry for proper pickling. Already two of our silos have been filled and the filling of the third one is well on the way. Because of the shortened corn stalks, it has become necessary to haul in some of the corn off our bottom lands, some three miles away.

TRUSTEES TO MEET

Our board of trustees is scheduled to meet here on The Children's Home grounds Wednesday morning, September 16, at 10:30 o'clock. This meeting will have before it the consideration of a master plan for further enlarging the facilities for our children. As soon as is consistent with our financial affairs, additional buildings will be constructed for reducing the number of children to the household.

Praying for Others

by Charles M. Laymon

I Timothy 2: 1-8; Romans 8: 26-28

When the editor asked prayers for Syngman Rhee, Korean Methodist, one reader suggested a day of prayer for the Korean president and all Korea.

Intercessory praying makes the headlines rarely, but it is as ancient as Abraham's petitions for Sodom (Genesis 18: 22-33), and as modern as your own child's prayer last night when she said: "God bless Mamma and Daddy, Johnny and Susie, and make me a good girl."

Jesus prayed for others. He told Peter that he had prayed that he would turn again after his denial and strengthen the brethren. As the **Wesley Quarterly** points out, he prayed also for his enemies while hanging from the cross. Praying in this fashion was real to him.

In this same vein the author of I Timothy urged that "supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men." He expressed further the desire that in every place men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling" (I Timothy 2: 1,8).

We do not pray unaided. God's Spirit is at work in our lives, inspiring us, guiding our thoughts, and showing us how we ought to pray (Romans 8: 26-27).

Recently a wife was called upon to go alone to a distant city for the funeral of her brother, who had died suddenly at the age of 45. He was the last remaining member of her family. While there her husband felt a constant urge to pray for her. Wave after wave of impulse impelled him toward intercessory prayer. When she returned she said that she felt strengthened in a most amazing way. God's presence was experienced constantly.

It appears as though God depends upon our prayers for others. He uses them to refine our own spirits as well as to bless those for whom we pray. Such praying is an expression of Christian brotherhood.

It is as President Eisenhower said at the noted breakfast in Washington last February. On this occasion the President stated that, "Prayer today is a necessity. We know that our prayers are imperfect—But if we can make the effort, then there is something that ties us all together." And intercession is said to have had a prominent part in the breakfast prayer-times that have followed in Washington.

Intercessory prayer is not a substitute for service but if often leads us to Christian action.

YADKIN COLLEGE CENTENNIAL

By Rev. O. B. Michael, S.T.D.
Alumni Historian

Yadkin College was definitely decided upon by the first board in a historic meeting in Friendship Methodist Protestant Church, now Methodist, in Davidson County, Lexington, N. C., R 3, on September 20, 1853. On the third Sunday in September, the 20th, 1953, the centennial of the founding of this institution will be marked. It opened in October 1856 and was chartered to confer degrees at the 1860-61 session of the North Carolina Legislature, and was conducted by the Methodist Protestant Church until 1924 when High Point College opened as its successor.

At the 1852 Annual Conference at Fayetteville following an address by the Honorable Henry Walser then a member of the Legislature of North Carolina representing Davidson County, who advocated and recommended that a college be established, said conference appointed a committee or board to look into the feasibility, to determine the location, and if deemed wise, to open the institution. This decision and conclusion were reached on September 20, 1853 in a meeting at Friendship church, and the institution was situated "in the county of Davidson, on the road leading from Lexington to Mocksville, Davie County, eight miles west of Lexington and three miles east of the Yadkin River on the lands of Thomas C. Crump and Henry Walser, they agreeing to convey ten acres of land for said purpose." (1855 M. P. Minutes, p. 35, Vol. II).

This board was composed of Rev. Alson W. Gray, D.D., chairman; Rev. David Weasner, secretary; David L. Michael, Esq., Thomas C. Crump, and Hon. Henry Walser, founder. The 1856-61 co-presidents were John A. Oakes, M.A., and George W. Hege, M.A.

The LL.D. was conferred upon Governor J. W. Ellis in 1861 and the LL.D. was awarded Governor Z. B. Vance in 1878, and D.D.'s were conferred upon Revs.

Alson W. Gray, a leading founding father, Rev. W. H. Wills, Rev. C. F. Harris, Rev. J. L. Michau, Rev. S. Simpson, Rev. A. W. Lineberry, and others.

Yadkin College prepared scores of ministers for the church and was one of the leading institutions of the last century. At the 1956 Yadkin College Homecoming the Alumni will observe the Centennial in special services. Dr. W. T. Totten served as president for twenty-six years, 1898-1924. His daughter, Lucy Belle Totten Owen (Mrs. F. R.), Gibsonville, is the Centennial President of the Yadkin College Association. The historic Yadkin College bell and library are a part of High Point College.

Book Reviews

JESUS LIGHTS THE SABBATH LAMP,
by James S. Tippet. Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville, Tenn. \$1.00.

A delightful, imaginative story from the boyhood of Jesus, based upon an ancient Hebrew custom. Told in words familiar to the small child, the story sets forth an appealing picture of the small boy Jesus in his humble home and makes very real his sweet spirit, his helpfulness and his awareness of the love of God. A delightful feature of the book are the large illustrations, some of them in full color, which depict authentically the dress and customs of the time, and tell the story almost without the use of words. A beautiful gift for the small grandchild.

O. D. PARK

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PROBLEM CORNER

By Ina Louis

Usually, long before this time on Saturday morning David could have been heard whistling to the accompaniment of the lawn mower and the short grass would have been sacked and carried on his bicycle to Grandma Roe's fowls at the edge of town. But this morning he sat idly swinging in Problem Corner, seemingly forgetful of everything outside.

This particular corner had been dubbed "Problem Corner" when David was nine and he had been sent there to settle a problem which his mother had felt he should decide for himself. After a few moments of earnest thought he had told her that it had been a big problem, but that the corner had helped him find the answer.

His mother had placed a small table and chair in one corner, hung some curtains and enclosed it with plastic drapes hung on a wire. These drapes could be easily drawn if the occupant wished privacy. It had been also agreed that if anyone sat in Problem Corner, no one was to disturb him or enter without an invitation.

David had been there all morning and his work was being neglected. Today was his fifteenth birthday and after a birthday lunch of cake and candles scheduled for noon, he had planned a swimming expedition in the pond with Uncle Edward, a missionary on furlough. David was very fond of his uncle and had enjoyed his visit.

"It seems to me," his mother confided to Uncle Edward, "I shall have a problem that must be decided outside Problem Corner!"

"Is he in the habit of neglecting his work?" asked Uncle Edward, sympathetically.

"Oh, no, David is very dependable and never neglects his work or does it carelessly. I feel certain that there must be something special on his mind."

"I have a feeling that the Lord is talking to that boy about something," agreed Uncle Edward. He rose and went outside.

David was just pushing back the drapes. "Please come in, Uncle Edward," he called. There was a light in his eyes that led his uncle to believe that the boy had won.

"I believe that I consider it an honor to enter the famous Problem Corner," said Uncle Edward, smiling. "Now what is it, my boy? Have you been having a battle?"

"This is the biggest problem that I have ever met," answered David, "although I shall probably meet with bigger and greater if I live."

"Like to tell me about it?" quired his uncle.

"Oh, yes Uncle Edward, that is why I asked you to enter. Do you remember my writing you while you were overseas about going East with Uncle Frank and Aunt Jean?"

"Yes, I remember."

"But I did not tell you how frightened I was, going over the mountains. As we rounded those curves with the great drop of hundreds of feet over one side I was so scared I thought I would yell right out loud. Honestly, Uncle Edward, I thought I would die! I thought surely the bus would crash over the side of the mountains and we would be killed. I hated to have Uncle Frank think I was a sissy, so I pretended I was sleepy and laid my head on his knee."

"Aunt Jean knew what was wrong,

though, and began to tell me that hundreds of people went over the same route and there had never been an accident. She suggested that I close my eyes and tell Jesus about it. But I didn't feel that I knew Jesus well enough at that time, and I just didn't trust Him. I even asked Uncle Frank if he thought Daddy would move East so that I wouldn't have to return over these same mountains.

"And then?" prompted his uncle.

"Well, out on the prairie the outdoors seemed so large and strange that I was almost more frightened than ever. The first night I heard the coyotes howling after I was in bed. Well, I got used to it, of course, and enjoyed my visit very much. But it was almost as bad coming home again."

"I understand," nodded Uncle Edward, "but I don't understand your present problem. Are you planning on visiting Aunt Jean again?"

"Oh, no it isn't anything like that, Uncle Edward. But you remember, in your message the other night you said that one of the most terrible things about the life of those who have never heard the Gospel is the awful haunting fear in which they live from childhood to old age."

"Yes," said his uncle, gravely, "the hopeless, terrifying fears that these Africans have, through their superstitions, is heart-breaking to the missionaries, who try to show them the One who can cast out all fear. But what is the problem, Son?"

"Well, I have been thinking—I always had so much fear, you know, of different things, and—and—"

"Yes?"

"But now I love the Lord and I have no fear. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to trust Him and have His peace. But out there," David's face twitched with emotion, "they should know Him, too. He died for them and loves them as much as He does me."

Now it was Uncle Edward who groped for his handkerchief, as he said huskily, "Are you trying to tell me David, that God is calling you as a missionary?"

"What else could I be?" David questioned simply, "I owe it to them, don't I?"

"That is the way I feel, too, David! Thank the Lord! I am glad you have settled that problem on the side of God and the lost souls!" He put his arm around the boy and gave him a hug. "Suppose you go tell Mother while I get out the lawn mower? We'll have to hurry if we want our swim."

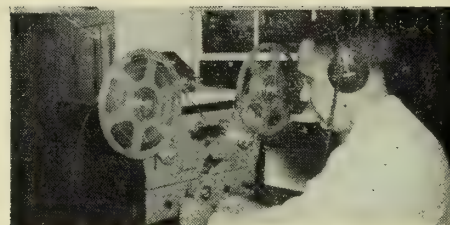
"You are tops, Uncle Edward! I'll go borrow our neighbor's mower and we will clip off this grass in a hurry. I'm sure glad I stayed in Problem Corner until I got this thing settled for life. I would rather be a missionary than be a millionaire!"—**Juvenile Pleasure.**

CONCLUDING DAYS IN AUSTRIA

(Continued from page five)

is forced to regard this beautiful mountainous country with its friendly, hard-working, earnest people as one of the most fertile fields for increased Methodist activity. Austrian Methodists do not want charity from us. They want our love, our sympathetic understanding, our support in helping the church to meet the unprecedented challenge that awaits it. Some now identified with other communions are hungry for our message. Thousands of refugees, homeless but still hopeful, look up for spiritual succor. If world Methodism—particularly American Methodism—can join hands with their brethren in Austria a new day can dawn for Methodism in this small but strategic nation.

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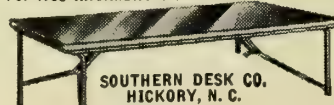


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ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

Fourth Round

J. F. Herbert, D. S.,

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	August
Warrenton, Macon, 8	20
Gaston, Shiloh, 8	21
Wilson, 11 (no conference)	23
Enfield, 8	23
Rosemary, 8	25
Weldon, 8	26
Pinetops, Temperance Hall, 11:15	30
Robersonville, Hamilton, 8	30

	September
Seaboard, Pleasant Grove, 8	2
Spring Church-Carysburg, Oak Grove, 8	3
Northhampton, Rehobeth, 11	6
Roanoke Ct., Smith's, 8	6
Scotland Neck, 11	13
West Halifax, Hollister, 8	13
Roanoke Rapids, First Church, 8	14
Rocky Mount, Marvin, 8	16
Rich Square, 8	17
Nash, Gold Valley, 11	20
Littleton, Calvary, 8	20
Rocky Mount, Clark St., 8	21

	October
Warren, Providence, 11	4
Halifax, 7:30	4
Wilson, 7:30	6
Evansdale, 7:30	7
Elm City, Home's, 7:30	8
Battleboro, Hobgood, 11	11
Tarboro, 7:30	11
Rocky Mount, First Church, 7:30	13
Spring Hope, 7:30	14
St. Paul's, Sandy Cross, 7:30	15
Farmville, 11	18
Stantonsburg, 7:30	18
Whitakers, McTyre's, 11	25
Stokes, Parmele, 7:30	25

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Last Round

V. E. Quinn, D.S.

1516 Market St., Wilmington

	August
Wallace, 11	23
Clinton Circuit, Trinity, 4	23
Burgaw, Watha, 7:30	23
Pembroke, First Church, 7:30 (Tentative)	24
Sunset Park, 8	26
Epworth, Seagate, 8	27
Faison, 11	30
Town Creek, Bethel, 3	30
Shallotte Camp, 8	30

	September
Tabor City, 11	6
Tabor City, Zion, 2:30 (Preaching)	6
Chadbourn, Evergreen, 7:30	6
Roseboro, Halls, 8	9
Council, Shiloh, 11	13
Hallsboro, Wananish, 3	13
Pembroke Circuit, Buie, 8	13
Jacksonville, Trinity, 8	14
Trinity, 8	15
Southport, 8	17
Garland, Centenary, 6:30 (Q. C. to be arranged)	18
Waccamaw, Pireway, 11	20
Whiteville Circuit, Mishop Springs, 3	20
Chestnut Street, 7:30	20
Wesley Memorial, 8 (Quarterly Conference)	21
Clinton, 7:30	23
Fair Bluff, 11	27
Shallotte Circuit, Concord, 7:30	27
Carolina Beach, 8	29
Whiteville, 7:30	30

	October
Elizabethtown, Trinity, 11	4
Swansboro, Queen's Creek, 3	4
Richlands, Haw Branch, 7:30	4
Fifth Avenue, 7:30	5
Grace, 7:30	7
Duplin, Magnolia, 6	8
Fairview, 11	11
Hickory Grove, 3	11
Lumberton Circuit, E. Lumberton, 7:30	11
Carver's Creek, Bladen Springs, 7:30	14
Bladen, Live Oak, 8	15
Ashpole, Pleasant Grove, 11	18
Prospect, Sandy Plains, 3	18
Bethesda, 8	18
Scott's Hill (To be arranged)	

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

F. S. Love, D. S.

713 W. Church St., Elizabeth City, N. C.

Last Round

	August
Hatteras, Hatteras, 11	23
Kennakeet, Avon, 7:30	23
Columbia, Columbia, 11	30
Creswell, Woodley's Cpl., 3	30
Roper, Roper, 7:30	30
	September
Swan Quarter, Soule, 11	6
Mattamuskeet, Watson's Cpl., 7:30	6
First Church, (E. C.) 8	7
Stumpy Point, East Lake, 11	13
Manteo, 4	13
Wanchese, 7:30	13

Initial meeting of the College Foundation program, First Church (L. C.) 6:30	15
Windsor, Cashie, 11	20
Williamston, Holly Springs, 3	20
Plymouth, 8	20
Perquimans, New Hope, 11-1	26
North Gates, Parkers, 11:00	27
Gatesville, Gatesville, 3	27
South Mills, Sharon, 7:30	27

	October
Pasquotank, Union, 11-1	2
Washington, 7:30	4
Bath, Pantego, 3	4
Washington Ct., Wharton, 11	4
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk, 7:30	5
City Road, 7:30	7
Moyock-Memorial, Memorial, 11	11
Currituck, Sharon, 3	11
South Camden, Wesley, 7:30	11
Belhaven, 8	14
Ahoskie, 11	14
Murfreesboro, Harrellsville, 3	18
Aulander, Powellsville, 7:30	18
Chowan, Anderson, 11	25
Hertford, 8	25

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Last Round

W. Jackson Runyan, D. S.

400 Branner Avenue, Waynesville, N. C.

	August
Bryson City (Check-up Meeting), 10:30	20
Peachtree (Dedication), 11	23
Shooting Creek, Bethel, 4	23
Andrews, 7:30	23
Bryson City, 7:30	25
Franklin, 11	30
West Macon, Maiden's, 2	30
Macon, Union, 4	30
Franklin Circuit, Iotla, 7:30	30

	September
Morning Star, 7:30	1
Sylva, 7:30	2
Fines Creek, 7:30	3
Robbinsville, 11	6
Murphy, First, 3	6
Hayesville, Oden, 7:30	6
Canton, Central, 7:30	8
Canton, First, 7:30	9
Cullowhee, 7:30	10
Waynesville, First, 7:30	16

"In the South I have seen innumerable and indubitable signs of improvement in relations between the races, especially in economic and educational opportunities. . . It is to be remembered that some of the heaviest fighters for the Negroes are white leaders in the South, and some of the most determined opponents are white residents in the North."—Francis J. McConnell in BY THE WAY (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

PLANS COMPLETE FOR FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOP

Plans have been completed for the Family Life Workshop for Leaders of The Methodist Church in the Southeastern Jurisdiction which will be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 25-28. This Workshop is being jointly sponsored by the Lake Junaluska Assembly, the Jurisdictional Council, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the General and Annual Conference Boards of Education.

The platform speakers will be Dr. Zach Henderson, president of Teacher's College, Statesboro, Ga.; Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, and Dr. Charles Laymon, Editorial Division of the Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

The sponsor of Area I—Conference and District Level—Rev. Arthur L. Gilmore, executive secretary Board of Education, North Georgia Conference, Atlanta, Ga.; discussion leader, Rev. J. T. Greene of the staff of Boston University; Area II—The Local Church and Community Level, Sponsor, Dr. Sam West of Emory University and discussion leader Dr. Glenn Burton, father of the national Family of the Year, 1951, Tifton, Ga.; Area III—Chairman of Pre-Study Group for National Conference Leaders, Dr. Edward Staples, director department of the Christian

Family, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., with Rev. Rollin Gibbs, Raleigh, serving as chairman of this group.

The Workshop has been arranged by a special committee recommended by the executive committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council with Rev. C. Leon Smith, member of the committee at large of the National Family Life Conference, acting as chairman and Mrs. Douglas Barbour of the Jurisdictional staff, registrar. Mr. Albert Cox of Emory University is the Audio-Visual consultant.

Registration and orientation will be held at Lambuth Inn at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 25th, and all sessions will be held at the Inn with the exception of the evening hours.

OUR READERS SAY . . .

ABOUT A NEW BOOK

Dear Editor:

A few days ago I received a copy of Rev. C. T. Thrift's booklet, "Why Christ Was Baptized in Infancy." He captured my interest from the very beginning, and I was so enthused over this piece of work that I want to recommend it to my brethren. There should be a copy in every Methodist home. I understand that the author will make it available at a greatly reduced rate when bought in quantity.

JOHN POE.

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WILLIAM LANDER SHERRILL

By BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL

An address delivered at the funeral service,
Lincolnton, N. C., July 16, 1953

In the passing of William Lander Sherrill we witness the departure of a patriarch in the church. We think of a patriarch as one who is ripe in years. The career of our brother, so recently departed, covered a period of a little less than a century. But more is required than mere length of years for one to be regarded as a patriarch in the family of God. None is worthy to bear that title unless across the years of his career he has grown rich in the faith and has served his day and generation with constant devotion. In length of years and in quality of spirit our beloved friend and brother well deserves to be called a patriarch in the church of God.

William Lander Sherrill was born on February 19, 1860, in Lincoln County. When he appeared on the scene the War between the States, with all the tragedies and changes that resulted, was yet in the future. If we turn back the pages of history ninety-three years, we find that era different in many ways from this tumultuous Twentieth Century. Since 1860, the region of his birth as well as the nation and the world has experienced great change. He saw the land of his birth grow in strength until it has become the mightiest on the earth, and therefore responsible as none other for the preservation of the liberties which are the sacred right of all peoples. During his lifetime the world was changed from widely separated regions and continents to a neighborhood wherein we are all in talking distance of each other. What happened yesterday in the remotest region is known to us today.

The fact that commands our reverent attention is that through all these momentous years this man held firmly to the simple and stalwart faith of his fathers. Simple trust in God and unshaken belief in the inherent dignity of every man were first learned by him on the hills of Lincoln County. He held them steadfastly to the end. Today we bring back the body that was the earthly habitation of his immortal spirit to lay it to rest on his native heath and to thank God that he lived and labored among us for so long. Such men are the nation's strength and the church's glory.

Mr. Sherrill was admitted on trial into the traveling connection in 1890, when he was thirty years of age. He served his Church as a faithful itinerant minister for a period of forty-seven years. He has earned for himself a title more honorable than patriarch. He was a soldier of the cross. Under the itinerant system he served during his active years about a dozen charges, and everywhere he was recognized as a true and devoted minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The service which this faithful man rendered his church was not confined to the pastorate. He was at one time associate editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. For forty-seven years he was secretary of his conference, a record hardly excelled by any man in the Church. The secretary of a great organization is not so much in the public eye as those whose voices are heard in the open forum. But long after the voice of the orator is stilled the record which a faith-

ful secretary writes remains. That record preserves the history and directs the future course of the institution which he serves. I this day pay grateful tribute to this faithful secretary and acknowledge our debt to him for the record of the Western North Carolina Conference over a period of nearly half a century.

Of his gifts and graces I shall not speak. The strength of the soil and the idealism of a great faith were merged in his character. He used his gifts and graces well and whether in his active ministry or in retirement he was honored by all who knew him. We pause, however, to observe two salient truths that stand out as today we lay to rest in the Rehobeth church yard the body of a valiant soldier of the cross.

When one serves an enduring institution his labor lives after him. This is especially true of the church. A wise man once said that an institution is the lengthening shadow of a great man. But that is not the whole truth. It might be more appropriate to say that the church is the lengthening shadow of the great multitude of devoted servants that have in time past loved her altars and served her in many ways. We are conscious of the continuing influence and labors of Paul and Augustine and Luther and John Wesley and Francis Asbury. We are not so conscious of the contributions that less famous men have made to the life stream of the church's life. But this is the greater part, the faithful service of an innumerable multitude of those whose names are unknown and unsung. Our departed brother lived in the church and for it, and because he invested his life and his talents in the institution which is the Body of Christ, his work lives after him, and our farewells are seasoned with deep gratitude. The laborer departs but his work goes on.

On this sacred occasion a second truth rushes into our minds. The sons of God, when they have finished their labors here, move into a larger sphere of life. For them living is not a dead-end road leading nowhere. For them death is an open gate through which they pass into richer living and larger service. All this the apostle Paul had in mind when, on the eve of his departure, he said: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

William Lander Sherrill has not come to the end of his earthly career. The house in which he lived—this body of clay—had served its day and was no longer a fit dwelling place for his immortal spirit. God has unlatched the door and set him free from the limitations of the flesh. Tenderly, we lay the old house to rest in the church yard, its dust to be mingled with the dust of his fathers, while his pure spirit moves out into larger spheres, there to become the possessor of things that eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have they entered into the heart of man, for

"There is no death; what seems so is transition,

The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore."

A WIDE CIRCUIT by W.W. Reid

"The Life You Save"

I must confess that I have a feeling of uneasiness—something isn't quite of the best and most sincere motive—when I find an advertisement or pious dissertation (written by an ad man) beginning or ending with the slogan to end all slogans, "The life you save may be your own!" Some bright young man, sitting in and ivory-towered multiple-directed advertising agency once thought it up, and now it takes its place with "Think!" in safety campaigns, in blood bank appeals, in protecting the forests, in preventing fires and drownings and tuberculosis and baldness. No one knows how far and how deep it may go in this century's literary output—certainly the end is not in sight.

Not that the causes represented and the goals to be realized in these efforts are not worthy. They are. But it is the self-interest and narrowness of the motive for doing good to which I object. Altruism and humanitarianism and philanthropy are reduced to "it is profitable to me to give, to do." And this is so symptomatic of our whole American life (perhaps even of western civilization) that I hate to see it expanded. We already have had too much "promotion" telling us that our outpouring of food and clothing to Europe is to keep that continent within the American orbit, or in the capitalist column, or to save it as a future market for our products; that the Point Four program is bread cast upon the waters, returning to bankers and manufacturers with butter and jam, and helping to stem communist infiltration and trade buildup. We make no secret of the self-interest that has gone into the Marshall Plan, the Good Neighbor Policy, and similar American largess. And I am coming to feel that they are not entirely mistaken who say that the interest of some advertising groups in promoting "good causes" is rooted in their desire to keep the status quo in American life because to them it proves profitable as is.

It is in this realm of motivation that the Christians must take issue with the profit-seekers of the world. The Christian is called to serve others; if need be to give up his life for others. When Jesus commissioned his disciples, he did not say, "Be careful, be cautious, keep quiet about what I have told you; and the life you save may be your own." Jesus "flung away his life" for others; and his disciples followed his path. They might have saved their own lives. They might have formed a secret society, meeting alone in the Upper Room; keeping away from Roman prisons and from stones and shipwrecks and crosses. Instead they went forth to serve others—and to lose their own lives; but to bless mankind.

And no one is worthy of the name "Christian" who would save his own life by withholding any truth revealed to him, by avoiding the dangerous path the Master treads, by serving only for personal gain, by seeking the security of non-participation, by doing for self-interest.

"He saved others; himself he cannot save!" they mocked at the cross. They did not know that "himself he would not save"—for it was by giving himself that he saved others. This is still our pattern our commission.

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It's Back to School Again; Let's Watch Out for Them!

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

FAITH

By Frances L. Jones

Faith is the power that raises on high,
Faith mounts the rising storm,
Faith is the gift of a loving God
And keeps us secure and unharmed.

Faith is a blessing and will fulfill
All that we let it do.
Faith is the knowledge that trusts in Him,
That tells us that God is true.

Faith is the meekness that teaches trust,
Faith sings a song of love,
Faith keeps us thru each trying task
With strength from the Father above.

Faith has the power to change man's heart
To lift on the wings of grace;
Faith is the wonderful glory from God
And shows the redeemed ones His face.

Faith has the power to grow and grow
No matter what the cost;
And faith will strengthen and see us thru
Till it hides us behind the cross.

NO TIME TO TREAT MEN WRONG

By Walter E. Isenhour

There is a time to work and play,
A time to eat and sleep;
A time to study and to pray,
A time to laugh and weep;
A time for fellowship that's sweet,
A time for sacred song;
But never is there time to treat
A human being wrong.

There is a time to lift men up,
And help them on life's road;
A time to drain their bitter cup,
And share their heavy load;
A time to bless them with our grace
And boost them all along;
But never is there time and place
To treat our fellows wrong.

There is a time to help men seek
The God who saves the soul;
A time to show them that the meek
Shall reach life's highest goal;
A time to help them turn aside
And leave the wicked throng;
But never does our God provide
A time to treat men wrong.

AFTER CHURCH

We assemble not in the church to pass away the time, but to gain some great benefit for our souls. If therefore we depart without profit, our zeal in frequenting the church will prove our condemnation. That so great a judgment comes not upon you, when ye go hence, ponder the things ye have heard, and exercise yourselves in confirming our instruction,—friend with friend,—father with their children,—so that when ye return hither, and hear from us the same counsels, ye may not be ashamed, but rejoice and be glad in the conviction, that ye have put into practice the greater part of our exhortation. Not only must we meditate upon these things here,—for this short exhortation sufficeth not to eradicate the evil,—but at home let the husband be reminded of them by the wife, and the wife by the husband, and let an emulation obtain in families to the fulfillment of the divine law.

—Chrysostom (344-407)

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOW HIGH IS OUR REACH?

Mt. Everest has at last been conquered. Earth's highest summit was reached this spring. This heroic feat does not add any fertile acres for the world's food supply. Nor does it provide any new defense against Communism in Asia. But it should set us looking up. And that, in itself is a protection against the bedeviling evils of our time.

The climbing of Mt. Everest might well remind us of the Hebrew Psalmist's prayer, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

It arose out of the desire for security. And the search for security would seem to be about our main business today. Our generation in America is probably more security-conscious than any of its predecessors.

Note that the Psalmist sought security in the heights. That is contrary to the current trend. The shelter signs around our cities usually point to cellars and caves. And that is symbolic of our mental attitudes. With too many of us the sense of danger is driving us to seek shelter by going down rather than up. Instead of rising above ourselves we tend to draw into ourselves. Many seek peace of mind in self-centered withdrawal from the rugged concerns of living. Feeling that the world is filled with hostility, they will expose themselves as little as possible. They button up their better natures, pull down their mental vizors and view the world with low suspicious gaze. For the nation they advocate isolation and for themselves they try insulation.

We are prone to assume the worst in others. The dangers of our day turn our thoughts from the best in men to the beast in men.

We live on the defensive. Distrust begets distrust. Our search for security is driving us more and more toward the caveman attitude of shelter.

In contrast to all this the Psalmist turned to the higher security. "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." In the mountainous region of Palestine safety lay in the high places. The high rocks were easy to defend and strategic for attack. And this advantage of altitude contains a principle which pervades all living.

Consider, for example, the security given by high thoughts. High thinking lifts us above the attacks of petty insults and irritating slights which infest our lower moods. They give us security from the ravages of little worries which sap our energy. The high-minded person is protected from the invasions of envy and jealousy which destroy his peace of mind.

When our thinking rises above low selfish petty concerns, our minds become clearer and thereby better able to confront the real issues of life. We are lifted above the hysteria and propaganda of the demagogue to the sanity of sober leadership, above blind partisanship to broad statesmanship.

Let us remember also that high standards, like high thoughts, lift us out of certain danger zones. My friend, Dr. Paul Elbin, president of West Liberty State College in West Virginia, says that he has never forgotten some lines on a calendar which hung in his home when he was a

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

O God of grace, who hast called us to thine eternal glory in Christ our Lord; we praise and bless thy glorious name.

To see thee is to find meaning in life. To obtain thy forgiveness is healing and peace.

To be thy servant is perfect freedom.

To meditate upon thy purpose and power is enduring hope.

To love and trust thee is to face life and death unafraid.

O heavenly Father, whom to know is life eternal; in thy great mercy open our eyes to thy glory and incline our hearts to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From "A Book of Pastoral Prayers," Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

high school lad. Here they are: "Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbors. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun."

I knew a fellow who cherished a bitter grudge against another. He was forever plotting ways of getting the other down. But the other man held such high standards and high thoughts that he went his way unhindered by, and almost unmindful of, the evil schemings of the low-minded fellow. High-minded persons can take the high road and leave low-minded persons to take the low road. Eventually the world will discover which reaches the true goals. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Guest Editor This Week:
HOLT McPHERSON, Editor
High Point Enterprise

Censorship Has No Place in Churches

In recent months there has been what appears to be a concerted effort to subvert constitutional guarantees that the Congress shall not prevent free exercise of religion in this nation.

Senator McCarthy and Congressman Velde are seeking to make churches responsible to committees of Congress. The ends to which they are going to accomplish something so out of character with American law and tradition are frightening. But the McCarthy-Velde plan won't work in an America where Christian leaders of this nation, men whose fathers and forefathers helped to build this country, will keep alive the spark of religious freedom long after McCarthy and his kind are dead and forgotten.

Most people are familiar with smearing tactics used on Bishop Oxnham who hurled back the unfounded charges and got a complete repudiation as well as promise of more responsible handling of information. If you have not seen the complete text of that 10-hour session as reported word-for-word in the *U. S. News and World Report* you will want to see it. That has proved the signal for positive action on part of Christian leaders to offset fear and distrust sown among church people concerning the integrity and patriotism of their spiritual leaders.

The pattern of McCarthy and his kind is all too clear. The Communists used it in Russia. Hitler smeared the clergy and brought the church under his control in Germany. Franco has established control over the church in Spain.

It will not work in America. The Catholic clergy will not let McCarthy tell them what to preach and teach any more than will the Protestant clergy report to McCarthy as to how they will interpret the sacred writings. Protestant ministers are not pro-communist, regardless of reckless charges hurled by Matthews and backed to the hilt by McCarthy.

It is time for sound leaders to stand up as Bishop Oxnham did and throw into the teeth of such men their own villainy, to show how erroneous and irrelevant material can be—and has been—used to damage reputation and create unwarranted suspicions.

We are pleased to hear such a statement is in process of development and we trust it may include an impressive presentation of the facts while showing the technique in all its ugliness.

There must never be censorship of churches in America.

Some Things You Owe Your Pastor

In a recent issue of *The Sunday Guardian* there appeared an article, taken from the Divine Call of the Ministry entitled "What I Owe My Pastor."

It is a timely reminder to laymen given to much thinking of what they feel their pastor owes them. While for the most part such expectations are reasonable, of course, there is something to be gained by turning that thinking around to what the individual owes his pastor. Among the things mentioned as owing to the pastor are: respect, affection, generosity, time, prayer, encouragement, appreciation, consideration, attention, and trust.

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Annual Conference Might Well Look to Junaluska

State Magazine had an interesting edition about Haywood county recently in which the point was made that Lake Junaluska can accommodate 3,000 visitors at one time.

That is significant as planning progresses toward the 1953 annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Problems in connection with staging that conference, and housing its increasing attendance each year burden even our largest churches and their cities. There is a growing feeling the conference should go to Junaluska each fall.

There are good supporting reasons for that, just as there are some objections which readily appear. It is a fine spiritual experience for a church and its community to have the annual conference, but the exactions each year become more intense.

High Point, accustomed to having thousands of guests pile in for its Southern Furniture markets, is hard put presently to find housing for those planning to attend the forthcoming annual conference. Wesley Memorial members are opening their homes, as are friends of other faiths. There will be housing for those who come, but the point is that Junaluska could absorb the conference more readily and handle its operations better than perhaps any city in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Junaluska is a great Methodist inspirational center within the Western North Carolina Conference. Its facilities could well be used to serve a better annual conference, and active thought

needs be given to such an arrangement soon.

And while that's considered, it might be the schedule could be advanced to late August, or early September, so that shifts could be effected before schools get underway, thereby conveniencing further those affected by changes necessary to every conference.

Meanwhile, however, Wesley Memorial and High Point bid a hearty welcome and promise a wonderful conference no matter what that entails.

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1953 Religion Comes with Modern Price Tag

When Rev. Robert H. Stamey, now at Brevard College doing a splendid work as president, asked us some years back to address the Charlotte Ministerial Association we took the occasion to assail folks who expect up-at-date religion while themselves paying depression prices to support the church.

It drew fire, but we stuck to our guns. Nor have we regretted stepping on such toes because several churches did report they developed the premise to get some of their folks off what amounted to spiritual charity.

The church should make it a concern that its support be drawn with reasonable equity. Most folks in the church want to do the right thing and want to carry their fair share of the financing burden, but there are some who have to be shown what their part is. There needs be effective equalization from time to time just as in the case of taxation, although in the case of the church there is no legal machinery to establish equity—nor should there be.

A man who is directing the Every Member Canvass in his church tells us he finds some members giving the same amount to their church they did 20 years ago. Many of them have prospered immensely but have not kept their church giving in line with their income; nor have they allowed for cheapening of what the dollar will buy.

We are now at the season of the year when new budgets are being shaped and when pledges soon will be asked for the new church year. It is a time to take a more realistic view of the problem of church financing and establish more equitable support of the church while taking some folks off "spiritual charity" who probably never so much as suspected they're on it.

If they want 1953 religion let them know they must pay 1953 prices for it. You can guarantee they'll like it more because thus supported it can be a better and broader program.

At Work In Germany

By C. W. ROBBINS

Late Wednesday afternoon, August 5, following an all-day train ride from Salzburg, Austria, the 1953 North Carolina Conference European Youth Caravan arrived in Konstanz, Germany. Located along beautiful Lake Bodensee, this thriving city of 3,000 is a Roman Catholic stronghold. It was here that John Huss,

members cannot liquidate this indebtedness by themselves. They need both moral and financial help from their brothers in Germany and elsewhere. Methodism can render a distinct service in this growing resort community. German Methodists have shown real vision in beginning a church in Konstanz.



Scene during
opening day of
the Methodist Church
in Konstanz, Germany,
June 1952.

who protested many of the unChristian teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, was tried, condemned and burned to death at a stake. It seems strange that in a community where the torch of religious liberty was lighted that Methodism should be so late getting started. Yet we were only able to get a foothold in 1947 with refugees who had come from other countries looking for haven in this southwest German town. Earlier efforts on the part of Swiss Methodists had been unsuccessful. Now after six years the Methodists have a lovely church building which cost around 140,000 marks (\$35,000), a congregation of around 100 persons who are mainly refugees, and a program that is becoming increasingly meaningful under Pastor Hoffe and his assistant.

We lived in the church. In fact, practically every Methodist church in Germany has living quarters consisting of an upstairs apartment for the minister's family in the church building. In Konstanz the church is equipped to take care also of twenty or thirty young people in special youth meetings. The pastor's wife provides the meals for the visitors.

We held a service on Thursday evening before a congregation of nearly 100 equally divided between adults, young people and children. Speakers were Meade Nehrig, Paula Pegg and Edna Stokes. The Caravan also sang several numbers. Since ours was the first caravan to visit the young congregation, many persons heard Negro Spirituals for the first time. In all the churches we have visited the congregations request our group to sing Negro Spirituals.

The Methodist congregation at Konstanz, although carrying on heroically, needs help from the outside. German Methodism has made a substantial contribution to the building project but an indebtedness of nearly 100,000 marks (\$25,000) remains. The struggling refugee

From Konstanz to Stuttgart

We left Konstanz for Stuttgart Friday afternoon. All over Germany we have been impressed by the picturesque, peaceful countryside. Everywhere the landscape is dotted with neat, well-kept, little farms. At this season farmers are in the fields harvesting hay and wheat. Dairying seems to be a substantial industry. One soon is persuaded that nowhere are people more frugal, more industrious, more hard-working than are the Germans. Cities are bristling with activity. Everywhere people are moving, moving, moving.

The heroism with which the German people have gone about rebuilding their bombed-out cities is inspiring indeed. Where only rubble existed eight years ago today stand large attractive modern structures. We found this particularly true in Stuttgart. This city of 500,000, following the war, lay in unbelievable ruins. An American soldier told us that he could remember when there were

only two streets open in the entire city. Today the scars of war remain—along every street, even far out into the small villages that surround the city where homes were destroyed ruthlessly and indiscriminately. But brave people are rebuilding. From everywhere comes the sound of hammer and engine as buildings rise out of ruins. Munich, which we visited briefly on our way to Konstanz, has not recovered as rapidly as Stuttgart. Frankfurt has a tremendous task ahead. Yet the will to rebuild is here. One can have nothing but admiration for a people who have made such a remarkable comeback, who endure backbreaking hardships without complaint, who want to build on the ashes and ruins of yesterday a nation whose moral foundations are sound.

The German Methodists, we are sure, want to live at peace with the peoples of all nations. Here we find the same love for family and home, and friends and church and country that one finds in America. One is amazed at the similarity of the German and the American people. In fact, we believe it will be hard to find in any land people who are kinder, friendlier, sturdier, more honest and more dependable than are the Germans with whom we have dealt. Living with these good people for several weeks, one can understand what our soldiers meant when they said that if they return to Europe to fight it will not be the Germans.

In the Homes of the People

At Stuttgart we stayed in the homes of members of the church at Echterdingen, a suburban village about five miles from the center of the city. This was a wonderful experience for all of us. Here for the first time we were forced to carry on conversation with people who only spoke German. The young people got along remarkably well. Youth can adapt themselves easily. Our caravan has become expert in this art—that is, everyone except the counselor. When I tried to make my hostess understand that I needed some ink for my fountain pen, she very obligingly brought out her son's big brass horn!

Dick Knight, John Garrett and I stayed in the home of our interpreter, Gunter

Scene following service
Sunday morning at
Echterdingen, Stuttgart.



Sommer. The family consists of the parents and three sons. Gunter, who is 25, is the oldest. At sixteen he was a soldier in World War II, was critically wounded and during the period of recuperation in a military hospital he dedicated himself to the Methodist ministry. He will be a senior next year at the Methodist Seminary in Frankfurt. A more consecrated, a more capable and a more personable young man could hardly be found. The Caravans have been extremely fortunate to have him as the interpreter. There is a contagion about his spirit that blesses all of us. Gunter would like to have an additional year of study at Duke.

The two younger sons in the Sommer household are fine Christian youth. Both are quite active in the church. The parents are devout Methodists. Family devotions are held regularly. You are in the home but a few minutes before you are aware that a deep bond of love exists and each member is treated with genuine kindness and tenderness. Music is one of the bonds that ties the family together. Mr. Sommer and all the sons play band instruments as well as the organ. They played church hymns for us several times during our stay with them. All of us who lived with these dear people during the three days we were at Stuttgart felt that we were wonderfully blessed. You really do not begin to know the real Germany until you get into the homes of the common people.

The People Endure Hardships

It is apparent that the people are enduring many hardships. Wages are low. For example, the average worker earns from 200 to 400 marks a month. Methodist pastors, for example, begin at 250 marks. A mark is worth about 25 cents. Some prices, of course, are low. Others are extremely high. Coffee costs from four to five dollars a pound. Wearing apparel is higher than it is in the United States. Yet many families have to live on around \$50 a month. Thus they do not have even many of the necessities. Very few families can afford an automobile. Even if someone were to give them the car, they could not afford to pay the 70 cents a gallon for gasoline. In spite of these handicaps, you never hear a murmur of complaint. "We just thank God that we are alive with our families and have as much as we do," I



Members of the Faculty of the Methodist Seminary, Frankfurt/Main, with Bishop F. Wunderlich.

Left to right, seated, Dr. Paul Hubben, Bishop Wunderlich, Dr. Paul Scharff; standing, Dozent W. Thomas, and Dr. Carl Ernst Sommer, President

heard more than one person say at Echterdingen. Many of them, including the Sommers, had their homes destroyed during the war. Their Christian faith was an inspiration to us.

Our first service in Stuttgart was Sunday morning, August 9, at the Methodist church in Echterdingen. Dick Knight went with the pastor to another village for a service and I preached at Echterdingen. We had a wonderfully fine spirit in the service. This was due in part to our interpreter, Gunter Sommer, who was in his home church; and to a very fine young British Methodist, John Pearce, of Northampton, England. John was visiting in the Sommer home. He has had a rich Christian experience and brought a brief message that lifted us into the realm of the ecumenical church.

On Sunday evening we held a youth meeting at First Methodist Church, Stuttgart. This church, which was destroyed during the war, has been rebuilt. It has a membership of around 500. Following a recreational period led by Shirley Wil-

son, we had a devotional service with Bill Bigham and Jean Cobb as speakers. The German Methodists expressed deep appreciation for the testimony of the two North Carolinians.

We had our final service at Echterdingen on Monday evening. Around fifty local young people joined us for the meeting. The group seemed to enjoy very much a recreational hour led by Shirley Wilson and Jean Cobb. Unfortunately, German Methodism has not developed its youth program along the lines of recreation and fellowship. This is due in part to the Hitler days when the church was expected only to look after the souls of people. Social affairs were left entirely to the State. The candlelight worship service led by Carroll Butler and Mary Bethea following the recreational hour drew many favorable comments, among which were words of appreciation by the pastor, a former newspaper man who fought in Russia during the war and like so many German soldiers entered the ministry no doubt partly because of tragic experiences during the war.

British Methodist Evaluated Our Work

John Pearce, who was with us during our stay in Stuttgart, wrote the following appraisal of the work of the Caravan:

"The Caravan is doing a grand job! The work which these young people are doing, quite voluntarily and at their own expense, may not make the newspaper headlines, but nevertheless, it is of the utmost importance for the Kingdom of God, and just as a pebble, cast into a lake, produces ever-widening circles, so I have faith to believe that the impact made upon the various communities which the Caravan visits will continue to be felt long after the group has returned to America. The spirit of the Caravan is infectious, and one cannot be in their company long without being caught up by it. The reaction of the local people, too, was remarkable. This part of Germany has formed part of the United States Occupation Zone for the past eight years, and the local population has seen Americans either in uniform or as civilian tourists riding in spacious limousines, staying in luxurious hotels and wearing expensive clothes. Under such conditions, however, they have not encountered the Caravaners, and the fact that they have traveled so great a distance

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Main Building and Faculty Apartments of the Methodist Seminary Frankfurt/Main

Bishop McConnell Dies in Ohio; Wife of Missionary Passes; Homecoming at Randall's

BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL DIES

Bishop Francis John McConnell, Methodism's crusading exponent of the social gospel for half a century, died August 18 on his 82nd birthday at his summer home near Lucasville, Ohio. Before his retirement in 1944, he was bishop of the New York Area of The Methodist Church and had previously been the resident bishop in Denver and in Pittsburgh.

Bishop McConnell had suffered a stroke several weeks before his death. At the bedside were his wife, Mrs. Eva Thomas McConnell, and their son and daughter, Thomas McConnell, a lawyer of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of the Methodist missionary magazine, **World Outlook**, New York City.

Funeral services were held August 21 in Lucasville, with the Rev. H. F. Rall and the Rev. Dr. P. D. Chiles officiating. A tribute written by Bishop Herbert Welch, retired, of New York City, was read.

Bishop McConnell, a life-long liberal, had continued to preach and write until recently. His autobiography, "By the Way," was published last year by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. This was his eighteenth published book.

Advocate of Freedom

Bishop McConnell was an advocate of freedom in religion and thought, a champion of the underdog, a stalwart fighter on the side of labor in industrial disputes, a believer in the cause of prohibition and an outstanding preacher and business administrator.

His own "nutshell summation" of his philosophy of life he revealed on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a bishop, on Oct. 25, 1937, when 3,000 clergymen and laymen gathered in Carnegie Hall to honor him.

A tall, heavy man, with large deep-set eyes, jutting chin and a faint fringe of hair left over sloping forehead, Bishop McConnell strode to the center of the platform and in precise language, declared:

"Put me down as a liberal, for liberalism means free speech and free assembly.

"In battling for free utterances the liberal has a more strenuous task than the radical. The radical is fighting for a chance to express his own view. The liberal fights to give everybody, even his opponent, a chance for free utterance."

Explained Liberalism

His liberalism, he often explained, resulted directly from two major influences in his life: the teachings of his father and his work in textile mills where hours were long, working conditions poor and wages low.

Was Son of Methodist Clergyman

He was born on a farm near Trinway, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1871, the son of a Methodist clergyman. He was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1894 and then became a student at Boston University School of Theology. While there he came under the influence of Borden Parker Bowne, Professor of Philosophy and widely known exponent of the philosophy of personalism. He became so imbued with that theory that eventually he was recognized as a leader of the personalist group in America. Later he published a book, "Borden Parker Bowne—His Life and His



Bishop McConnell

Philosophy," in which he expounded the beliefs of his teacher.

Entering church work while still a student at the School of Theology, Bishop McConnell preached in a West Chelmsford (Mass.) pulpit until 1897, the year of his graduation. Then he was assigned to Newton Upper Falls, Mass., for three years and a similar period at Ipswich, Mass. He was pastor of the Harvard Street church at Cambridge, Mass., in 1902 and 1903 and then served as pastor of the New York Avenue Church, Brooklyn, until 1909.

While in Brooklyn, Bishop McConnell was invited to return to Boston University as dean of the School of Theology, but declined and remained as pastor until elected president of DePauw University in 1909. As head of that institution he inaugurated and carried to successful conclusion a campaign to increase its endowment fund and broaden its educational plan by increasing the curriculum.

Bishop McConnell was elected president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in 1928, succeeding the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. He had served as president of the Religious Education Association, as honorary trustee of the Chautauqua Institution and Lyman Beecher Lecturer at Yale University. For several years, he was in charge of Methodist Missions in Mexico and often visited that country in an effort to better conditions of the people. He also served as president of the Board of Foreign Missions.

He held visiting professorships at Columbia and Drew Universities, at Garrett Biblical Institute and Scarritt College.

His rise to national eminence began in 1912 when he was elected Bishop at the General Conference of the church and was assigned to Denver, where he remained eight years. He was then transferred to Pittsburgh, where he became the storm center of a fight against the twelve-hour day in the steel mills.

Fought for Free Speech

The welfare of labor was just one of many causes for which Bishop McConnell waged battle. He fought for those who disagreed with his views, as when he de-

fended the rights of communists to air their opinions, saying: "It is far better for a Red to speak from a soapbox on the street corner than to denounce to government secretly in some cellar."

In the years that followed, he continued his policy of speaking his mind on the problems of the nation, and an indication of the catholicity of his interests is given by some of the observations he made.

On child labor: "Don't expect the manufacturing classes to support the child labor amendment. All they're thinking about is dividends."

On militarists: "Let us not forget that the professional militarist is a specialist of the most specialized type. It is as foolish to listen to his estimates of the military needs of the nation as it would be to have doctors estimate the medical bill or preachers estimate the religious bill."

On vigilantism: "America should be on the watch against organizations which, through intimidation and terrorism, are attempting to deprive the American workers of the legal right to organize, strike and picket."

Other surviving relatives are two brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren.

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MRS. BARTAK DIES IN AUSTRIA

Mrs. Joseph Paul Bartak, a Methodist missionary from Springfield, Tenn., died in Vienna, Austria, August 18 after a brief illness. She was the wife of Rev. Joseph Paul Bartak and was his co-worker in starting Methodist work in Czechoslovakia. They were married in 1921 in Prague.

Mrs. Bartak leaves her husband, of Vienna, two daughters and a son, Mrs. Marian Malac, Miss Helen Elizabeth Bartak, and Joseph Paul Bartak, of Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Bartak is the former Marian Draper. She was born February 17, 1888, in Springfield, Tenn. She was graduated from Fall's Business College in Nashville, Tenn., and was assistant secretary and treasurer of the John E. Brown College in Siloam Springs, Ark., before she entered missionary service.

Shortly before the Munich crisis of 1938, when Czechoslovakia was dismembered, Mrs. Bartak and her three children returned to the states and remained here through the war years. She returned to Europe with Mr. Bartak in 1946 and they resumed work in Vienna. They were in the states on furlough last year, returning to Vienna in January.

Mrs. Bartak is well known among the Methodist women of North Carolina, having taught in the joint school of missions at Greensboro College.

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RANDALL'S CHURCH HOMECOMING TO BE HELD AUGUST 30

A homecoming dedication service will be held at Randall's Methodist Church Sunday, August 30.

This church, oldest Methodist church in Stanly county and one of the oldest in the nation, will welcome back old members, friends and former pastors for this occasion and will dedicate new pews, the final step in the renovation of the church plant.

Rev. Comer Y. Ingram, pastor, announced that Rev. I. P. Rutledge, a former pastor, will deliver the dedicatory sermon. The noon hour will be featured by a picnic lunch.

Spences to Visit Europe; High Point College Graduates 57; Abernethy Mem'l Homecoming

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY TO SEND DUKE COUPLE TO EUROPE THIS FALL AS GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS

By Norman K. Nelson

A Duke University minister and his wife will visit Europe this fall as good will ambassadors sent by the people of a North Carolina community.

Dr. and Mrs. Hersey E. Spence, both of whom retired from the Duke faculty last year, have just received a travel gift of several thousand dollars from citizens of Blowing Rock.

The fund was raised both to send the couple on a good will mission and to show appreciation of the Spences' work in the community. Each summer, Dr. Spence serves as pastor of the Blowing Rock Methodist Church.

"Five years ago," Mayor R. B. Hardin said at the presentation of the gift a few days ago, "a man came to our community whom none of us knew. By his personal integrity, the charm of his manner, and because of his singular gift of human sympathy, this man walked into our hearts and our lives.

"Because he and his beloved wife have done so much for this community," the mayor said, "a number of us have started a purse with which we wish them to go to Europe. They will be ambassadors of good will to peoples who do not know us well. They will enrich our lives as they bring back to us next season the story of their experiences and observations."

All contributions to the fund were voluntary and were made by people of all denominations and even by members of other religions. The fund now totals nearly \$2,000 and is expected to increase considerably during the Summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Spence plan to sail for England in September. Their travel plans are incomplete at present, but they hope to visit England, Holland, France, Belgium, Spain, North Africa, the Holy Land, and Italy.

"We think the high spot of the trip will be the visit to the Holy Land," Dr. Spence said. "We hope to spend Christmas Eve in Bethlehem. Also, we are thinking of going

to Greece and visiting some of the spots where Paul did his preaching."

It has been estimated that during his 40 years' service on the Duke faculty, Dr. Spence taught at least two-thirds of all Methodist ministers in North Carolina today.

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSES; FALL PLANS MATURING

High Point College faculty in a called meeting on August 18 attended to routine matters in winding up the summer session and put everything in order for the opening of the regular term in September. Fifty-seven seniors received their diplomas at the graduating exercises in Robert Hall auditorium, Saturday, August 22, at 10:30 a.m., at which time Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of the college, was the principal speaker. Twenty-three of the graduates are married women who hold school positions to which they will soon be returning.

The college will re-open Monday morning, September 14, with a schedule of faculty seminars which will carry through the following day. Attention will be centered on orientating the several new members of faculty and staff and will thereafter be directed to a study of the various phases of college activity.

A freshman orientation program will begin Wednesday morning, September 16, and carry through Saturday, September 19. Upper classmen will register on September 18 and 19, and all students will conclude preliminaries by attending the faculty reception at the Student Center at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Regular classes are scheduled for Monday morning, September 21.

A general spirit of optimism about enrollment seems to be backed up with reliable data. The percentage for students accepted to date is considerably higher than that for the same time last year. "We are confidently planning for about 650 students," states N. P. Yarborough, Registrar. "The new wing to Woman's

Hall, accommodating over forty girls, will definitely be ready," President Cooke reports, "and practically all the rooms are spoken for. The important thing is," the president adds, "that we have had so many applications we have been able to exercise the privilege of selection. Our new students will constitute a select group."

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AUGUST 30 IS HOMECOMING AT ABERNETHY MEMORIAL

Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Rutherford College, will observe homecoming on August 30. At the 11:00 o'clock service, Rev. L. B. Hayes, an alumnus of Rutherford College, and now pastor of the Sylva Methodist Church, will preach. Assisting in the service will be Rev. W. L. Scott, Route 3, Greensboro, who led in the building of Abernethy Memorial church while he was pastor here, and Rev. M. T. Hinshaw, pastor of the Pleasant Grove-Friendship charge, and for many years president of Rutherford College, and who also was one of the leaders in the building of our church. All old students, former members of Abernethy Memorial, pastors, and friends are invited to come and make this a memorable day. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds after the morning service, with ample time for fellowship. We are fortunate in having brother Hayes preach for us, since he is, by virtue of kinship, first-hand knowledge, and training, the closest connecting link between the college here, which prepared more men for the ministry than any other college in Southern Methodism, and our present day generation. He no doubt will have many interesting things to tell us about the college during its active period. Rev. H. F. Kuehn is pastor.

During the past year, many improvements have been made in the church. The sanctuary and several classrooms have been renovated; walls painted, floors sanded, carpets laid, a set of Norton Chimes installed, with other changes here and there. Ample parking space will be provided. Let all who can come back to this historic spot and enjoy the day with us.

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DUKE MINISTER CONTRIBUTES TO "INTERPRETER'S BIBLE"

A Duke University minister is among the nation's outstanding preachers, Biblical scholars and teachers who are contributors to the new 12-volume "Interpreter's Bible."

Dr. James T. Cleland, preacher to the University and professor of preaching of the Duke Divinity School, wrote three expositions for the work, which is the first full-scale commentary to appear in English in more than 50 years.

"The Interpreter's Bible" has been described as "one of the most extensive projects of scholarship and publishing in our generation." It includes the King James and Revised Standard versions of the Bible; scholarly explanations of the original meanings of Biblical passages; and expositions written by well known preachers to apply each passage to life today.

Dr. Cleland wrote expositions of the books of "Ruth," "Nahum" and chapters 9-14 of "Zechariah."

At Duke since 1945, Dr. Cleland is well known for his guest sermons in colleges, universities and preparatory schools of the eastern seaboard. One of his sermons was published in the collection "Best Sermons, 1949-50."



Dr. and Mrs. Spence in the kitchen of their home

Boger City Church Reports Good Year; Robert G. Tuttle Writes from Rome

BOGER CITY CHURCH REPORTS PROGRESS IN ALL PHASES

Boger City Methodist Church (formerly Goodsonville) shown below, was built around 1920, during the pastorate of Rev. R. L. Forbis. In 1938, during the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Barber, a nice educational-recreational hut was built just to the rear of the church building. This year, under the leadership of Rev. J. Leonard Rayle, the educational building and tower with steeple (right side of photo below) were built. This unit consists of six classrooms and two assembly rooms which can be made into four extra classrooms by the use of modernfold doors, when needed. These rooms are occupied by the children and young people of the church school and were built at a cost of about \$12,500. There being quite a few construction people in the membership, this figure was kept to a minimum.

The sanctuary has been completely renovated and decorated, with the choir being moved behind the pulpit and new carpeting put down, as well as a new altar arrangement and kneeling pads. Many other minor improvements were included in this work at a cost of about \$6,000, making a total of about \$18,500 spent this year. Our present indebtedness is less than \$8,000, which we expect to pay in full during the coming conference year.

There is no doubt but that this has been the most progressive two years of our church history. Last year a new carport and storage area were built to the parsonage, and the parsonage was re-decorated and new articles of furnishings were bought by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. At the beginning of this conference year we had about \$2,500 in the building fund, have paid over \$8,000 additional and have all money in hand, ready for conference about five weeks early.

Having placed quite a bit of emphasis on the building fund during this year, we set Sunday, August 16, as \$2,000 Sunday (Pay-Up Day) the balance needed on a budget of approximately \$10,000. (Included in this budget is a subscription to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for every church family). Many of our members said that we could never reach our

goal of \$2,000 on one Sunday but when the final offerings were counted, we had between \$2,100 and \$2,200. The largest offering ever to be received at this church on any one Sunday for any purpose.

Rev. J. Leonard Rayle is in his second year as pastor and is doing a wonderful job in all phases of the church work, having received 50 new members during the two year period, bringing the membership to 319.

Herman Howard is chairman of the official board and was responsible for the supervision of the construction work. Carl R. Hartman is chairman of the building committee and Gordon L. Goodson, chairman of the finance committee.

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IMPRESSIONS FROM THE HOLY LAND

By Rev. Robert G. Tuttle

Rome lies on the border of the Holy Land. Paul reached this city; Peter may have. Thousands of the early Christians gave up their lives here.

Yesterday, in the Catacombs, we saw where thousands of these early Christians were buried in eleven miles of tunnels deep under the earth. Here also we saw their little chapels. Along with the sign of the "fish" they also used an anchor, which to them was a cross but to the secret police it looked harmless.

Hard by the Catacombs are the graves of 320 citizens of Rome who were picked at random from the streets and machine-gunned just a few days before liberation because a bomb had killed 11 Nazi soldiers. Such are the horrors of persecution ancient and contemporary.

Tuesday night we saw the Opera Tosca in the greatest open-air theater in Europe. The theater is situated in the center of the Colossal ruins of the Baths of Caracalla. Sixteen hundred people could bathe here at one time. As I watched the Big Dipper swing above the gigantic ruins towering above the stage, I felt a kinship with God's universe, with the 4,000 people of all nations sitting around me, with the ancient Romans who frequented these baths and gazed upon these same stars, and with my loved ones and friends five hours away by the clock who could see the same North Star.

The Forum is in complete ruins. The Arch of Titus and a few beautiful columns still stand. The ground is strewn with the debris of stately marble. The skeleton of the Rostra stands where the ghosts of Roman orators still hold spell-bound the ghosts of Roman listeners. Near the Rostra is the dark prison where Paul is said to have been held, but where his spirit transcended his confinement to reach Rome, the world, and to reach powerfully even into our day.

The Colosseum overpowers you. The Romans were massive builders. It is significant that in the exalted spot where the Emperors once sat in condemnation of the Christian martyrs, there now stands a simple cross among the ruins.

St. Peter's is a monument to the ages. Michelangelo's Dome towers 400 feet above the floor. His paintings of Creation and Judgment on this ceiling and front wall of the Sixtine Chapel dwarf you with a sense of the power of the artist. His own portrait woven into the Last Judgment impresses you with the sadness of the man. Rafael's paintings are vividly alive.

The Italian people are friendly. The political situation here, as in France, is dark. The people seem to be afraid and do not know what to do. We had a fascinating two-hour conversation night before last with a brilliant Italian professor. She gave us some keen insights into the hopes and fears and her people. She fears that Italy may go Communist. She believes that the government must make drastic reforms if this is to be prevented.

We had a fine flight over the Atlantic, although we had to be "talked down" through the clouds at Shannon and London. While in England Mr. Braxton and I had a delightful full day with His Worship, The Mayor of Worthing.

In Paris we stayed at Hotel Lutetia. Lutetia is the original name of Paris. Julius Caesar speaks of Lutetia in writing of a visit there 50 years before Christ. The Tuilleries gardens in front of the Louvre are gorgeous. For lovely stained glass see La Sainte Chapelle erected in the 13th Century by Louis IX. Versailles displays the ornate splendor of Louis XIV. Time will not permit a real description of the beauty of Paris.

From Paris to Rome by rail requires 36 hours; we had a wonderful flight in 3 hours and 15 minutes. We saw Mt. Blanc lifting itself above the clouds 100 miles to the west of our course. We crossed over Monte Carlo, Corsica, and Elba. The Mediterranean coast is a thrilling sight from the air. We skirted a thunder storm and landed at Rome.

This afternoon we fly across the Mediterranean to Egypt to wander among the Pyramids.

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EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS RECEIVE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE AID

Within twenty-four hours after receiving its first calls for aid from the earthquake-shattered Ionian Islands of Greece, Church World Service was distributing emergency supplies to the disaster victims, on behalf of the American church people this relief organization serves.

Dr. Wayland Zwyer, CWS associate executive director, announced from the organization's offices at 120 East 23rd Street, New York City, that immediate action among the stricken islanders was made possible by diverting to the emergency area CWS supplies en route through the Mediterranean to other needy countries.



.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

REGAN CHURCH, St. Pauls, will observe homecoming August 30. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

DR. J. L. STOKES, new president of Pfeiffer College, was guest preacher at First church, Charlotte, Sunday, August 16.

MRS. A. P. RATLEDGE has been employed as interim director of Christian Education at Memorial church, Thomasville. She will serve until the arrival of Miss Jane Stentz, on January 1.

MAIN STREET, Gastonia, is sponsoring for the first time a Christian Day Camp. The junior boys and girls of the church enjoyed the camping experience at Camp Rotary.

MRS. W. PRESTON HERNDON of Greensboro, at an executive meeting of the district August 11, was appointed secretary of promotion of the Greensboro District, W.S.C.S. She succeeds Mrs. J. C. Woodard of High Point.

MISS MARY NICHOLS, deaconess from the North Carolina Conference, who has been working in Helena, Mont., and has recently been transferred to Columbia, S. C., is visiting her relatives in Roxboro during the month of August.

ROBIN J. SCROGGS, who has been working in Belmont Park church and Commonwealth church, Charlotte, for the past ten weeks has returned to his home in Raleigh. Mr. Scroggs came to these churches through the Duke Foundation.

SPRING CHURCH AND PLEASANT HILL CHURCH on the Spring Church-Garysburg charge held their annual homecoming services jointly at Pleasant Hill church, Sunday, August 23. This was the beginning of revival services which are being held throughout the week.

TWENTY-SIX youth and counselors, including the pastor of the North Davidson charge, recently spent a weekend enjoying the sights of Dare county. Their 600-mile trip included seeing a performance of "The Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island as well as vesper services by the Atlantic ocean.

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, reports the addition of 69 new members to the church school since last October. Seventy-four members of the school have a perfect attendance record. The children's division leads with 28, youth division 21, senior young people 19, and general officers 6.

CENTER CHURCH on the Davie circuit will have homecoming services Sunday, September 6. Rev. Clifford Peace, chaplain of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, will deliver the morning sermon under the historic Center Arbor at 11:00 o'clock. The afternoon program will be devoted to singing. Rev. H. D. Jessup is pastor of the church.

DR. BENJAMIN JAY RUSH, Presbyterian minister now making his home in Asheville, was guest preacher Sunday, August 16, for St. Paul Methodist. Dr. Rush served 18 years as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, in Detroit, Mich., and for four years as secretary of the World Council of Churches of Geneva, Switzerland.



ROCKY RIDGE Methodist Church of Concord celebrated its 105th anniversary Sunday, August 23. Dr. P. L. Elliot, president of Gardner-Webb Junior College, was the guest speaker. Following the eleven o'clock service a picnic lunch was spread on the church grounds. At a special service in the afternoon Mrs. Ella Wade, pictured above, was honored. Mrs. Wade is retiring at the close of the church year as teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class. She has served as teacher of this class for the last 21 years. Aunt Ella Wade, as she is known and loved by her church, just recently received a life membership pin from the W.S.C.S. The pin was given to her by the circle that bears her name. She is a charter member of the Rocky Ridge W.S.C.S. Mrs. Wade was honored by her family this summer when she celebrated her 90th birthday. In spite of her age she is regular in her attendance at the church services. At a recent school for the church school workers she was present at every meeting.

ALCOHOLICS ON THE INCREASE. Dr. E. M. Jellinek, former director of the Yale school of Alcohol studies, said recently that there are now in the United States 3,800,000 alcoholics and another 3,000,000 problem drinkers. He stated that in 1948 there were 3,960 alcoholics for every 100,000 adults in the United States, or nearly 4% of the entire adult population. Between 1940 and 1948 alcoholics in the United States increased 29% with alcoholism among women increasing at an even more rapid rate.

CORRECTION

In this column recently appeared a poem in tribute to Mrs. Burwell of Warrenton. In an accompanying note it was stated that the WSCS "Day Apart" for Dare County was held at Manteo. We are informed that while the author of the poem lives at Manteo the meeting was held at Wanchese.

DR. J. L. STOKES, president of Pfeiffer College, was guest preacher for the homecoming at Harmony church, Concord, Sunday, August 23.

REV. ROBERT STAMEY, president of Brevard College was the guest preacher for St. Paul's church, Asheville, Sunday, August 23.

METHODIST MEN Charter Night for the men of Midway church, Kannapolis, will be held Saturday night, September 15. Rev. Charles Reichard will be the guest speaker.

DR. GILBERT T. ROWE was guest preacher for the formal opening service of the Lakewood church, Durham, Sunday, August 23, at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. M. W. Maness is the pastor.

DR. NORMAN A. HALL, minister of First Methodist Church, Flushing, Queens, New York City, was guest preacher at Main St., Gastonia, Sunday August 16. Dr. Hall is the father of Mrs. Bubert Sumner, a member of Main Street.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Goldsboro, welcomed to her pulpit, Sunday, August 16, one of her own sons, Rev. Matt R. Gardner, son of Mrs. Katie E. Gardner of St. Paul church. Mr. Gardner is now serving the Roanoke circuit in the Rocky Mount District.

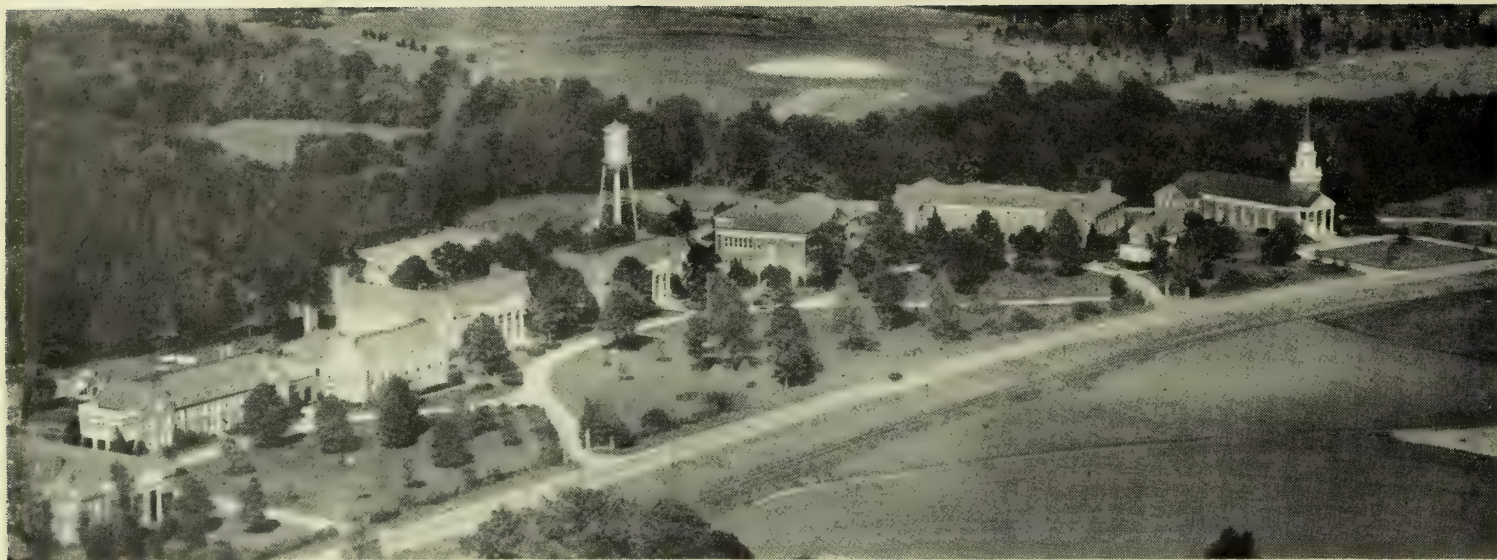
REV. W. M. HOWARD, JR., of Chapel Hill will preach the homecoming sermon at Hornes church on the Elm City charge at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning, August 30. This is the 125th anniversary of the founding of the church. All former pastors have a special invitation to this service. Rev. W. L. Maness is the pastor.

COKEBURY homecoming on the Stedman charge will be held on August 30. Bishop Paul N. Garber will be the guest preacher. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All former pastors and friends and former members are cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. W. Dimmette is the pastor.

REV. WALLACE KIRBY, a rising senior at Duke University, will be at Hay Street church, Fayetteville, the week of August 30 to September 4 to direct the Youth Activities Week. Not only will he assist in the general activities of the week, conducting discussions on the MYF program of the church, but he will visit in the homes of the youth.

WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH on the Columbia charge was the meeting place for all the churches on the charge when they met at 11:00 o'clock, Sunday morning, August 23, for preaching services and dedication of the new parsonage. Bishop Paul N. Garber was guest speaker and Rev. E. R. Meekins is the pastor of the charge.

CANAAN CHURCH, Route 5, Winston-Salem, on the North Davidson charge is enjoying complete air conditioning. This is believed to be the first rural church in the state to install this comfort. Missionary giving at Canaan has increased over 50% this year. The congregation recently dedicated a church library which is lending strength to the entire church program. A tower chimes system and complete church sound system has been purchased this year.



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Dean of Women and Mathematics Instructor—Miss Georgia Haswell, Hardinsburg, Kentucky, A.B. Union College, A.M. Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio State.

English—Mrs. Iona Henry of New Jersey, A.B. Baker University, A.M. New York University.

Coach and Sociology Instructor—C. A. Frye of Asheboro, N. C., A.B. Lenoir Rhyne College, candidate for M.A. at the University of N. C.

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Pfeiffer Junior College is grateful to Dr. Carl H. King and the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference for the use of this page to tell briefly and pictorially its story of service to the Methodist Church in North Carolina.



THE COLLEGE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF OPERATION BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER

Miss McCarter Retires; News from the Districts; Departments Report Activities; Visitation Plan

MISS IVA McCARTER LEAVES CHARLOTTE BETHLEHEM CENTER

A reception was given at the Charlotte Bethlehem Center July 24 honoring Miss Iva McCarter, retiring head resident of the Center for the past nine years. Words of appreciation for the splendid work Miss McCarter has done were expressed by Miss Allegra Westbrook, of the Charlotte Public Library, Mrs. Mildred Gilliard of the Y.W.C.A., Mrs. L. E. Brown, chairman of the Center board, and Mrs. U. S. Brooks, member of the Executive Committee of the N.A.A.C.P. The president of the latter organization, Rev. J. B. Humphrey, presided. Mrs. Brown, on behalf of the board presented Miss McCarter with the book, "The Will of God," by Leslie Weatherhead, and a hand woven bed spread, and a gift of \$5.00 was given by one of the Negro churches. Miss Margaret Hadkins, who has been studying at Scarritt College for the past year, after serving in Birmingham, Ala., will succeed Miss McCarter and will take up her duties September first.

DISTRICT NEWS

Statesville—A new secretary of missionary personnel has been elected in the Statesville District. She is Mrs. Claudia Johnson, Box 23, Warrensville, N. C.

At a regular meeting of the Vandenburg Woman's Society, Statesville District, the pastor, Rev. Paul Taylor, presented Life Memberships to Mrs. W. A. Shinnell, Mrs. M. A. Osborne, and Miss Louise Wilhelm.

Thomasville—The Woman's Society of the new Mount Vernon church, Thomasville District, observed Rural Life Sunday with an appropriate program for the day.

Waynesville—At an executive meeting of this district, held at the home of Miss Laura Jones in Franklin, subdistrict seminars were planned to take place after the School of Missions at Greensboro College as follows: Haywood, September 11, at Elizabeth Chapel; Macon, September 10; Western, September 12 at Andrews.

(This district also held sub-district meetings in July and your editor regrets that announcements regarding these meetings were crowded out of the Woman's Page material.)

At the executive meeting Mrs. H. G. Allen reported on the actions taken at the annual meeting of the WSCS conference at Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. C. N. Clark was appointed Scarritt Director for the district. The president, Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld, presided over the meeting, and Mrs. J. E. Yountz conducted a timely devotional. Mrs. I. E. Hull and Miss Eva Cunningham were associate hostesses.

Marion—At an executive meeting held at the new district parsonage, Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., was presented a silver plate by the president, Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, in recognition of her work done in the district.

Plans were made for the educational seminar to be held at First Methodist Church, Morganton, and Miss Una Edwards was elected delegate to the Assembly to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May, 1954. Subdistrict meetings were planned for September and October, with Rutherford County at Spindale on September 20.

The next executive meeting will be held at Rutherfordton with Mrs. J. P. Morris, Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, and Miss Willard Powers, as hostesses.

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CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS IN ACTION

Several of our conference officers have participated in interracial activities this summer. Mrs. Harry Hendrick taught the class on Alcohol—the Christian's Responsibility, for the School of Missions at Bennett College, Greensboro, and had Mrs. Cicero Groome to participate. Mrs. Frank Little led a devotional service for this school. Also Mrs. Groome and Miss Annabel Thompson spent a day at Hanes Institute, Winston-Salem, during their training school, and visited the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem.

In a letter to local secretaries Mrs. Groome says: "I would like to remind you that our department will be expected to work with the Board of Temperance and the Board of Education in workshops that are to be held throughout the conference." Dates for these area meetings will be announced later.

Matters concerning technical assistance to the United Nations have been sent to all local secretaries, also, coming direct from Miss Thelma Stevens of the New York office, as an urgent SOS. Societies are urged to write the House Appropriations Committee Chairman, John Tabor, and also the Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, Styles Bridges, in regard to the attempted cut in these appropriations.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

In her quarterly letter to local secretaries of spiritual life, Mrs. Frank Little says: "Each year we hear of some lovely experience from the use of the Prayer Calendar. This time it was about a missionary with a problem which loomed like a stone wall through which there seemed no way to go. Suddenly it was gone, the problem solved. She happened to look at her Prayer Calendar and found it was the day her name was chosen for prayer. She knew it was the reason the way had opened. Stress its use; that's another weak place in our work."

Mrs. Little calls attention to the new Fellowship of Intercession cards now available at Literature Headquarters, and urges that every member, including shut-ins, be given one of these cards and that an accurate record be reported on these cards.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Miss Edith Harper of Greensboro, a recent graduate of High Point College, has just completed a six week's training course at Scarritt College and has been assigned by our Woman's Division to Harriet Ballou Day Nursery at Sioux City, Iowa, as a U.S.-2. While at High Point College she was elected to the national collegiate Who's Who.

Miss Jean Lewis of Burkhead church, Winston-Salem, also a recent graduate of High Point College, has just completed six weeks training at Hartford Seminary

Foundation Training Center, Hartford, Conn., and has been assigned by our Woman's Division to Latin America. She will leave in September and her first job will be that of directing a girls' hostel. She and another missionary will lead club work, teach Bible classes and have other duties in connection with the hostel. She spoke to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Centenary, Winston-Salem, at their August meeting on the subject, "What I Had to Do to Become a Missionary."

Miss Coleen Grant of Greensboro and a Greensboro College graduate, has just completed a year's work in the South Georgia Conference as a rural life worker under our Woman's Division. On September 4 she will be married to James Luke Wiggins of Honokaa, Hawaii, and Palmetto, Florida, in Kailua Methodist Church at Honolulu with Bishop Gerald K. Kennedy performing the ceremony. Mr. Wiggins is already a rural life worker in Hawaii and Coleen will join him in this work in September under the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

WIDENING FRIENDSHIP

A plan of visitation carrying out the second phase of our quadrennial goal has been worked out by Mrs. T. V. Goode, conference secretary of promotion, and Mrs. Goode urges that it be used in local churches. She says: "I want each Society member to become a 'Blue Bird' (brings happiness) to a member of your church not belonging to the Woman's Society of Christian Service or Wesleyan Service Guild. This is an old plan but a workable one. Get a list of the adult woman members of your church through your membership chairman or secretary of promotion. With the assistance of the president give the names of non-members to members of your society. Your society member will become 'Blue Bird' to the non-belonger. Begin with a friendly visit, finding out the interests of your prospect. If it is in homemaking, on your next visit take her a small gift for her home. This could be a hand-towel with some of your own embroidery on it. If she likes to cook, take her one of your own prize recipes. If she likes to garden, take her a plant or a bulb preferably from your own garden. If she likes African violets, take her a leaf from your best violet. "I have no doubt she will respond to your kindness and become most friendly. Do not at once urge her to join the WSCS. Just visit her at least once a month or more often. Then later ask her to join and go by for her and take her to a meeting. Inform your president and secretary of promotion that you are bringing her so they may greet her and invite her to join the society. Mrs. Harbison and I are hoping every society will put on this plan during the year 1953-54, finishing by June 1, 1954."

This plan is already being used in some of our societies and the members are finding a great joy in discovering new talents among new friends.

BEREAVEMENT

Friends of our faithful secretary of promotion, Mrs. T. V. Goode, will regret to learn of the death of her daughter, Mrs. James E. Little, whose long illness, has been the prayerful concern of many western North Carolina women for many months. "Pat," as she was affectionately known, was only 30 years of age and leaves a husband and small daughter besides her parents, a sister and two brothers. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends and co-workers are extended to Mrs. Goode and her family.

Youth Week at Orphanage Proves Successful; Leaders Give Impressions; Seniors at Manteo

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH WEEK

With the Communion and Dedication service followed by a sharing session Friday night, August 7, the Senior MYF closed a most successful youth week. And yet, it was not a closing, but rather a genesis as our youth prayed for new resolve in renewing their minds and spirits to a richer and more abundant life in Christ. Many of the group stayed long at the communion table. Others returned to their seats for more prayer and meditation. The sharing session following the service gave others opportunity to confess mistakes and receive deeper challenge. This week will make a difference for good in the lives of those who participated.

The week began Sunday, August 2, with Mr. Walter Anderson, Prison Director, State Highway and Public Works Commission, speaking to the group. The drama, "Where Are the Other Three?" was given by a group from Edenton Street church and The Methodist Orphanage. This group also gave this drama at the opening session of the 2nd Annual Conference Session of the North Carolina Conference MYF at Duke University, August 16. Mr. Anderson gave the inspirational messages at the outdoor services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, leaving the group with a challenge for a rebirth, a birth from above, and a dedication of their whole life to God. Rev. Carl Walton spoke of Christian Witnessing on Thursday and Rev. Forrest Hedden, superintendent, spoke on Dedication Friday evening. Senior MYF planned and conducted the services each evening.

Following these messages, the group broke up into discussion groups, to express ideas and clarify thinking. Leaders for these included Rev. Bill Wells of Warrenton; Ed Osteen of Rockingham; Martha Hester of Lumberton; Rev. Curt Gatlin and Horace Mansfield of Durham; Rev. Forest Hedden; Rev. Carl Walton; Rev. Troy Barrett of Raleigh. The group gathered each evening for a prayer circle.

Even this did not close the evening's fellowship. On Monday evening there was an informal discussion on "Boy-Girl Relations" at the Burwell Home. On Tuesday evening there was a surprise birthday party for Jean and Joan Braswell, the beautiful twins who work at the Baby Cottage. The party for these seventeen-year-olds was given by Mrs. Adams, housemother of the Baby Cottage. On Wednesday evening, following the message, the group enjoyed an evening of recreation. Mrs. Fred Smith, housemother of the Borden home, led the fellowship in squares and folk games. After the prayer cells all went to the Burwell Home for delicious refreshments prepared by Misses Barbara Ann Sears and Rosa Lee Ellis. These girls worked all afternoon baking cakes, making chocolate candy and preparing lemonade. It was quickly demolished and thoroughly enjoyed by the thirsty youth. Fellowship singing and prayers closed the evening.

In the afternoon those who were free from duties gathered in the recreation room, sat round a table and discussed problems and needs of youth. Among the topics were: Christian Witnessing; Youth Friendships, Courtships, Marriage and the Christian Home; Brotherhood and the Christian Community; World Peace; Christian Fellowship. These sessions were profitable to all who attended. It is hoped

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that other sessions of a similar nature can be held at regular intervals.

Another feature enjoyed by all ages on the campus was morning watch. Beginning with a handful of youth on Monday and carrying on through the week with three entire cottages and representatives from each cottage in attendance. The morning watch period was observed reverently using guide sheets of comments or the prayer perfect, The Lord's prayer.

The entire Orphanage felt the presence of the spirit of the living God in all the numerous activities of the week. We trust there will be others like it and that this week will mean all the youth have said it meant.

"BUT WHERE ARE THE THREE"

Statistics reveal that only one out of every four young persons in the United States today is in the church at all. This fact was forcefully brought out in a dramatic presentation by members of the MYF's of the Orphanage and Edenton Street and Hayes Barton churches. The drama entitled "But, Where Are the Three?" was first presented at the opening session of Youth Activities Week at Edenton Street church, and the Orphanage on August 2. Then, after more weeks of rehearsing, and many hours of hard work, it was presented on the opening night of the MYF Annual Conference Session at Duke University on August 16.

Written by Mrs. Troy J. Barrett, the drama was directed by Mrs. Barrett with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Cobb.

This interpretation of where the three young persons outside the Church might be is based upon the Parable of the Sower. One is opposed to the Church (he, whose feet fell by the wayside), one is superficial (the stony ground with no depth in which the roots might take hold and grow) and the third is indifferent (he whose seed fell among thorns). The challenge presented is that the one person of the four, who is in the Church, take on three who are outside of the Church, and thus be like the "good soil" Jesus speaks about, bearing fruit for the Kingdom.

IMPRESSIONS OF YOUTH WEEK

Impressions of "Youth Week" from leaders who shared the week with us:

Rev. Bill Wells of Warrenton says, "Youth Week has provided opportunities for discussion, recreation and worship on a Christian level. There has been the interaction of those living off this campus with those living here and we have found that Christian youth are essentially the same wherever they live.

"The manner in which youth have assumed responsibilities and leadership has been most encouraging. It testifies to the wholesome sort of attitude and approach of the local adult leaders.

"Parties and prayer groups, sermons and songs, duties and dances—all have blended into a beautiful experience that enriches the lives of all of us."

Miss Martha Hester of Lumberton had

this to say: "Our Youth Week surely has been one of friendly fellowship, as befits an MYF group. We visitors were welcomed in a heart-warming fashion; since then the discussion, partying and worship experiences have deepened our feeling of being at home.

"Our days have begun right with morning watch on this peaceful campus; this feeling of quietness within us has remained through the days activities until we have ended them with prayer together. In keeping with this, our worship has led us into renewed dedication.

"Most important, we all have grown together. Our unselfishness and outspoken discussion, along with off-the-record bull sessions has stimulated our minds to a little refreshing exercise. This could easily become a habit, and certainly a good one. Truthfully, the whole week would be a good habit; let's do it again!"

Ed Osteen and his impressions: "Communion with God and Christian Fellowship with the fellows and girls on the campus has given most of us an unusually rich week in blessings. I noticed at first that the boys and girls called Martha, Bill and I 'outside leader,' and, that we were. But now, thanks to our Father and each of you, we all feel like we've been here all our lives, and we truly feel that we are now one of your big and happy family. I believe that all feel the spirit of a living God . . . so much so because of his goodness and loving kindness to each of us . . . that we will want to give our lives to Christ, letting Him use us as He sees a way of service. Thank you every one for making this a personal enrichment of our lives . . . You're great."

PRINCIPAL ENTERTAINED

Monday evening, August 17, the girls of the Burwell Cottage entertained informally at a "get acquainted" party for their new principal, Mr. B. Paul Hammack, and his wife.

SENIORS VISIT MANTEO

Tuesday morning, August 11, thirteen excited seniors with Mrs. Ruth Presson, Mr. Wade Pridgen and Alton William boarded three cars in front of the Burwell Building, equipped with shorts, swim suits, sun glasses and cameras ready for a delightful two days at Manteo.

Around 5:30 p.m. we arrived in Manteo and were greeted at the Williams Tourist Court by Mr. and Mrs. Williams and plenty of mosquitos. Everyone was in a hustle and bustle to get unpacked, so that they would be properly dressed in time to see "The Lost Colony." Not more than two of the entire group had ever seen the pageant and it was a most exciting experience.

Early the next morning after a hasty breakfast the group donned swim suits, sun glasses and towels and went to Nagshead to spend the day at the beach. Through the generosity and kindness of the owners of Arlington Inn free drinks and candy were served. While some took sun baths, others climbed sand dunes and swam. The weather was perfect, and by dinner time most of the group realized they had enough sun.

Following dinner, some of the boys tried their hand at fishing while others went to see the Wright Brothers Memorial.

Thursday morning dawned all too soon, for the group realized that it was time to pack to return home. We will long cherish the thoughts of this trip to Manteo, and would like to thank each one who had a part in making it possible.—Doris Horne.

by Charles M. Laymon

Sunday School Lesson for August 30

ACHIEVING GODLINESS

I Timothy 4:7-16

On one occasion Jesus said that men should **strive** to enter the kingdom of God. What he meant was that they should agonize to get in. Nothing was to be allowed to stand in the way.

He illustrated this point symbolically saying that if their eye hindered them, they should pluck it out, and if their hand held them back, they should cut it off. The way to life was narrow, calling for intense concentration of effort and strict personal discipline.

We have seen recently an example of the rewards of disciplined action in the climb to the top of Mount Everest. A New Zealand beekeeper and a Sherpa tribesman ascended to the peak of the world's highest mountain. This was no pleasure jaunt, but a matter of terrific planning.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norkey did not stumble into greatness. Every step of the way was calculated. They measured the distance, measured their food, measured their oxygen, and measured their energy. Once on the top, Hillary said, "We shook hands and then, casting those Anglo-Saxon formalities aside, Tenzing threw his arms around my shoulders and we thumped each other on the back until forced to stop from lack of breath." Even their exultation was measured!

In the Scripture passage for today's lesson, our author gives to Timothy, the young preacher, some good instruction in measured or disciplined living. "Train yourself in godliness," he urged, adding "for to this end we toil and strive" (I Tim. 4:8-10).

Timothy could have toyed with false teaching ("silly myths," v. 7), allowed himself to be lightly regarded because of his youth (v. 12), and neglected the gift of preaching which had come to him when he was ordained (v. 14). Instead he was urged to train himself in godliness.

The life of the Christian is a disciplined life because it moves in the direction of a goal. Our Lord has given us an ideal to follow and a task to perform. We are called upon not simply to live, but to **live for something**. This means that we must marshal our resources of energy, time, talent, and material possessions in Christ's service.

To put it briefly, in the realm of the Spirit every soul has his own Mount Everest to conquer.

The paramount tradition of Methodism is that of evangelism. Nobody ever referred to the Wesleyan Movement as a philosophical or theological enterprise. The stirring story of our advance across this country and across the earth is the story of a resistless evangelism. We are by nature evangelistic. The time is ripe for the church to interpret Christ to the inquiring mind and seeking heart of our time. We must be diligent lest this search by-pass the organized church. We must be trustees of a complete gospel which offers men release from sin and offers hope to society. We must live, sing and preach the only gospel which is able to bring men to their knees. —Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1953

THIRTY FIRST U. S. INFANTRY

The Upper Room
1908 Grand Avenue
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Often as I pause to examine the lifeless bodies of our men killed in action I have found The Upper Room in their pockets—a silent testimony of their faith in God and that they cared enough to keep it with them to read. Often our men have been seen carrying their copy of The Upper Room in a little pocket located on the left upper front of their flak or protective vests. And I assure you it is inspiring to see that booklet on a soldier up in battle for it means that though the pocket was small yet his Upper Room was of such value to him that he had to carry it.

Many times in visiting bunkers I have seen men reading The Upper Room. One day immediately following our loss of Old Baldy, I visited a small forward outpost in front of Baldy. Our men had just returned from a daylight reconnaissance mission on that hill. They had received intense enemy fire, but God had protected our men. However, I was told that there was one Sergeant who had been "bounced" around by the percussion force of an enemy shell. The fellows said he was in a bad shape emotionally and was very nervous.

Finding where he was, I went in to see him. He was in a little cave-like hole. And when I went in I found him reading his New Testament and beside him lay his Upper Room. Seeing that, I was confident he'd make it fine. And he did. He has recovered completely.

Yes, your service for the Master has brought real spiritual blessings to the fighting men of Korea in my Regiment. And thanks for letting me tell you about it.

Sincerely,

William C. Taggart, Jr.

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BIG DOG

Mrs. John R. Little

Big Dog belongs to George. Perhaps he thinks George belongs to him. He takes care of George and guards the other children from harm, as well as Nicky, the neighbor's rowdy puppy, who likes to come over to visit. When he gets tired of Nicky he just takes him home through the woods and leaves him at his door. Somehow Nicky knows what he means and he minds him easily enough. It is plain to see that the great Big Dog is very sensible and understands many things. Once he hid Nicky from his own master.

They say, "Every dog has his day." Surely everyone thought Big Dog had had his day long ago. Maybe he wanted one more taste of the old joys of puppyhood on a recent occasion or maybe he just thought he was one of the children. Anyway, George had a new slide that his father had made for him and his company to slide on and it was just wonderful. What fun it was to go up to the top and then come sliding, meeting the breeze, down, down to the bottom—bump! But the bump was on the soft sand.

The children stood in line at the new slide out under the trees, just as people do in a cafeteria. George let the little girls go first because he was really a fine gentleman. Each one stood patiently in line awaiting his turn, or her turn. It was almost as much fun to watch the others as to slide one's own self. Big Dog was not noticed because of the fun the children were having. They did not see him inching up to the end of the line. And they did not see him get INTO the line at the end.

When Big Dog's turn came all the children just looked. Without saying a word or realizing that he would do such a thing they allowed him to walk up the slide. That was funny enough but it was unbelievable to see him sit down at the top and come sliding down just as they had done. Of course they laughed, and they laughed. They laughed so much that Big Dog hung his noble head and walked away. No coaxing could get him back into the game, nor has any since. Maybe he was surprised at the sliding, as surprised as the children. Perhaps he thought he was one of them until they laughed at him so. Ever since then he has been his old dignified self. He seems content to recline on the lawn and regard the valley below with the majesty of a contented homeowner. In his old age he had tried to frolic again and they had laughed at him. Playing was beneath his attention, anyway! Or so it would seem.

AT WORK IN GERMANY

(Continued from page five)

for the sole purpose of promoting goodwill and Christian understanding has, I believe, had a profound effect upon each community. They open doors and hearts wherever they have gone.

"One of the most moving experiences was the Sunday morning service at Echterdingen. At this service we caught a glimpse of the world church, at least on a small scale, and we discovered that in Christ all can be united into one sacred fellowship, transcending all differences of race and tongue. Truly the spirit of Christ Himself was in our midst. What the Caravan is doing must go on. It is more neces-

sary than ever for Christian youth all over the world to come together, and to stand together under Christ's banner against all the forces of evil which still threaten the peace of the world."

We Rest at Frankfurt

Our next stop was Frankfurt. In this important city of 700,000 people, we were guests of our Methodist Seminary. The period from Tuesday evening, when we arrived, until Saturday morning, when we left by plane for Berlin, was spent largely in resting and sightseeing. However, we did have a service in the Seminary Chapel on Thursday evening.

The contribution of our Methodist Seminary to German and Swiss Methodism can hardly be overestimated. Begun around 1857, just ten years after Methodism came to Germany from England, the Seminary during normal times trained virtually all of the German Methodist pastors. Now, unfortunately, enrollment has dropped until the number this fall will be about 35. Students from the Eastern Zone in Germany are not permitted to return if they come to Frankfurt so it has been necessary to start a seminary to train preachers for Methodist churches in that area. Of the 65,000 Methodists in Germany, around 41% are in the Eastern Zone.

During the war the main building was badly damaged by bombs. It would have been virtually impossible for the seminary to reopen. Dr. Carl Ernst Sommer, the new president, told us, if American Methodism had not come to the rescue. Funds for repairing the war damage and renovation of the building were made possible through gifts from the United States.

The new president, who was elected to take the place of Dr. F. Wunderlich who several months ago was elected bishop, is the son of Bishop J. W. E. Sommer, who died last October. Dr. Sommer, who has been professor of church history and religious education in the seminary, is well prepared for his new task. Well educated, he has had a broad experience both as educator and churchman. He has the confidence of the entire church. But he has

a herculean job. Finding money and students for the schools is no small task. The Methodists of Germany are poor. Under Hitler the church suffered. The war has taken an awful toll. Dr. Sommer will continue to need financial and moral support from American Methodism. We cannot afford to fail in this critical hour for Methodism in Germany. Our church agencies in America will certainly continue to share in the task of helping to train ministers for German Methodism.

What we can do for our brothers in East Germany is not clear at this time. One thing we must continue to do: We must pray for them daily. We must keep alive the fellowship that makes us one in Christ. Methodists of East Germany are demonstrating incredible faith. They are carrying on under the most trying circumstances. But they are firm in their faith. More than ever, Methodists of Germany and America need each other!

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In Memoriam

MRS. JEANETTE ALPHIN DeFORD

FOUR OAKS—On August 3, 1953, with the simple dignity which had characterized the remainder of her life, Mrs. "Nettie" DeFord answered her Master's call to come home. And for this moment she was wonderfully and abundantly prepared. Having joined the Richlands Methodist Church, Richlands, when she was approximately fourteen years of age, she had maintained her membership there through seventy years of faithful service. And now, at the age of 84 she has received the accolade, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

On Wednesday morning, August 5, a simple service was conducted at the Four Oaks Methodist Church, Four Oaks, where for the past 16 years she has been an associate member. At 3 in the afternoon, a service was conducted at the Richlands Methodist Church, and interment was in the Koonce Cemetery at Richlands.

Few have lived so well, so full, or so long and useful a life. Mrs. DeFord has been a blessing to all who knew her.

Active to the last, Mrs. DeFord attended service at the Four Oaks Church as late as the last Sunday in July, sitting as always in her favorite pew.

Born Jeanette Alphin, April 19, 1869, at Richlands, Onslow County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Loomis and Mary Alphin.—Rev. J. L. Joyce, Four Oaks Charge.

MRS. B. L. MARLOW

HICKORY—We, the members of the WSCS of the Bethel Methodist Church, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed sister friend and faithful member, Mrs. Tressie Marlow, who entered into eternal life July 18, 1953.

We are mindful that today the presence of those we love may fill our cup with joys, and tomorrow sore bereavement may cast us into the valley of sorrow. But it is with grateful hearts that we acknowledge the goodness of God for the privilege to know and love Mrs. Marlow, and that for a time in the pilgrimage of life, we walked along together. As we pay our tribute to the virtues exemplified in her life, may we rededicate ourselves to the principles by which she lived.

Whereas the society misses her presence, her prayers, her abiding interest in the WSCS and the Sunday School where she served for 35 years as the teacher of the Women's Class, and served in other ways she could, as well as her loyal support of the entire program of the whole church.

Therefore, be it resolved: that we accept this dispensation of providence as a means of drawing us closer to God and each other, as we labor together for the upbuilding of his Kingdom, until we too, are called into a higher and fuller service; that a copy of this resolution be entered into the record of our Society, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and to the members of her family.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethel Methodist Church, Hickory.

GEORGE HERBERT ARMSTRONG

We, the members of the Mt. Gilead Methodist Church wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved Sunday School Superintendent, George Herbert Armstrong. With his passing our church lost a faithful and devoted member. He was always happy, giving praise and thanks to his Lord and all co-workers. He loved his pastor, supporting him and his church with his prayers, his presence and his gifts.

Be it resolved: First: That our sympathy be extended to the family;

Second: That the inspiration and blessings we received from his life will never die;

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our minutes; a copy be sent his family, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mount Gilead Methodist Church.

HORATIO HARVEY

DURHAM—On Monday, May 11, 1953, as the evening sun dipped low on the horizon, the light faded and gently slipped from its earthly abode as the soul of Horatio Harvey went to the heavenly home prepared by years of loving Christian services and devotion to God and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Harvey was born August 31, 1877, to Garret E. and Ellen P. Harvey in Pleasantville, N. J. At the age of eight Mr. Harvey moved with his parents and three sisters to Philadelphia, Pa., where he resided until 1949.

In his early twenties Mr. Harvey dedicated his life to Christian living and service. He was no doubt tempted many times in his life but he held dearly to his convictions and steadfastly remained a faithful Christian true to his God and Savior.

The Methodist Church has lost a good and faithful friend and worker. Throughout his adult life Mr. Harvey was active in the church and served it in many offices: board of stewards, board of trustees, recording secretary, pastoral committee, church music committee, and member of the choir. He was an active member of the board of stewards and sang in the choir until his final siege of sickness.

Mr. Harvey spent a larger portion of his life in Philadelphia and was a faithful member of the Port Richmond Methodist Church. As an employee of the A. M. Collins Mfg. Co., he retired in 1949 and came to Durham, N. C., to reside with his son. He immediately transferred his church membership to the St. Paul Methodist Church and rapidly became one of its most devoted members. Mr. Harvey had an unshakable faith in God, and his action and thoughts were always in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ. New members and visitors of the church were always made more welcome by Mr. Harvey, no job too trivial or taxing for him if it was of or for the church, and his devotion to his ailing wife was an example to all husbands.

As a man Mr. Harvey was a wonderful gentleman with a friendly word for all and a helping hand always ready; as a Christian Mr. Harvey was a beacon of light shining out to those who encountered him along the way. His faith was simple and trusting and his belief complete. Talking to him was an inspiration to the doubtful, proof to the hesitant and a shining example to all.

Mr. Harvey is survived by his wife and one son, Ralph Harvey, both of Durham and one sister, Mrs. Kate Clifton of Philadelphia.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. B. Slaughter in St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham.—The Board of Stewards, St. Paul Methodist Church, Jack A. Scott, Secretary.

MRS. R. T. BAXTER

GREENSBORO—We, the members of the WSCS of Muir's Chapel, wish to express our deepest sympathy in the passing of our friend and neighbor, Mrs. R. T. Baxter. To us who loved her, she was "Aunt Tish" and her smile and gentle manner endeared her to everyone.

She was one of the most faithful and loyal members of our WSCS. Quietly and willingly she served her Master and her church. Through the years her visits to the sick and shut-ins brought joy to so many lives. Beautifully she lived, we who loved her know. While we miss her presence, we know that the good she did will live on. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord."

In expressing our sympathy, we offer these resolutions: that we keep in our hearts the memory of her beautiful life; and, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband and other members of her family; that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. Azel A. Wall.

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New Church Statistics: A Preview of The 1953 Yearbook of American Churches

Church membership in the U.S.A. has broken into new high ground, reaching an all-time record of 92,277,129.

This represents a gain of 3,604,124 over the previous year, and an unprecedented growth rate of 4.1 per cent—outstripping the population increase by two and a half times.

The new figures for 1952, revealed today by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., indicate that 59 per cent of Americans in the Continental U.S.—about three out of every five men, women and children—belong to religious bodies. In 1940, only one out of two had religious affiliation.

"Never before has such a high annual increase in church membership been recorded," declared Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate director of the Council's department of research and survey. "During the past decade, the annual gain has been about two per cent. In 1952, it was twice that figure, accelerating an upward trend that has been maintained in this country for the past 100 years."

Over the longer term this trend has resulted in doubling church membership in the past 26 years. In 1900, 36 per cent of the U. S. population were church members. In 1910 and 1920, 43 per cent. In 1930, 47 per cent. In 1940, 49 per cent. This figure swelled to 57 per cent by 1950, with two per cent added in the two years since.

In 1952 the number of local churches also reached a new peak of 285,277 as compared to 284,592 for 1951, the latest Council surveys show. And the number of clergymen having charges rose from 181,123 to 183,899.

"Thus statistically there is one church for about every 325 members," Dr. Landis stated, "while the ratio between clergymen and members is only one to every 500. This points up a continuing shortage of pastors and a lag in efforts to fill thousands of vacant pulpits."

Dr. Landis, editor of the National Council's Yearbook of American Churches which is the only source of statistical data on all the nation's religious bodies, said the figures are based on information from 251 religious bodies, and apply only to the U.S., exclusive of Territories. Complete compilations will appear in the 1953 Yearbook, scheduled for public release Sept. 14.

An even higher increase in Sunday School enrollments was registered with the Council reporting a new total of 32,638,879 members—a gain of nearly two million or 6.4 per cent for the year. The Protestant churches which generally emphasize the Sunday School report close to 94 per cent of the total enrollment.

The over-all 1952 gain in church membership—twice that of the previous year—is partly attributable to greatly increased birth rates of the 1940's, Dr. Landis pointed out. Other factors have been the widespread, systematic evangelistic programs carried out by the churches and the generally felt need for guidance in times of international tension and upheaval.

In addition, nine religious bodies reporting for the first time added 335,528 members missing from previous lists. Without them, however, and considering only the 242 religious bodies reporting for both years, the gain in members was 3.7 per cent—still an all-time high.

Of the nation's two biggest religious

groups, the Protestants and Roman Catholics, the former registered a slightly higher gain of 3.9 percent. The number of Roman Catholics increased 3.5 percent. Protestants now number 54,229,963 or 34.7 per cent of population, while there are 30,253,427 Roman Catholics, or 19.3 per cent. Gains for both groups have been virtually on a par for the past 50 years and more.

Exact comparisons between the two are difficult to make, the Yearbook points out, since most Protestant churches list only full members, aged 13 or older. Included among Roman Catholics are all baptized children and infants.

Not included in the compilations were members of the Church of Christ, Scientist, which body forbids "the numbering of people and the reporting of such statistics."

The third largest religious group are the Jewish congregations reporting 5,000,000 members, unchanged from the previous year. Next in order to the top six are: Eastern Orthodox with 2,353,783 members; Old Catholic and Polish National Catholic, 366,956; and Buddhist, 73,000.

While 251 religious bodies report on membership in the forthcoming Yearbook, 76 of them have 98.2 per cent of all members. Less than 2 per cent of members belong to the remaining 175 smaller groups.

Another indication that church membership is less divided among groups than it seems is shown by the fact that 18 bodies with 1,000,000 members or more have a total of 78,249,936 members, or 85 per cent. Moreover, 11 of the 16 Protestant and Orthodox churches in this concentrated group are united for co-operative action in the National Council of Churches, which embraces 30 denominations with 35,000,000 members.

The 18 bodies reporting 1,000,000 members or more follow:

Roman Catholic Church	30,253,427
The Methodist Church	9,180,428
Southern Baptist Convention	7,634,493
Jewish Congregations	5,000,000
National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.	4,467,779
National Baptist Convention of America	2,606,289
Protestant Episcopal Church	2,482,887
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	2,441,933
United Lutheran Church in America	1,962,256
Disciples of Christ, International Convention	1,815,627
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	1,728,989
American Baptist Convention	1,550,653
Churches of Christ	1,500,000
Congregational Christian Church	1,269,466
African Methodist Episcopal Church	1,166,301
Christ Unity Science Church	1,112,123
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	1,077,285
Greek Archdiocese of North and South America	1,000,000
By grouping the larger Protestant and Orthodox denominations into inclusive "families" the following statistical pattern is revealed:	
Baptist (24 bodies)	17,470,111
Eastern Orthodox (21 bodies)	2,353,783
Latter-Day Saints (6 bodies)	1,210,336
Lutheran (20 bodies)	6,313,892
Methodist (22 bodies)	11,664,978
Presbyterian (11 bodies)	3,535,171

IS JESUS A MYTH?

A Christian minister had just finished a lecture on the subject, "Why I Believe in Jesus." As the service ended and he had retired to his office, there came a knock on the door. He opened it to find a well-dressed, intelligent looking man standing before him. The preacher invited him in and offered him a seat. Then he inquired what he might do for the guest. The stranger replied, "Your talk tonight was very interesting. But everything you said about Jesus Christ came out of your Bible. Tell me, Preacher, if Jesus ever lived on this earth, why doesn't history tell of Him?"

"That's a fair question and a good one, too," answered the clergyman, as he turned to his bookshelves and drew down several volumes. "History does tell of Jesus Christ."

"That I want to see for myself," replied the visitor.

"Well, here is the report of 'Pliny the Younger,' Roman proconsul in Bithynia, a province of old Asia Minor. He is writing of the Roman Emperor Trajan, telling him about the events in his provinces of interest to the empire. See, here he is asking for counsel as to how he should handle this new sect, the Christians. He tells of their rapid growth, of how they sing hymns composed to their leader, Christ. This letter is dated A.D. 110. St. Paul and others had raised up churches in the province governed by Pliny. This report by Pliny is historical evidence of the man Christ, and of the work of St. Paul as we read it in the book of Acts."

The amazed stranger said, "Tell me more."

As the minister scanned through the book in hand he added: "Another historian, contemporary with Pliny, was Tacitus. He tells of Nero's hatred for, and persecution of, the Christians at the time of the burning of Rome. Tacitus explains that the term 'Christian' is derived from the name 'Christ' who was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea, during the reign of Tiberius."

"Pastor, I never knew these things were in secular history!" exclaimed the man.

"Many do not know," replied the minister. "Here is another Roman historian, Suetonius, who wrote biographies of Nero and Claudius. In his 'Life of Claudius' he describes how the Christians were hated by Claudius and were driven from the city of Rome. He mentions the name of Christ in his biography also."

"And while we are talking," the preacher added, "I want you to note that about A. D. 180 Celsus wrote a book attacking the Christians, which indicates that by that time Christianity had become a force with which to reckon."

"Amazing! Amazing!" said the doubter. "Have you any more?"

"Yes, I certainly do, and if you are still in doubt," said the minister, "remember that the four Gospels are just as truly history as are the secular evidences. And if history will not satisfy you that Jesus existed, tell me, how do you account for 600,000,000 Christians in the world today? And if you still doubt, then explain why millions of the most sincere and honest people in history have died for the name of Jesus."

"O Preacher, it must be so! I can deny no longer. He lived! He lived! He lived again! Jesus Christ is no myth, I do believe."

Jesus is no myth. He lived a man among men, as both sacred and secular history agree.—Selected.

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LABOR'S PRAYER TO THE CHURCH

O House of God, I lift the hands that built thy sounding
dome,

In weariness I come to thee to seek a restful home;
I plod the dreary walks of life, I stand by furnace fires—
The only law of life I know is Mammon's crass desires.
I'd walk within thy holy nave and love thy sacred shrine,
But cringing fear comes over me to think it's all so fine;
Where Fashion meets in tinsel modes to see her styles
displayed—

They put to shame my outworn garb—I feel my soul
afraid.

Hast thou forgot the Carpenter who was so lowly born?
The fishermen called to His side from work which thou
wouldst scorn?

And heavy-laden sons of toil sat daily at His feet?
How common people gladly heard His words of wisdom
sweet

O Church of God, I fall, without a helping hand!
My piteous plea comes up to thee: Come, dwell within the
land

Of laboring men; return: O Church, to thy primordial plan:
A race redeemed shall crown thy head—the brotherhood
of man.

—From "Withered Weeds," by W. L. Hutchins

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

PRAYER FOR THE FRIENDLY TOUCH

By Kate Hunt Kirkman

Dear Lord and Father of us all,
Give me the friendly touch.
Help me to use
A tender, loving feeling
Between my friends and me.
These friends are human;
So am I;
They are hungry;
So am I
For a deeper, fuller love Divine.

To little children Thou hast said,
"Be ye kind."
Lord, when they come my way
Help me to show the kindly way.

To the young Thou has said,
"Remember now thy Creator,"
"Honor thy father and thy mother,"
"Love thy neighbor as thyself,"
Lord, let my life be an open book
Into which each one may look
And find a story that rings true.

To men and women Thou hast shown
The "blessed" ways;
Help us to follow
And prove ourselves a blessing.

To older ones Thou has promised
Abiding faith,
A rich reward,
A crown some day;
May all who wear the crown
Be children of the King.

Lord,
With these loved ones
Dearest of all,
With these friends
With whom I walk each day,
With these strangers
Who come my way but once,
Help me
To show the cheerful smile,
To speak the loving word,
To have the friendly touch;
Forgiving, forgetting, praying.

Having done these,
May peace and contentment
Be mine forever more.

"This is a world of give and take. It is a law of life itself. We accept love from many, and we cannot dam it up in our own keeping and give nothing back. The springs would as surely dry up in the heart as they do in the desert, leaving only burning sand and bitter weeds. He who is given much should be a great giver. He who constantly gives out love to the world about him wears a face that shines like the sun. His own pathway is lighted as well as those of others, and love is turned to him as the flowers turn to the sun."—Grace Noll Crowell in *MOMENTS OF DEVOTION* (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

"The human pilgrimage moves by faith. It cannot move by sight, for we cannot see what any tomorrow may bring, least of all the tomorrow of death. . . It comes by the courage of man's will: that is why a credo is the unfurling of a banner rather than an exercise in logic."—George A. Buttrick in *FAITH AND EDUCATION* (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

PLAYING IT SAFE

We would not be here in peace and plenty if the Pilgrim Fathers and George Washington had played safe.

The late historian James Truslow Adams once complained that in 150 years we have changed from a land of opportunity to a land of safety-first. And a recent writer observed that when a young fellow comes looking for a job, his first question is likely to be not what are the chances of promotion, but what kind of pension will he get 40 years hence. Caution is a good trait up to a certain point, but when it becomes the controlling thought it stifles life.

And the irony of it is that when we arrange our work and livelihood so that we no longer venture for great things, we gamble on small things. That is why gambling on horse races and dog races and on numbers has so greatly increased in our time. Our generation is in the grip of the gambling mania, but all too much of it is a taking of chances on small things rather than big issues. Thus we lose our real lives.

Another thing, some who would save their lives lose them by trying too hard to conserve their energy. We cannot hoard life as we can money. When a person tries to be a miser of his health, he usually makes himself miserable. The person who is constantly watching for symptoms and coddling his complaints becomes a slave to the thermometer and a fugitive from germs, living below par and often dying before his time.

Our emotional nature reveals still more clearly the fallacy of trying to save by sparing ourselves. In a book of fiction, one of the characters, a sheltered woman, asked that she not be made to see other people's hardships any more often than necessary because sympathy put such a strain on her emotions.

Some people avoid funerals because they do not want their feelings harrowed. Many do not want the pulpit to deal with unpleasant things like war and poverty and pain. They prefer to hear only of pleasant things.

But remember, the field that is never plowed by any furrows or harrowed by any discs becomes hard and unproductive. So with life. When we keep ourselves shut off from things which would stir sympathies, when we hold ourselves back from others lest we be taken in by them, we find the soil of our minds becoming harder and the boundaries of our affection becoming narrower.

Love and sympathy are dissipated not by use but by disuse. Thus in trying to save ourselves from being spent we lose ourselves. We find ourselves by forgetting ourselves.

It isn't easy to forget ourselves. Astute baseball managers are familiar with the idiosyncrasies of their players. The manager knows when to "play it safe" and when to go all out to win. He knows, too, that a hard-hitting player prefers to hit for distance.

But the manager directs his player to make a sacrifice bunt in order to advance another member of the team. Therefore the player must forget himself and his batting record for the good of the club.

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

O thou who art the source of all light and hope, make us to know our constant need of thee.

Without thee we run into folly and bring disaster upon ourselves and our children.

Without thee we have no defense before the assault of temptation, or against the storms and troubles of life.

Without thee we are left with none to uphold us before the awful mystery of life and death.

Fill us, O Lord, with unending desire for thee, that thou mayest make thyself known to us and bestow upon us the manifold blessings of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From "A Book of Pastoral Prayers," Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By losing a hit—which is personally important to him—he contributed to his team's victory. It might have lost had he tried to save himself. He considered himself expendable.

Some years ago a boy was rescued from a ferryboat which sank in New York harbor. The only explanation of his escape which he could give was this: "My mother gave me a life-preserver. I guess she didn't have any for they can't find her." According to the records that mother was lost at sea. But she was not lost to God. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Toward A Christian Doctrine of Stewardship

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One of the forgotten but decisive problems of Christian theology and ethics is the basic doctrine of Stewardship. It is sometimes so poorly understood as to be meaningless to vast masses of church members; and yet, no doctrine is more relevant to our time, for the implications of Christian Stewardship permeate the whole of Christian life and thought. Sensitive souls are greatly concerned about the purity and clarity of the cardinal doctrines of the Atonement and of Immortality, but they little realize that the whole concept of personal salvation may be centered in the question of the relation of the immortal soul to a world of things. Man's indifference to this question has raised trumpet voices of warning: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth. . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . ." " . . . sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven." "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

The problem of stewardship begins with man's dilemma. He is a creature of two worlds, caught in a web of tension between things and things of the Spirit, so that the burning question persists, "What is God's plan and will for immortal souls in a world of things?"

The valid answer is found in the Christian teaching on stewardship. Here is a set of fundamental affirmations concerning the nature of man's moral involvement in his world of material possessions. *Five* fundamental pre-suppositions undergird the Christian doctrine of Stewardship: (1) *God comes first.* Why? God comes first because he is prior to all things. It is God who has *created, preserved, and redeemed* us. (2) *Man and all his "possessions" belong to God for time and eternity.* (3) *Man is a trustee, not an owner.* The "institution of private property" is only a temporary political and economic device, quite ephemeral in the light of eternity! (4) *Since Man is a Trustee of the Eternal, in the end he must face the one Great Accountant for a final audit of the books of life.* And (5) *the sheer logic of the stewardship creed affirms that, the eternal destiny of the soul is bound up with the soul's ultimate decision regarding this momentous view of life.*

The ultimate decision demanded by the stewardship principle is an utterly overwhelming one. The enemies of Jesus asked Him, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?" He answered, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." By this, he did not imply that God and Caesar are co-owners of the Universe! The presence of Jesus always precipitates crises; He always poses questions that will not die without an answer. When Jesus uttered these thunderous words, everyone around Him knew what He meant. If God came first, there would be nothing left for Caesar! Moreover, Caesar claimed to be God, but when Jesus gave the priority to God, everyone knew that He had declared war on Caesar's claim! Jesus was here saying that, there are two worlds—God's and Caesar's—the one *spiritual*, the other *secular*. For Him, the ultimate question was, "Which is your Master, God or Mammon?" But man cannot serve God and Mammon!

All this would seem to indicate that there are certain unmistakable implications in Christian Stewardship which must be faced. So, *two* great ideas face us.

First, money matters to God. At first this may seem crude, but Christianity contends that everything must glorify God. Even matter is sacramental in nature for this is a revelatory universe where the cattle on a thousand hills as well as the heavens declare the glory of God! Money matters to God because in a modern technological society it is but a symbol of negotiable values. It startles one to realize that, money is *all* we have and it matters to God precisely because it represents so much of us. A man's income is never so many dollars and cents—it is his personality, training, skills, time, love, loyalty, and all that goes into a successful vocation. A person's income is the very essence of his life!

Moreover, money matters to God because "money talks." A man's money, depending on how he handles it, may be the loudest witness for good or evil in any community. In a world of tragic suffering and unjust contrasts, what does our millions lavished on liquor, war, crime, and sensate frivolities say before a just judge or to an enraged conscience? What kind of testimony does a man's money make when he gives his church \$300 per year but send \$10,000 to Washington each March 15th? When church members give 2 cents per day to missions, what right have they to pray, "Thy Kingdom come?" Money matters to God, because money talks!

The second implication of Christian Stewardship is the need for some finally definite and objective standard for our giving. The church must adopt some theologically sound requirement to hold out to all its devotees. Our private and subjective whims deny the very Christian concept of responsibility. So often our obligation to the church is regarded as optional. Mr. A and Mr. B have equal means, but Mr. A has just bought an expensive house, automobile, or some other item, so he must be excused from supporting the church on the same basis as Mr. B. This pagan subjectivism is reflected in the stewardship studies which show that 50% of the church's members pay nothing, 35% pay irregularly, while only 15% give regularly.

Of course the tithe is the only answer. But what is the tithe? The term "tithe" is a fixed, final, and absolute concept—one *tenth* of one's income. The definition is not debatable!

Though old as antiquity, the tithe cannot be improved upon. It is God's plan; just and equitable for all. The poorest can tithe; the richest can give several tithes!

But tithing is not an external concept; it must begin in a profound religious experience, born of the conviction that, God comes first, that money matters to him, that man is responsible, and that the eternal destiny of the soul is determined by the way he handles life's trusts.

BERLIN:

A City of Conflict Amidst Ruins

By C. W. ROBBINS

Ruins—grim, gaping, ghastly—surrounded us in Berlin. Ruins—blocks of ruins, miles of ruins, mountains of ruins—lie everywhere in this bomb-riddled, sprawling city that covers 340 square miles. Two billion cubic feet of ruins from houses and apartment buildings, from stores and factories, from military installations and government buildings, from museums and art galleries, from schools and churches, tell a tragic story of human nature at its worst. Although a dazed, disillusioned, desperate people have made herculean efforts to clear away the rubble and to rebuild, the horrible wounds of war—even after eight years—stand out as hideously as leprosy in its last stages. The North Carolina Conference Caravan was hardly prepared for such a spectacle as we rode to our hotel by bus Saturday, August 15, from Tempelhof Airport for a week's stay in this proud, historic city that received 71,095 tons of bombs from 154 American and British air raids and relentless pummeling from a vengeful Russian Army. Berlin remains the most devastated city in the world.

Not Merely a Problem of Rebuilding

But as bad as are her wounds from World War II, Berlin faces problems more serious and more difficult than those of reconstruction. You are not in the city long before you discover that the future of this former capital of a mighty empire is far from bright. Berlin is divided into four sectors with the Eastern Sector controlled by Russian occupying forces and the Western Sector under control of American, British and French forces. In all directions from the city Russia is in

control. Berlin is an island almost entirely cut off from the western world. Here you sense at once the growing conflict between East and West. Here in this battle-scarred metropolis the struggle between communism and democracy is brought into sharp focus. Here feeling is high, tense, electric on both sides. Here may be the test. The struggle between two rival systems is in full swing.

This struggle perhaps first came to the attention of the outside world in the famous Airlift brought about when the Communists who were given control of Berlin's rail transportation system in the Potsdam Agreement of 1945 closed the roads to all trains coming from the West. The city was faced immediately with hunger and privation. From April 1, 1948, to May 12, 1949, American, British, and French planes transported 2,324,267 tons of cargo to the beleaguered city. The western powers won this contest.

But tension on both sides has hardly relaxed. Indeed, it is mounting. Tension has been very high since last June 17 when hundreds of thousands of workers in the East Zone of Germany struck against their Communist overlords. This strike was far more serious and far more significant than the outside world realizes. Interestingly, it began in the East Sector of Berlin on the afternoon of June 16 in the very shadow of the Communist headquarters. The movement spread like wildfire until it involved millions of workers in East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and other countries. In some places it is reported that the rebellion is still on.

The Meaning of June 17

We learned from several unimpeachable sources something of the scope and meaning of June 17. We rode along Stalinale in East Berlin where the strike started.



But not all is ruins—for a new Methodist church costing \$75,000 has risen on the ruins of the old church. This is Christ Church. The Caravan last year worked on the church grounds.

Paradoxically, it began among some of the better-paid workers who protested because their wages were woefully inadequate. The average of East German workers, we understand, is from \$30 to \$50 a month. Workers in the Eastern Zone receive ration coupons which are supposed to last for a month, but are exhausted at the end of two weeks. The rest of the month they are compelled to buy in the government operated HO stores at prices that are usually five times as high as those in ordinary stores. They struck because 80% of the goods produced in the Eastern Zone are being shipped to Russia. They protested because of the harsh, cruel laws to which they are constantly subjected under Communist rule. They went on strike knowing that for many it meant imprisonment or death.

It did mean suffering, imprisonment and death for multitudes. Hospitals were filled for days with the victims of Communist gunfire. The people were fired on by the so-called "People's Police," an organization of German Communists. The policemen—who are actually soldiers—are youth seventeen and eighteen years of age who can choose either the police force or the coal mines. Many of them are fanatical, trigger-happy, ruthless. But the people, who loathe this group far more



Ruins—grim, gaping, ghastly—surround'd us in Berlin



Shirley Wilson surveys the ruins on the American-Soviet line

tour of the Eastern Sector of Berlin, as we did, and see for yourself. You will find rubble upon top of rubble, with no effort being made in most places to clear away the debris. You will find one street—Stalinale—where buildings have been constructed in an imposing way. Workers' apartments—which workers cannot afford, and if they could they would have to be good Communists to get one—shops, stores, myriads of government offices are housed in the long rows of buildings which are constructed in good Moscow style. It makes an impressive picture, if you don't explore further. But if you look one block away you'll see ruins—incredible ruins, with no effort being made to remove them. You'll find, in contrast with the Western Sector, only a handful of people on the streets. And the ones you see appear tired, listless, poorly clad. There is an atmosphere about East Berlin that leaves you strangely weary and depressed. Of the 17,000,000 people in the East Zone of Germany, only 5% are Communists. The rest are their unwilling slaves.

Overwhelming Problems

We do not mean to leave the impression that conditions in the Western Sector are satisfactory. West Berliners face overwhelming problems. Of the 2,200,000 people in West Berlin, 250,000 people who need to work are unemployed, perhaps involving 500,000. Every second person is receiving some kind of public assistance. Whole industries have moved out of West Berlin farther West because their source of raw materials have been cut off from the East. For example, in 1939 West Berlin had 30,069 industrial plants with 604,072 employees. In 1950 there were only 8,923 plants employing 215,571 workers. Economic conditions are bad. But West Berlin is a paradise in comparison to East Berlin. Everywhere people are moving. They step much livelier. They have spirit. They are free and they are enjoying the atmosphere of democracy and freedom. The landscape is different. Where ruins existed a few years ago homes, apartment buildings, stores, factories, shops, schools, churches are beginning to rise. The people are building because they have the will to build.

In Berlin you can see two contrasting systems at work. One believes in the essential dignity and worth of the individual. The other considers the individual as merely a cog in a gigantic totalitarian system. You don't have to be in Berlin long to decide which of these systems free people will choose.

than they do the Russians, could have handled the "People's Police." It is generally agreed that the government of East Germany would have fallen if the Russians had not sent in tanks and soldiers to quell the riots. Even then, the East Germans feel they have won a great victory. As a result of their efforts, they got economic relief, which we understand is disappearing even now as the noose begins to tighten once more. Harsh restrictions are beginning to come back. But the German Communists are frightened. They have a reason to be, for the people are rightly encouraged by the sudden turn of events.

The Rioters Are Encouraged

For one thing, they have been encouraged by the apparent success of the strikes which were unplanned, unorganized and which moved along spontaneously and swiftly once they were under way. They did not believe the Communist explanation that saboteurs from the West instigated the riots. The people have been amazed at the success of the movement. They have discovered that the Communist regime is not invincible, that once free men stand up against it, the whole system is threatened with collapse and that its leaders become frightened.

They have been encouraged by the food packages made available by our Government and now being distributed in the Western Sector of Berlin for people of the Eastern Zone. Multiplied thousands are spilling over into West Berlin to receive the small gifts which consist of a small portion of fats, a pound of flour, a small package of dried beans, a pound of powdered milk and two small cans of milk—all worth approximately \$1.25. Yet the people are coming, in some cases distances of more than 100 miles on foot, on bicycle, motorcycle, and by train, to receive the gift. Some pay far more for rail fare than the package is actually worth. But they come—to assert their independence and to defy their cruel masters. Many are risking their freedom and perhaps even their lives, but they keep coming. We saw long lines of them at one of the distributing centers we were permitted to visit. When the Communists took away the packages from returning East Germans and used the packages for hungry people from the West Zone, no one responded. This gift amounting to only

\$15,000,000, in spite of Communist ridicule and threats, is doing incalculable good to win friends behind the iron curtain.

Moral Support from the West

The people are greatly encouraged by the support they are receiving from West Germany and elsewhere in the free world. They are discovering that they are not alone in their struggle against Communist tyranny. Everywhere men are expressing admiration for their courage, sympathy for their cause and offering help in any way possible. June 17 stamps are being circulated in West Berlin. One prominent street has been changed to "June 17 Street." This support is heartening indeed to people who have seen one totalitarian yoke thrown off only to be consumed by another even more despotic and dictatorial.

Millions Are Fed Up With Communism

Millions of people behind the iron curtain, as well as millions who have observed the Soviet system at work, are fed up with communism. They recognize it for what it is: a cruel, inhuman political tyranny that enslaves the bodies, the minds and the souls of men. Its concern for human welfare is a myth and a hoax. If you want proof just make a two hour



A West Berlin policeman (left) is telling the counselor and our interpreter, Gunter Sommer, that his three children and his wife lie buried beneath the ruins of the nearby buildings. This picture was taken in one of the so-called dead areas of Berlin. The other uniformed person is a customs official.

Official Program for 1953 Session of Western North Carolina Conference

September 23 - 27, 1953

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, North Carolina.
Bishop Costen J. Harrell, presiding.

Tuesday, September 22, 1953

- 2:30 p.m. Meeting of Boards, Committees, and Commissions.
- 7:30 p.m. Conference Historical Society, J. C. Stokes, presiding. Address: Dr. F. Fagan Thompson, Norwood Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Wednesday, September 23, 1953:

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service, Bishop Harrell presiding. Address: Dr. Eugene C. Few, West Market Methodist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion administered by Bishop Harrell and the District Superintendents.
- 1:00 p.m. Asbury Luncheon, Asia Restaurant.
- Brevard College Luncheon, First Methodist Church.
- 2:00 p.m. Organization of the Annual Conference.
- Welcome and Introductions
- Report of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications
- Conference Business
- 5:30 p.m. Emory University Dinner, Main Street Methodist Church.
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions, W. J. Miller, presiding. Addresses: Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, Director of the Advance Program of the Methodist Division of Foreign Missions; Dr. Carl D. Stewart, Leland Memorial Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba.

Thursday, September 24, 1953

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions: Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, Centenary Methodist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 9:30 a.m. Board of Evangelism. Address: Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 10:30 a.m. Committee on World Peace. Address: Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary, General Board of World Peace.
- 11:30 a.m. Conference Brotherhood.
- 11:40 a.m. Conference Business.
- 12:30 p.m. Adjournment.
- 1:00 p.m. Rural Fellowship Luncheon, First Baptist Church.
- 3:00 p.m. Worship Service: Sermon—Rev. Harold M. Robinson, Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, North Carolina.
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Open House at High Point College.
- 5:30 p.m. Duke University Dinner, First Methodist Church.
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Hospitals and Homes, J. S. Hiatt, presiding. Address: Dr. Harry Dewitte Henry, Hickory, N. C.

Friday, September 25, 1953

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions: Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina
- 9:30 a.m. Commission on Town and Country Work: Addresses—Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, professor, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Dr. James W. Sells, Executive Secretary, Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Temperance: Address—Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 11:30 a.m. Board of Lay Activities: Address—Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary, Board of Social and Economic Relations.
- 12:30 p.m. Adjournment.
- 1:00 p.m. Chaplain's Luncheon, Main Street Methodist Church.
- Layman's Luncheon, High Point College.
- 3:00 p.m. Worship Service: Sermon—Rev. A. J. Cox, Central Methodist Church, Monroe, North Carolina.
- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.—Tea for the Ladies attending the Conference at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, 202 Hillcrest Drive.
- 5:30 p.m. High Point College Dinner, High Point College.
- 7:30 p.m. Ordination of Deacons.
- Board of Education, W. A. Kale, presiding.
- Addresses: Miss Clarice Bowman, professor, High Point College; Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, editor, North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Saturday, September 26, 1953

- 9:00 a.m. Reception of Class Into Full Connection.
- 9:30 a.m. Conference Business.
- 10:30 a.m. Commission on World Service and Finance.
- 11:00 a.m. Conference Business.
- 12:30 p.m. Adjournment.
- 1:00 p.m. Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Luncheon, High Point College.
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Night at Albion Millis Stadium, High Point College. Address: Dr. Paul Hardin, First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sunday, September 27, 1953

- 9:00 a.m. Conference Love Feast led by Rev. E. M. Avett.
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship.
- Ordination of Elders.
- Conference Sermon by Bishop Harrell.
- Conference Business.
- 3:00 p.m. Reading of Appointments for 1953-1954.
- Adjournment at will.

IMPRESSIONS FROM THE HOLY LAND

By Rev. Robert G. Tuttle

Last I wrote from Rome; today I write from Baalbec in the mountains of Lebanon. Today we have seen the snows of Mt. Hermon of Bible reference. Hermon is a great mountain 10,000 feet high where rises the Jordan river. In all of Lebanon we have seen only two of the "Cedars of Lebanon," out of which Solomon's Temple was built. Yesterday we were at Tyre whose King Hiram helped Solomon in his great building project. The old city is no more, as Ezekiel prophesied about 350 B.C.

Beirut, Lebanon, is a very modern and prosperous city. The American University here has had a great influence in the Middle East. I might say that the mention of Israel is almost a forbidden word in the Arab countries. A practical state of war exists.

Before we came to Lebanon we were in Egypt. We flew over the Greek Islands stricken by earthquakes, not reaching Cairo until one o'clock in the morning. After spending two more hours getting through customs and getting to our hotel by passing camel trains and donkey trains we retired at 4 a.m. A high moment in my life came at seven in the morning when I awoke to look out from my balcony—there were the Pyramids towering above me; I could almost touch them. In the darkness I had slept on the edge of the great desert at the foot of Cheops, and had not been aware of it.

This was Friday morning, the Moslem Sunday. (Over 90% of Egypt is Mohammedan.) We visited the museum to view the unbelievable treasures of Tut Ankh Amun's tomb. This gentleman who lived about 1300 B.C. was well buried. First his body was wrapped in golden bands, second placed in a gorgeous solid gold coffin, studded with precious stones, made to look like the inmate; third placed in a second coffin almost as colorful, made of wood covered with gold leaf; fourth in a stone coffin; then four other wooden coffins covered with gold all one with the other. There were chests, models of boats, images, alabaster lamps, chairs covered with gold, beds, necklaces, jewelry and the like. The treasure of this one tomb filled nearly an entire floor of the museum—and King Tut was one of the poorer kings of Egypt. The richer tombs were robbed long ago.

As we went to see the Sphinx my camera was in a wicked humor. He fumed and growled most of the way, and threatened to kneel down at any moment. A few of us climbed Cheops, the great Pyramid. You do not realize the frightening size of this man made mountain until you try to climb it—a breathtaking view from the top. Our Arab guides took us into a dark corner of the Pyramid and scared us into paying them before they took us down.

That night we walked among the tombs under the stars of the desert and communed with the wind-blown souls of those who had lived here 5,000 years ago and had built so magnificently. We visited perhaps the leading authority on Egyptian antiquities in his home behind the Pyramids. Here under the dark silhouettes of these mysterious moments we sipped Egyptian tea, breathed the desert wind, talked of ancient things, and watched the lights of modern Cairo in the distance. The lovable professor showed us many of his recent collections, worth their weight in gold, that have not yet found their way to the museums.

The poverty and the dirt in Egypt is heart-breaking. The mud huts and

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Dr. G. Ray Jordan Reports on Conference with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia

By G. RAY JORDAN
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"Each nation must work out its own political and economic program with no interference from any other nation," declared Marshal Tito in an interview with a group of Americans at his summer villa on Brioni Island. He asserted it was for this reason it became necessary for Yugoslavia to break with Russia in 1948. Asked why Russia did not attack Yugoslavia at that time he replied that it was his belief that the Soviet Union did not want a general war and in his opinion such an attack would have provoked a world war. Russia's experience in Finland has shown that victory was not so easy. Furthermore, he stated Russia understood Yugoslavia's political divisions and national differences and felt that the most effective way to win was by propaganda and pressure.

Conference Prearranged

This conference was arranged six months ago by Dr. Sherwood Eddy. If, however, Mrs. Jordan and I had known part of the "penalties" involved in reaching Zagreb, I wonder whether we would have tried to see the President of Yugoslavia. Now, of course, we are most grateful for the more than two-hour conference with him.

We flew from Zurich to Zagreb by YAT, the airline of Yugoslavia. Flying over the snow-covered Alps was thrilling. It belongs to the enriching recollections which Wordsworth says come to some people in "vacant or in pensive mood." But when we landed—that was a different story! We came down in an open field. There is not a runway of any character at the airfield. Fortunately, there was grass and we had a pilot who had flown seven years with the British. After we landed, the cows were turned into the field to graze.

The little wooden building which serves as a house for customs and passport officials became a symbol of a "lack of welcome" when we entered the building. The friendly pilot, who knew the purpose of our visit, had warned me not to breathe the main reason we were there. Yet, immediately we were asked, "Why have you come?" If one can think of the exact opposite of a Scandinavian welcome, he can understand!

Rather Cool Reception

Fortunately, the Associated Press representative, Alex Singleton, directed us to the Palace Hotel, and the air company secured a room for us. But there was no taxi which we could use from the air terminal to the hotel. A porter carried our bags more than a mile and seemed to think nothing of it. The government controls all automobiles save a few, including some directed by a tourist agency. The porter was delighted with a "capitalistic tip."

The first night, even though we had a lovely room, facing one of the parks, we kept recalling Ralph Sockman's statement about his sense of release when he left this same country and could forget the secret police. Every time we were awake, too, people were tramping down the street. **Work** is the word for everybody, apparently. Yet, at our hotel numbers of "natives" were able to eat very costly meals.

Sunday we visited a Catholic church. Only a few very poor peasants were pray-

ing. In the day, again, with our passports—they had been taken from us when we registered at the hotel—we visited many places. Our Associated Press friend had encouraged us, assuring us we could even take pictures. No conducted tour could give us the insights we gained.

When we joined our friends the next day, it was necessary to take train, bus, and boat to reach Brioni Island, the summer home of Marshal Tito. For two of us, at least, the conference was worth all it had cost, both in inconvenience and the sense of insecurity in Zagreb. Mentally keen, friendly and personally magnetic, the president, as he likes now to be called, banished disagreeable thoughts.

An air of keen expectancy prevailed as our group of Americans boarded a small steamer which carried us from Pula, the former Roman city of Paula, to Brioni. But the the Marshal did not disappoint any one of us. Certainly, Mrs. Jordan and I had every anticipation fulfilled. His sense of humor and his charm did not suggest a dictator. Few guards apparently surrounded him.

Personal Welcome

We were met at the dock by some of his officials, accompanied by the Marshal's famous German police dog. At the door of the villa, Tito personally welcomed each guest, shaking hands as we entered.

We were then invited into a conference room which had been prepared for the occasion. The President's hospitality was manifested by the serving of Yugoslavian coca-colas! With discrimination and straight-forwardness he answered each question we asked. At no time did we have the feeling that he was attempting to avoid or sidestep any issue. Though he speaks excellent English, he used an interpreter, correcting or more fully explaining his meaning as the conference progressed.

Asked what the difference was between the communism of Russia and that of Yugoslavia, he declared that Yugoslavia's program was more socialistic than communistic. When asked the question, "Did not Marx say that communism would come to its fulfillment when capitalism failed," he commented that Yugoslavian socialism does not apply to conditions contingent upon capitalism. "In Yugoslavia capitalistic money is accepted, but only as a loan or as an investment which the nation has the privilege of directing."

"Our concern," he added, "is that the process of socialism should be completed with as little pain as possible." With humor he said, "If there is a good midwife, there is usually a good birth, and it can be painless. If you have a bad midwife, both the mother and baby can die. We anticipate a good birth in Yugoslavia, a bloodless revolution."

Tito added that every country is developing socialism. In some instances the country may not be aware of it, but, he continued with a smile, "It is now in progress. Of course, each nation must go its own way. Furthermore, no nation has the right to impose its system upon another."

One American visitor asked the President to predict what would be the final outcome of the conflict between Russia and the Western Powers. Without a

moment's hesitation and with a twinkle in his eyes, Tito answered, "If McCarthy knew you asked this question, I wonder if you would get back to America!"

Problem of Minorities

Asked if he planned to promote freedom for minority groups as did George Washington, he stated, "The many groups in Yugoslavia do not permit more freedom than that of a party becoming powerful enough to control the political procedures. At the moment each must accept the desires of the majority." Laughingly he stated, "We do not want a civil war. We recall that America had her civil war and we would like to avoid one."

When asked wherein the greatest progress had been made in the last twelve months in the fulfillment of his plans, Marshal Tito replied that their achievements had been fourfold. First, by means of the financial aid from the United States of America they had been able to overcome the consequences of the disastrous drought which struck Yugoslavia last year. Secondly, many of the key projects of their industrialization were completed within the last year. The third achievement which he mentioned was the "liquidation" of the pattern which they had taken from Soviet Communism. Where, at first, work was put upon a compulsory basis, it is today in Yugoslavia upon a voluntary basis, according to Marshal Tito. If one found that he was not physically able to do a certain work, he is permitted to volunteer for some other kind of work. At first the farmers were compelled to work on state-owned farms, now, if one wishes, he is given a small plot of land and allowed to cultivate it.

In the fourth place, Tito asserted Yugoslavia had achieved some significant political successes in the last year. They have satisfactorily worked through their break with the Soviet Union and, even more significant, they have proven that many of the Soviet criticisms of Yugoslavia—that is in 1948 and 1949—have been without foundation. Tito stated that actually it had taken them five years of cold war to accomplish this.

When questioned as to whether the Yugoslavian people still had the same driving power and enthusiasm for their program which produced their epic struggle for independence, Tito replied that their desire was far greater and more determined than during the war. After seeing the results of their efforts the people have found them most worthwhile. They are whole-heartedly attached to the idea of fighting and working for their liberty and independence.

When one wanted to know whether there was such emphasis on materialism in Yugoslavia that the teaching of religion may disappear, Tito smilingly and sharply replied, "Organized religion will always find a way! . . . Actually, we have no idea of teaching materialism. Education in Yugoslavia," he added, "is very much as it is elsewhere in the world. Our purpose is to give our people knowledge of the world." Then he stated, "It is our objective to convince our young people that our way of life is best, just as your purpose is to convince your young people that the American way is best."

When inquiry was made as to whether he thought a world war was imminent, Tito stated that he felt a war at the moment seems more remote. The truce in Korea has made a great contribution toward world peace. "The United States has had a record in the past as a nation working for peace. It is my earnest hope that it will pursue the same policy in the future."

Beer Advertising — What Should Be Done About It?

By R. H. MARTIN, *Chairman*
Committee Against Liquor Advertising
National Temperance and Prohibition Council

Through the stepping up of its advertising program over a period of years, the brewery industry has been increasing its sales until in 1951 they reached the huge quantity of 83,810,485 barrels at a cost to the consumers of \$4,490,000,000.

In this year the brewers spent \$100,000,000 in advertising their amber fluid according to the Research Company of America, an organization which makes a yearly survey of the brewery industry, as reported by one of the leading advertising magazines of the country. This would be at the rate of \$1.20 per barrel.

According to this same authority, the brewers spent from \$1.35 to \$1.40 a barrel in advertising in 1952. According to figures obtained from the Internal Revenue Department, Washington, D. C., the sale and consumption of beer for 1952 amounted to 84,443,091 barrels. This would bring their advertising expenditures for 1952 up to from \$114,000,000 to \$119,000,000. If this same advertising increase in barrel expenditures would carry over through 1953, the brewers would be spending millions more this year.

The brewers are not spending this huge sum for their health but to increase sales, consumption and profits.

The time was when their advertising propaganda was aimed chiefly at increasing sales to the **male population** of the country. They are no longer content to do this. They are now aiming at reaching as well the women and youth of our country. With this in view, they are focusing more of their advertising upon the home and stepping up use of the radio and particularly television to this end.

The U. S. Brewers' Foundation has just sent out a booklet entitled, "The ABC of Beer Advertising," to its members and constituents. It tells its advertising agents what to do and what not to do. It is aimed at mothers and the children in the home. The point is repeatedly made that the Mother, as the traditional "moral guardian of the home" and "the family shopper as well" must be enlisted in that great company of those who believe that "BEER BELONGS" in the home. Nothing must appear on the screen that would offend her moral sensibilities.

Knowing well that American youth are intensely interested in sports, they tie in their radio and television beer commercials with reports on baseball and football games and boxing bouts. By this means they would win the favor and patronage of the mothers, youth and even children thus taking over the American home.

By the radio, the brewers can now reach practically all the homes of America and with the unprecedented increase in television (there are now 24,000,000 television sets in use and it is estimated that by 1955, 80% of the population of the U.S. can be reached by television) they will eventually be able to reach almost as many as by radio. This explains the great increase in beer advertising over these two media. Some of the big brewery companies are now spending millions in radio and television advertising. Miller Brewing Company spent \$2,000,000 last year in advertising their "High Life" beer over these two media.

Is it not time for sober, God-fearing citizenship of America to rise up in their

majesty and stop this bombardment of American homes and people not only by the brewers but by the distillers as well — the entire liquor fraternity?

The opportunity to do this is now before us. A Crusade Against Liquor Advertising and Beercasting has been launched by The National Temperance and Prohibition Council composed of representatives of 23 national organizations with a combined membership of more than 25,000,000.

For information on the Crusade including enlistment in it, write R. H. Martin, D.D., Chairman of the Committee Against Liquor Advertising of the NTPC, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

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LINDSAY MEMORIAL, HIGH POINT, PREPARES FOR A REVIVAL By R. C. Putnam

Once in a while you come in contact with one of those rare souls who does the very best he can with the equipment he has at hand. Such a man is Rev. Ralph Johnson, one of the general evangelists of The Methodist Church. We have never known an evangelist in any denomination who has gone all out for his job as has this man. He travels thousands of miles each year and preaches in state after state.

When he arrives his car and trailer are loaded down with equipment. Musical instruments, movie equipment, electrical gadgets, sound systems, tricks, games, mimeograph machines, etc., make up the bulk of his equipment. Ralph is busy day in and out when he is holding a meeting. He does not preach twice each day and visit a little and let it go at that. Instead, he usually has a morning service, a service for children about 3 or 4 in the afternoon, a youth meeting an hour or so before church, and then a spirited night service with an altar call. Brother Johnson preaches some hard hitting messages in a very forceful way. He also is a profound thinker and his messages reflect this deepness of thought.

Music peals forth from the church where he is having the meeting. In the afternoon the children coming home from school are entertained with magic tricks, games, and a concise talk on religion. They go home with a determination to see that their parents attend the revival. The same thing happens at the youth meetings. Young people flock in, and they are thrilled with the tricks, the movies, the games, etc., that are played in addition to the spiritual sermonettes brought by the evangelist, with the help of his co-worker. Miss Roberta Hall, who can play the piano to perfection. When the young people leave this service they go into the revival service with a great confidence in Brother Johnson, and as a result they usually lead the congregation to the altar of repentance.

It is interesting to see Miss Roberta Hall in action in a revival. Whether it is at a morning service, a children's meeting, a youth meeting, or at the night service, she seems to know just what to do or play in order to do the most good. As he plays various instruments, reads poems, sings solos, preaches, or gives altar calls,

her work complements him. She is an inspiration for good to any group.

Visit a Ralph Johnson revival and you'll see what we mean. Services begin at Lindsay Memorial church, High Point, Sunday night, September 6, at 7:45 and continue through September 20. Everyone is invited to attend.

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CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN WEDDING HELD BY ERVINS

Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Ervin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Ervin on Sharon Lane, Charlotte. An informal reception was held from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin received their friends and relatives in the living room. The guests were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ervin. Receiving in the living room were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cullum of Laurens, S. C., and Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolen of Greenwood, S. C. Mrs. Cullum and Mrs. Bolen are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin.

Receiving in the dining room were Mr. and Mrs. LaMont Ervin and Charles Ervin. Presiding at the punch bowl were Miss Elizabeth Woodward, Miss Ruth Denton and Miss Estelle Denton. Misses Miriam and Sue Cullum of Laurens, S. C., and Miss Lamona Ervin of Charlotte, granddaughters, assisted in serving.

Among the many guests who called were Rev. and Mrs. Gladstone Ervin of Glen Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ervin of Troutman, Miss Ethel Ervin of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harwell of Charlotte, brothers and sisters of Mr. Ervin, and Mrs. W. R. Stroupe of Charlotte, sister of Mrs. Ervin.

Mr. Ervin, a retired Methodist minister, has served many pastoral charges in Western North Carolina conference. He and Mrs. Ervin now make their home in the Oakdale community near Charlotte. They have five sons, two daughters, and 21 grandchildren.

All children attended the reception except their oldest son, Rev. G. Clifton Ervin of Kansas City, Mo. During the afternoon he called his parents and talked to them.

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TWELVE TAR HEELS TAKE PART IN WORK CAMPS

Twelve North Carolina students, the largest delegation from any state, were among the more than 100 Methodist students engaged in Methodist Work Camps in the United States, Cuba, and Mexico this summer.

Four students participated in the Cuba Work Camp's rural evangelistic program. They were Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Fagan, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.; Geraldine Fish, Clyde; and Emily Jean Butner, Winston-Salem. At the New York Work Camp assisting in churches located in underprivileged areas of the nation's largest city were Judith Jackson, Goldsboro; Edwin G. Needham, Statesville; and Mary Ann Thompson, Roanoke Rapids; Lou Harbison, Shelby, has been working in California with the Division of Home Missions, National Migrant Committee, in an interdenominational project.

Helping in churches in Nebraska are Nellie W. Ivey, Roanoke Rapids, and Marlene Harmon, Gaston. Jo Elaine Goodwin, Durham, traveled to Europe with the Methodist Drama Work Camp which observed drama abroad, talked with actors, and produced a liturgical play with German students at Frankfurt. Martha Ellen Scott, Greenville, N. C., was in the Chicago Work Camp which had special emphasis on evangelism.

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

REV. LEON COUCH, First church, Morehead City, taught in the School of Missions at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, from August 24 to 28.

MR. W. J. SMITH of Bethel, conference lay leader, was the speaker at a Layman's Day service at Plymouth church, Sunday morning, August 16.

COOL SPRINGS CHURCH, Mt. Pleasant charge, celebrated homecoming Sunday, August 30, Rev. H. L. Creech, a former pastor, preached at the eleven o'clock service. Rev. Clegg Avett is completing his sixth year on this charge.

ELEAZER CHURCH on the Eldorado charge celebrated homecoming day Sunday, August 30. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Barr, preached at 11 o'clock. Picnic lunch was served at noon and special singing services were held in the afternoon. The church has recently installed new pews in the sanctuary.

MORRIS FIELD CHURCH in Charlotte celebrated its second homecoming day, August 20. The pastor, Rev. John J. Shepard, preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Lunch was served picnic style followed by a brief fellowship hour and a short tour of the church school facilities, with the launching of an improvement campaign in the near future in mind.

EVANGELIST ROY T. HOUTS is now making up his schedule for fall and winter. Mr. and Mrs. Houts will go anywhere, look after their own music, and ask only for entertainment and a freewill offering. Mr. Houts is an approved evangelist of the Western North Carolina Conference. His address is Route 3, New Market, Tenn.

HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Jones Memorial Methodist Church in the Cascadeville, Mooresville, on Sunday, September 6. It will be an all-day program with special singing throughout the day. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are urged to attend. The pastor of this church is Rev. Edward D. Cantor, Jr., who came to this church at the beginning of the conference year in 1952.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING of Central Methodist Church, Clyde, will be held Sunday, September 6. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 and morning worship will begin at 2:00. There will be special singing and a memorial service to honor those members who have died this past year. The pastor of the church, George C. Barr, Jr., will preach at the morning worship service and Dr. J. W. Moore, a retired minister of Lake Junaluska will deliver the sermon at the 2:00 service. Friends, former pastors and members are invited to this event and to bring a picnic basket.

A LETTER OF THANKS was received recently at the North Carolina CROP Office for 5,128 pounds of Peanut Butter shipped April 14. M. C. King of the Church World Service staff in Athens, Greece, writes for Prof. H. S. Alivisatos our Greek representative. He asks, "Will you please convey to the farmers of North Carolina, the thanks of the Church and the people of Greece, for their generous gift which will be of real value, both materially and spiritually, in maintaining the spirit of Christian fellowship throughout the world."

WANTA BE A MILK MAN?

Ten cents, (one candy bar) will deliver a cup of milk a day for two months for a child in Korea.

Sixty cents, (a movie ticket) will deliver a cup of milk for a year.

Six dollars will deliver a cup of milk a day for a year for ten people.

METHODIST BISHOPS Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., and Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, Pa., will sail from New York September 4 for Europe and Asia and a month's visitation to mission fields in India. In their visit to India the two bishops will be carrying out an assignment of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

DR. AND MRS. FRED W. PASCHALL will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 12. They are cordially inviting their loved ones and friends to visit with them at their home, 804 Fifth Avenue West, Hendersonville, during the hours of seven to ten o'clock in the evening.

DAVIS STREET church, Burlington, has recently been the recipient of the following gifts presented to the church by individual members and organizations: a large work table for the church kitchen; a beautiful brass altar set—cross, candlesticks, vases; four brass offering plates; a safe for use in the church office; a new electrically operated mimeograph machine.

ROSEMARY church in Roanoke Rapids will observe homecoming on Sunday, September 6. Rev. W. R. Stevens of Lumberton, a former pastor, will preach at the morning worship service. A picnic lunch will be spread at the noon hour. Rev. J. T. Maides of Stantonsburg, a former assistant pastor, will preach at the evening worship service. This homecoming observance will also mark the fifty-first anniversary of the church. All former members, former pastors and other friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.—C. J. Andrews, Pastor.

REV. ROBERT WILLIAM MEIKLE, newly appointed associate superintendent of the Division of National Missions of The Methodist Church, died in Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Mass., following brain surgery on August 25. An expert in urban church work, Mr. Meikle was to specialize in research and survey work of national missions. Mr. Meikle, a member of the New England Conference, was parish worker for First Methodist Church, Boston, from 1943 to 1947. He has served as pastor of Wellington Methodist Church, Medford, Mass., and West Roxbury Methodist Church, Boston.

HOWARD W. SELBY of West Newton, Massachusetts's general manager of United Farmers of New England, Inc., and an elder in the New England Conference of The Methodist Church, was found dead of a heart attack in his automobile August 24. He apparently had been on the way home from his office. He was 62 years old. Mr. Selby was president of the Ocean Grove (N. J.) Camp Meeting Association, a Methodist-managed religious assembly founded in 1869. He had been a member of the association since 1934, and served as vice-president from 1941 until his election to the presidency in October, 1952.

DR. J. P. BARTAK, missionary to Austria has a new address. It is Wien, XVIII, Colloredogasse 22/I, Austria, Europe.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lincolnton, sponsored a church camp for members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Lake Junaluska, August 27-31.

CENTRAL, Kings Mountain, held Youth Activities Week, Aug. 9-14, using the theme, "To Find the Will of God," with speakers each evening developing the theme. Miss Mozelle Masters, D.R.E., secured outstanding speakers and workshop leaders for the week, and good attendance was reported.

DR. CLARENCE TUCKER CRAIG, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, Methodist clergyman and educator, died of cancer August 20, in Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, after an illness of three weeks. He was 58 years old. Dr. Craig had been dean since 1949. He came to Drew from Yale Divinity School where he had been Professor of the New Testament for three years. He began his teaching career in 1928 at the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin, Ohio, after holding several Methodist pastorates.

THE WINNING manuscript in the Abingdon-Cokesbury \$7,500 Award competition will be published October 5, it was announced by officials of Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. It is entitled "The Kingdom of God" and written by Dr. John Bright, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and former World War II Army Chaplain. Considered one of the top literary prizes in the religious field, the Abingdon-Cokesbury Award was established in 1948 to "encourage distinguished writing in the broad field of evangelical Christianity."

"THE METHODIST MISSIONARY" is the title of a World Service leaflet which will be distributed in Methodist churches the fourth Sunday of September 1953. In the leaflet it is stated that there are almost one thousand Methodist missionaries representing our great Methodist Church to people living under forty different flags. In a brief but vivid way, statistics are made to come alive and when translated, prove that guns will not determine what way of life is best. Your gifts to Methodist World Service provide for the work of our missionaries and help to translate these "cold" statistics into vital, active Christians.

HOMECOMING will be observed at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, on Sunday, September 13. The guest preacher at the eleven o'clock hour will be Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the Statesville District. Following the morning service dinner will be served picnic style in the wooded grove across from the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Following the dinner an afternoon service of word and song will be enjoyed in the shade of the grove. The day will close with the evening service at 7:30 in the church. All former pastors and their families, all former members and their families, all the preachers who have gone out from the church and their families, and all friends of the church are most cordially invited to come and spend the day and renew fellowships.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1953

Theme: "TAKE A LOOK"

WHY?

- To help the Church Membership "take a look" at their program of Christian education.
- To enable the local church to "take a look" at the ways the Conference Board of Education is seeking to help them.
- To give every Methodist an opportunity to contribute to the training of Church School teachers and church workers.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

- "Take a Look"—Church School Rally Day Program.
- Special Offering Envelopes.
- "Your Church School Rally Day Offering at Work."

(Write Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.)

Our Conference Program of Leadership Training is absolutely dependent upon the offering. This program needs to be expanded. Efficient leadership in our local churches is dependent upon it.

Offering goal: \$10,000.00: an amount equal to at least one per cent of the pastor's salary in every local church

(Send your offering immediately to Wayne G. Starnes, Treasurer, 1503 Carolina Ave., Durham, N. C.)



The Alamance County Christian Workers' School held at Front Street church, Burlington, March 1-5, 1953, one of many similar schools held in the North Carolina Conference this year and partially financed by the Church School Rally Day offering.

Bi-weekly Resume of Woman's Activities in the North Carolina Conference

PRAYER AND ACTION

Mrs. J. C. Burwell, conference secretary of Spiritual life has shared some pertinent thoughts for prayer and action.

"Let's work," writes Mrs. Burwell, "try to enlist everyone into the joy of being an intercessor." Citing some needs for prayer and action, Mrs. Burwell writes: "One very important thing to ask of every WSCS member is that she keep her eyes and heart open to the things and events happening in our today's world and each one feel it her burden and privilege to take it in prayer to the Heavenly Father—that somehow His voice may be heard and His guidance accepted. The race track gambling seems another case of money meaning more than the souls of men. We have a responsibility. It is our State. The inmates of the prison in Raleigh and in all road camps are glad of good religious books, Upper Rooms, post cards and your personal interest. Don't forget to share these."

PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL WSCS

Sometimes methods of promotion of the program of work of certain organizations are not taken for their true worth, and are, therefore, neglected as a means to an end. Proof of the truth of this statement is perhaps too often demonstrated by the local WSCS and WSG in the matter of publicity.

No WSCS or WSG worthy of the name is lacking in a burning desire to stimulate the interest of every woman in the church in the work, and yet, it might be amazing to learn how few of them are really using the very effective method of publicity in creating and sustaining this interest. The channels of publicity are many and varied. They include the church bulletin, the church bulletin board, the local news paper, posters, mail, telephone, radio, and visitation.

The WSCS and WSG of one of the larger churches in the N. C. Conference are placing emphasis on both advance publicity of their general and individual circle meetings, and a news story in the local papers on the day following the general meetings. These two organizations are reaping a harvest of an increase in attendance, and a better informed and more interested membership. What these groups have accomplished as a result of publicity can also be accomplished in the smaller societies and guilds. The fruits of publicity for local WSCS and WSG are dependent, in a very large measure, upon the method of presentation of the program material and other items on the program at the meetings. Publicity can pay in dividends more remunerative than the human eye can perceive.

DO YOU KNOW OUR WORKERS?

Circle number 4 of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Edenton Street church has, during the current conference year, inaugurated a project which should be interesting and helpful to other WSG's, as well as to the WSCS.

The members of the Circle, under the leadership of Dr. Ethel Tilley, are alternating in writing to missionaries and other workers who head the nine Special Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It will no doubt be interesting and revealing to watch developments which will result from contacts with these workers. The ultimate results will assuredly be the

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creation of bonds of friendship with the workers, and thus a better knowledge of and a greater interest in them and the Special WSG Interests. Incidentally, each member of Circle Number 4 has in her possession a small prayer book in which is being recorded each month the names of the WSG missionaries and other workers, and other special prayer interests.

The nine Special Interests of the WSG and their Directors are Ai Kei Gakuen Social and Evangelistic Center, Tokyo, Japan, Miss Mildred Ann Payne; Christian Education in Malaya, Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin; Public Health and Nursing Education in India and Africa, Miss Theresa Lorenz, R.N.; Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Ark., Mike Willis; Louisiana Rural Work, Miss Elizabeth Thompson; Mothers' Memorial Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (Negro), Miss Lucille Holliday; Work in Defense Area, Paducah, Ky., Mrs. Lucille P. McMurry; Vashiti Girls' School, Thomasville, Ga., Miss Gladice Bower, and Scholarship Funds in Educational Institutions in Foreign Fields, including Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Escuela Argicola Industrial, Preston, Cuba; Training School for Girls at El Vergel Training School and Farm, Angol, Chile; Trinity College, Malaya, Singapore; Kwassui Woman's College, Nagasaki, Japan.

The special projects sponsored by the WSCS in the 28 foreign countries and in the homeland are numerous and varied. Information concerning them has been published in "Patterns for Peace," the 13th Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

WSG WEEK-END RETREAT

"There is a temptation to believe that because we are busy working for God we shall find peace of heart, but if we are going to really know what we ought to know about the Spiritual Life we have to be honest with God," Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, told the officers and other representatives of the North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at their annual Spiritual Life Retreat held at the Methodist Orphanage on August 21-23.

Among other features of the week-end meeting were a message by the conference secretary of WSG, Miss Elsie Parker, of Raleigh; devotionals and periods of intercessory prayers led by Mrs. J. C. Burwell, of Warrenton, secretary of Spiritual Life, N. C. Conference WSCS; the morning watch, led by Misses Corinna Sanders and Susan Womble, both of Raleigh, and discussions of the relation of Spiritual Life to the other lines of work.

"God has not answered many of our prayers because we are not yet ready to receive the answers," Dr. Powell said . . . "To confess our sins is to have the same

idea about sin as Christ had, and when we do that we shall have a different idea than we have had. The reason we play along with wrong doing is because we do not think of it as sin. I believe that one of the difficulties in our Christian life is that God is not big enough in our life. If God is in our hearts, if obedience to God is in our life, then love is there. We can never love like we ought to love until we obey God, and when we obey God, then it is we live like God." Dr. Powell addressed the group at three sessions of the Retreat, using the topics "Opinions and Facts," "Love and Obedience," and "Religion in the Present Tense." He based his talks upon the First Epistle of John.

The group attended the Sunday School and eleven o'clock worship services at the Edenton Street church. Dr. Powell preached at the latter service on the topic "Religious, But Not Christian."

The Retreat was preceded by a meeting on Friday evening of the Conference Executive Committee and a meeting of the chairmen of Spiritual Life of the local WSG. Miss Pete Hill, of Sanford, conference chairman of Spiritual Life, presided at the sessions of the Retreat. Miss Parker presided at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

DISTRICT OFFICERS APPOINTED

Mrs. M. M. Person, president of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service, has announced the recent appointments of Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dunn, as district secretary of Promotion, and Mrs. J. M. Carr, of Oxford, as district secretary of Missionary Education and Service. Mrs. Turlington, former district secretary of Missionary Education and Service, is succeeding Mrs. P. C. Perdue, of Louisburg, resigned.

SEMINARS SCHEDULED

Plans for the annual fall Educational Seminars have been announced by Mrs. N. P. Edens, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

Using the theme "Christian Discipleship Around the World," the schedule of meetings includes: **Durham District**, Pittsboro, September 25; **Elizabeth City District**, Hertford, September 16, Plymouth, September 23, and Manteo, September 28; **Fayetteville District**, to be announced; **New Bern District**, Newport, September 22, La Grange, September 24; **Raleigh District**, Fairmont church, Raleigh, September 24; **Rocky Mount District**, Macon, September 17, and **Wilmington District**, Wallace, September 22.

Registration at all seminars will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program will follow at 9:30. Conference and district officers, and other women who have attended the Jurisdictional School of Missions at Lake Junaluska, and the Conference School of Missions at Greensboro College will be chief participants on the program.

RESPONSIBLE WOMEN NEEDED

"It is clear that in Pakistan today we need not only medical specialists, lawyers, and highly skilled professionals," says the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, widow of the assassinated Prime Minister of Pakistan, and herself a UN delegate. "We need a whole generation of responsible women, able to serve their communities in a variety of ways and able to rear their own families well. This is the only way in which we will be able to make a real change in the daily living conditions of mothers and children."—Women in The Church.

Vacations End; Football Starts; School Opens; All Vacancies Filled; Friends Write

VACATIONS CLOSE

Practically all our boys and girls and staff members have had a summer vacation. Those who have not had a visiting trip this summer remained here with us from preference, having reasoned that there would be more satisfaction involved in enjoying what is offered here than in being away. Now that our family has regrouped, we are getting ready for the interesting days that are ahead.

EMOTIONAL UPSETS

While we would like to state that all our children have gladly returned to their home here, frankness causes us to state that there were some who had to reason things out right clearly in order to happily enjoy their surrounding circumstances. Noticing that some of our youngsters were a bit disconsolate, it was suggested that each youngster write a letter and forward it to someone who had provided such a lovely vacation time. Many of the youngsters wrote such letters and in so doing diverted their attention from their own emotional upset to those who had been so kind to them at vacation time.

SCHOOL OPENS

Before this appears in print our elementary school, conducted here on the Home grounds but directed by the city and state educational set-up, will have opened, meaning that the first eight grades in the educational ladder will be in operation here in our school building. A good corps of teachers, three of whom are products of The Children's Home, will lead our boys and girls in their learning processes. The opening of school adds interest to the whole place. In a group as large as ours it is important that every youngster have some interesting challenges to meet.

NO VACANCIES

An unusually large number of boys and girls have either been returned to rehabilitated homes, or, having graduated, have secured the assurances that come from their new jobs or new schooling selections. In their places have come new members of our family, some of whom have waited a long time to be assured of their acceptance here with us. Having filled all the vacancies, it now becomes a matter of further investigation to see when and if additional boys and girls can be enrolled.

JUNALUSKA CONFERENCE

Mrs. Woosley and this scribe spent last week at Lake Junaluska where a conference of representatives from many Methodist child caring institutions was held. Each day the conference was divided into three sections, administrative and two other sections for home mothers. It was noted that the conference was better attended by representatives from the northern part of our area than those who live closer by. The many discussions brought out many trends of thinking. Some of our child caring organizations confine their efforts largely to child placement. Others limit the time of stay of their enrolled boys and girls to two or three years. Still others emphasize what is generally known as longtime care, meaning that a youngster, once enrolled, may be privileged to have membership in the family through high school training. Nearly all of our southeastern child caring institutions provide for long-time care. It was further

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"There Is a Lad Here"

noted that our Methodist people in the southeast provide more financial support for their child caring institutions than is true in the northern area of our Methodist organization.

BOOTING THE BALL

According to the governing rules of the football conference our team is a member of, our boys were not permitted to get out the old pigskin and boot it around before the 15th of August. When August 15 comes, the time set apart for all team members of the South Piedmont Conference to begin practice, the boys will turn loose their restraint and practice energetically for another season of football playing. Our varsity team is small as to numbers and small as to individuals. Two of the best prospects we had are ineligible because of having become nineteen years of age before last April 1. To lose even two stalwarts affects our team play very much. However, Coach Clary will start another season with his boys as they practice earnestly for individual glory and fine team play. Already our high school group has elected the girl cheer leaders, and they are practicing the best maneuvers for directing our cheering squad.

ENTERPRISING LAD

The picture this week is that of Curtis Jackson, born May 12, 1945, and promoted to the third grade. This enterprising youngster has been a member for the past two years of the Anna Hanes cottage family. He is now due to be moved up to the Norfleet cottage family. Curtis is not only an attractive boy but is very enterprising in the co-operative way of play

with other members of his household. Curtis is sponsored by Miss Clara Belle Sherer, West Cramerton.

THE OPEN DOOR

A year ago we received a letter from two teen age girls as follows: "We are the two girls Mr. Ziglar wrote you about. He said you were coming to Whittier to see us. We will be glad to see you. We really want to go to The Children's Home to live. Hope you will see fit to accept us." The visit made to these girls indicated that it might be well for them to continue to live with relatives. After a year's investigation it appears that the two girls should become members of our family, even though the calendar is against them. We now are holding open the door for the admittance of two teen age girls who we think need our services very decidedly.

JOINING WITH JONES

Rev. E. M. Jones, pastor of Belmont Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, writes as follows: "You will be interested to know that Amelia Walters, Ellen Jo Walters, Mary Elizabeth Johnson and Arliss Brigman, recent graduates of The Children's Home, are transferring their memberships from Centenary, Winston-Salem, to my church. These are fine young folks, as all The Children's Home are fine folks. We are glad to have them in our new church."

LONG TIME FRIEND

Years ago when this scribe was selling fruit trees, flowering plants and evergreen shrubbery in Charlotte, he became acquainted with Lon M. Smith, who as a young man was also living in the selected home. From time to time we have run up with one another in a good friendly way. A recent letter from Friend Smith states: "It may interest you to know that our church school superintendent (that's me) will be seventy-seven years old next Sunday, August 23. It is my forty-ninth year with Belmont Park Methodist Church, most of which time I have served as superintendent of the church school. Our church school has grown decidedly in attendance since we have come into our new educational building."

JUST GRATITUDE

A good friend, M. F. Bumgarner of Wilkesboro, writes as follows: "My August Home Chronicle has just arrived and I have been looking at the pictures. As I looked at some of them, with their sweet innocent faces, the tears just had to come and blur my eyes. I hardly know why but it seemed a mingled pity and joy—maybe just gratitude—welled up that such children have such a home and such training, instead of being cast out on the mercy of a cold world. I trust that these lovely faces will win many dollars for the Home, as well as help create a big fund of good will that will last right on through the years."

A CONFIDENTIAL FRIEND

A daughter of one of the finest friends this scribe ever had writes in a confidential way as follows: "My darling mother will be going soon. The acute stage has been quite a blow, and we want no mention of her travels until the destination has been reached. She wanted you to have some little bequest because of her lifelong love of children and her approbation of your superintendency. We don't know how long it will take for her release from discomforts, ills arising from a long and useful life."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday School Lesson for September 6

THE PLACE OF POSSESSIONS

by Charles M. Laymon

I Timothy 6: 6-19

Hunger in East Germany is terrific. Housewives line up to get two slices of bread and pork sells for \$6 a pound. In eight days 1,500,000 crossed over to West Berlin to claim their share of the \$15,000,000 worth of fruit, milk and potatoes which the United States is sending them. They did this in defiance of the Communists. The stark need to keep alive gave them strength to resist. Mothers and fathers will face any danger to feed their children. The demands of subsistence—bare subsistence—impelled them.

Bare subsistence, however, is not enough. Even the Scripture passage in today's lesson which counsels that "if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (I Tim. 6: 8) has a sound level of physical well-being in mind. From the very beginning, the early church took care of widows and orphans, seeing to it that they were fed and clothed properly. It was to administer this work that the first deacons were appointed (Acts 6: 3-4).

Sometimes this normal need for material things gets out of hand and becomes a desire for riches. Then it is that we fall into temptation. As the author of I Timothy says, "Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction" (I Tim. 6: 9).

This writer has in mind those whom the love of riches and possessions has caused to "wander away from the faith." It is not that money in itself is evil. In the hands of Christian people it may be turned into the coin of the kingdom of God. That is, it can become education, health, knowledge and evangelism if it is spent wisely in the service of Christ.

My possessions, great or small, are a spiritual opportunity. As a Christian I am called upon to be a happy steward. The love of money for Christ's sake will enlarge my heart rather than shrink my soul in miserly selfishness.

Bread for Berlin is both a fact and a symbol. A current magazine called it food for propaganda, meaning that it was an appeal to urge the East Germans to revolt against the Russians.

The Christian should see more to it than this. To him it is the call of Christ to serve with our possessions.

earth suggestions which the reader can put right to work in his own home.

For instance, there is a chapter on "Grace Before Meat," which not only sets forth the desirability of the habit but also provides some very apt "graces" which can be used as they are or as models for others.

"Talk Around the Table" is another topic the treatment of which every father and mother will find profitable both to read and to practice.

In other chapters the use of the Bible and the Hymn Book in the home is discussed, and suggestions for worshipping alone are treated in another chapter. How to tie hobbies into the family worship plan is also given prominence.

Making the most out of Family Festivals—birthdays, graduations, etc., and holidays such as Christmas, New Year's and Easter is given considerable space and, as is characteristic of the book, many very practical suggestions are made. Closing the book is a rather lengthy appendix listing a great deal of resource material for family worship.

Let us repeat: For families with young children this book, in our opinion, is a MUST.—O. D. Park.

"In a real sense this is the message of Christianity: a storm-wrecked life can be salvaged. One of the great glories of our faith is that a man can start over again, that he need never feel defeated, that no matter how far down he has descended in the scale of living, there is still hope. Jesus spent a major portion of his ministry in trying to set men upon their feet again. His message was one of hope to the shipwrecked, courage to the fallen. He told men they need not despair, for God offered a new chance and a new lease on life."—Wallace Fridy in A LAMP UNTO MY FEET (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

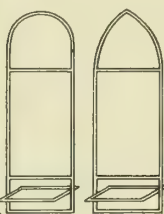
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Book Reviews

GUIDEPOSTS TO CREATIVE FAMILY WORSHIP, by Edward W. and Anna Laura Gebhard. Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville, Tenn. 173 pp., \$2.50.

Written from personal experience in the authors' home and from observation in other homes, this book brings to the Christian family one of the finest tools for family worship it has been our privilege to see. It particularly appeals to us as an indispensable piece of equipment for those who are just beginning their families. Few books would make a more useful gift to such a couple. It is not a book of theoretical studies and untried plans, but a book chock full of practical down-to-

TALK AROUND THE TABLE

The talk about our tables is one of our chief methods of communicating to one another the meanings and values that we have experienced. The everyday words which we use are our most common symbols of meaning and experience . . . "In the dew of little things"—in the talk about our tables our children "catch" our real religion. They discover what our true values are.

"All Dad cares about is making money," said a student to a college counselor. "And he doesn't care too much how he does it either. Oh, I know Dad would be shocked to hear me say that. He'd probably like to have me think that what he cares most about is being chairman of the church board of trustees. But you should hear him talk when he sees a chance to make an extra dollar—even at the expense of someone else!"

"The most important thing in Mother's life is her reputation as an immaculate housekeeper," remarked a college girl. "Of course, she feels she's scrubbed and cooked all these years for the sake of her family. But my brother and I often ran off to questionable places of amusement with our friends because we knew we'd hear about it if our gang messed up the house."

"I guess you must care more about your work than you care about us, Daddy," said one six-year-old during a lull in the shop talk between parents.

And the oldest son in another home surprised the other members of his family by hiding the microphone of the tape recorder in the dining room. A playback of the table conversation led to some self-examination on the part of both parents and children.

"Let's try to talk about the things that interest all of us after this," suggested the older child. And thereafter the table conversation was dedicated to items of interest to all in the family circle.

"They make the craziest rules at school," nine-year-old Jerry said hotly one evening. "For instance?" his father asked.

"They say I can't cut across Bill's yard on my way to school. He's my best friend, and I don't see why I can't take the short cut across his yard if his folks don't care."

"Maybe you misunderstood the rule," suggested his mother.

"No, Jerry's right," put in his older sister, who served on the school safety patrol. "We're supposed to report anyone who cuts across other people's property going to or from school."

"Well, I'm not going to pay any attention to a silly old rule like that," Jerry said. "It's nobody's business but Bill's and mine if I want to go across his yard."

"Wait a minute, son," said his father. "Maybe there is a reason for that rule. Remember the paths the school children wore across Mr. Corey's lawn last spring? Mr. Corey told me just yesterday how he had worked to keep his lawn beautiful. But not until the school made the rule about keeping on the sidewalks did he succeed in growing a lovely lawn. He said he appreciated the way the school pupils have respected his property this fall."

"I never thought of it that way," Jerry remarked. "Dad, that means the kids'll

have to keep off our garden spot next spring, too."

Thus the values that Jerry had overlooked were clarified through the give-and-take of family discussion.

One dinner time the Benson children were excitedly telling about the magician who had performed for the junior high school assembly. Eight-year-old Dick made his contribution to the discussion by remarking, "Jesus used magic, didn't he?"

"Why do you think so?" his mother asked.

"Well, he couldn't just touch people and make them well, could he, if he didn't use magic?"

"There are a lot of things we don't understand, Dick," his mother answered slowly. "The Bible doesn't tell us nearly as much as we we'd like to know about Jesus and his influence on people. It just seems to give us brief little pictures of Jesus at work among people. But we do know that he had powers that no other man has ever had."

"Like when he just looked at people and made them want to live better lives?" asked thirteen-year-old Nancy.

"Yes, when men saw his goodness they felt sorry about their wrong ways and wanted to be like him."

"There's something else we're learning about Jesus' miracles, too," her father suggested. "The more we learn about the human body and the human mind, the more we discover that right thinking and right habits keep bodies and minds healthy and strong. Jesus understood a long time ago that goodness and health are closely related. When he forgave a man's sins, he also helped him find a way out of his physical sickness."

"Do you mean if I lived as good a life as Jesus did, I could just say to a sick man, 'get well,' and he'd be well again?" asked Dick.

"I don't know about that, son," his father replied. "But this I do know: if you live a good life, and seek as earnestly as Jesus did to do what God wants you to do, you will have the power and strength to help other people in ways you could never help them if you live a selfish life."

Occasionally the parents will also find themselves the object of a group discipline process.

"Will you be home this afternoon when we get home from school?" asks the eleven-year-old of her mother at the lunch table. "Oh, Mother, why not? That's the third time this week! Don't you know we like to have you here when we get home?"

And Mother realizes with a start that the sense of security and love she gives the family with her presence is far more important than the community activities or the bridge club.

The brief discussions around the table in many homes are times of family decision-making and planning. Each person present has a chance to voice his interests and concerns, and together the family can decide the course of action which will hold the most satisfaction or value for the group. Some families refer to this period of discussion and planning as "the family council." Other homes experience a perpetual family council in which the issues of family interest are discussed, possible courses of action are evaluated and a group decision is reached. This is democracy in action. And a democratic society is dependent upon a living democracy in hundreds of thousands of homes.—Excerpts from "Guidposts to Creative Family Worship," by Frank and Anna Gebhard. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

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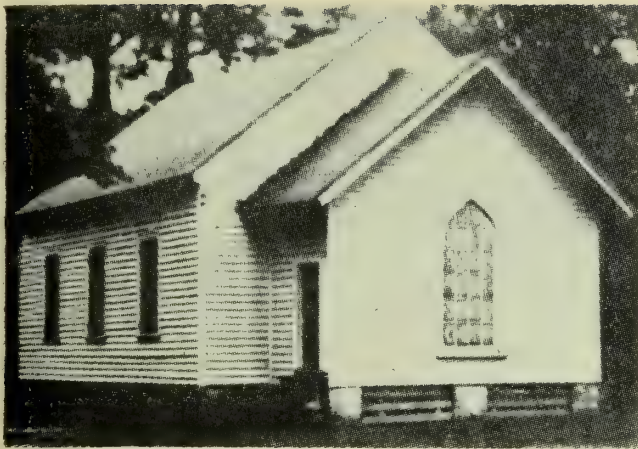
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Church World Service Urges Collection of Warm Clothing for Winter Use

An urgent appeal to collect used clothing now to meet the coming winter needs overseas was issued to the North Carolina CROP Clothing Project by Dr. Wayland Zwyer, associate director of Church World Service, in New York, August 15. Rev. Carl R. Key, state director, Durham, and recipient of this request sends it on to the ministers and church people of the state.

Dr. Zwyer writes, "Winter clothing contributions should be forwarded promptly to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland, if it is to reach the refugees overseas in time to protect them against the cold days ahead. Church World Service will continue to ship clothing all winter but to be fully effective in the winter months ahead clothing to Korea and Palestine should be shipped during September and to Central Europe during October. The refugees in the Near East and Korea are unable to earn enough to purchase clothing, and clothing issued from three to five years ago is already worn out. Voluntary agencies such as Church World Service are practically the only source of clothing for German and other refugees from the East and much more will be needed there this winter.

Men's trousers; warm clothing of all kinds for children, women and men; blankets, quilts and household linen are among the most urgent needs."

Send your clothing now to the nearest North Carolina Collection Center in Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greenville, Winston-Salem. "The Church which brings the gospel must bring relief." This is a tangible expression of the religion of the Good Samaritan today.

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A 50,000 pound carload of powered skim milk will provide a pint of milk each day for a year for 1,100 war or famine victims.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVES TO FEATURE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

Challenged by the fact that 27,000,000 American children and youths are getting little or no school training, churches throughout the nation are readying strong Sunday School drives to be launched during Christian Education Week, Sept. 27-Oct. 4. Theme of the observance will be: "For All Children, Faith in God."

Sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., with 40 denominations co-operating, the special week will focus attention on these facts:

Of the one million children who get into trouble with the law each year, the vast majority have no record of regular religious instruction.

The number of children under ten years of age has increased 39 per cent since 1940, while the general population and Sabbath School enrollments to be well above the 32,000,000 mark—an all time high—but only a few million more than the number who seldom if ever see the inside of a church.

"As a Christian nation, we cannot afford to let a single child to go without his spiritual heritage," declared Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the National Council's division of Christian education.

In Memoriam

MRS. R. J. STOUGH

CORNELIUS—On Sunday night, August 2, 1953, Mrs. R. J. Stough passed away at the age of 87 after a period of declining health. Endowed with a charming personality and a desire for service she played a large part in the history of Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Cornelius, N. C., where she was a loyal and devoted member since early girlhood. She was never too busy to lend a helping hand or to speak a kind word to those she met each day, and she did all she could to bring God and her church in closer contact with those around her.

She was truly one who served her generation and was constantly an inspiration to both young and old alike. She was deeply interested in her family, her community, her friends, her church and her pastor.

Our love for her cannot be put into words. She will never leave us, for her memory will always remain: Therefore, be it resolved by the W.S.C.S.

1. That we feel deeply the loss to ourselves and to our church of one so rich in faith and so untiring in service.

2. That we express our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

3. That a copy of this tribute be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and recorded in the minutes of the W.S.C.S.—Mrs. T. L. Gillespie, Mrs. J. Cliff Westmoreland, Mrs. Mason A. Lowrance.

MRS. LEITH THOMASON

KANNAPOLIS—Representing the Ladies' Bible Class of Trinity Methodist Church of Kannapolis, we, the undersigned, would like to express our sympathy and pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our beloved members, Mrs. Leith Thomason, who passed away in Cabarrus Memorial Hospital June 1, 1953.

A native of Bladen County, Mrs. Thomason had lived in Kannapolis 38 years and all these years was a member of Trinity Methodist Church of which she had been a most active worker until her health began to fail. At one time, she was a teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class and has also served as President of the Ladies' Bible Class.

Her husband, Jesse Floyd Thomason, died in 1927. She leaves to mourn her going her mother, Mrs. D. G. McDuffie of Wilmington, one son, Jesse Thomason of Hickory; one daughter, Mrs. H. Max Barrett of Everett, Massachusetts; four sisters, Mrs. A. S. Melvin of Parkersburg, Mrs. A. F. Ledder of Arlington, Virginia; Mrs. G. L. Morris of Charlotte, Miss Mary McDuffie of Wilmington; two brothers, W. F. McDuffie of Louisville, Kentucky, and D. P. Duffie of Henderson, and four grandchildren.—Mrs. T. E. Deese, Mrs. A. Z. Price, Mrs. S. S. McCoy.

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Announcements

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The W.N.C. Conference Commission on World Service and Finance will meet at Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. Those with matters to present are invited to attend. Those desiring lunch are asked to notify me in advance.

C. C. HERBERT, JR.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOLY LAND

(Continued from page six)

Children with infected eyes cry out to us that there is much, much yet to be done in the world before the human problem is solved. Still there is so much in the bright faces of these little children which suggests to us our own children, that we see more clearly than ever that under God and beneath our skins we are really brothers.

Tomorrow yve follow Paul down the road to Damascus.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1953

LABOR SUNDAY MESSAGE, 1953

Approved by the General Board of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and issued through the DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCH AND ECONOMIC LIFE.

"You Are All Brethren . . . You Have One Father."

The health of any society depends upon the well-being of the members of all of its groups. Every segment of society is important. Efficient and honest work is necessary for our economy. But our common responsibility does not end there. In a highly industrialized society, it is not a luxury but a Christian and practical necessity to help the sick and the crippled, assist the needy aged, and care for the young. Neglect of large groups of people who cannot fully help themselves weakens the sense of community and violates a principle from which our society draws its strength.

We believe that Christianity provides sound and sure principles as guides to action; it gives a sense of direction and creates a will to work together. The American people have common basic aims. As productive efficiency increases, there are more goods and services to share and costs of production are lowered. As workers' purchasing power expands, management finds larger markets. And we all, as consumers, benefit by this co-operation.

Furthermore, if equitable solutions to the common problems of employers and their employees are mutually sought in good faith they can be found. Thousands of labor contracts are negotiated by union and management representatives each year without bitterness or strikes, and with regard for the public interest. Unfortunately these settlements are rarely featured in the newspapers, while strikes are headlined. Fair settlements arrived at through free and honest bargaining by men of good will open the way to a better economic and social life for all people. Leaders of labor and management know that the progress of American industry depends largely upon their ability to co-operate for the common good. This is the road for free men of enlightened consciences to follow. Christianity may ask for more, but can ask for no less. Since God is our Father, we must ever strive to work together as brothers.

Since the first Labor Sunday Message was issued nearly forty years ago, the economic status of workers has been raised, productivity increased, hours shortened, real wages increased, working conditions improved, the economic well-being of the nation lifted, and the democratic way of life strengthened. During this period the atmosphere of public opinion has changed. Increasing numbers of workers have exercised the freedom to decide for themselves whether to organize and have dealt with employers through representatives of their own choice. This freedom of workers has been endorsed and the important social contribution of the labor movement recognized by almost every branch of the Christian Church. During the past years working men and women have made unprecedented gains; the years ahead offer new opportunities but also enlarged responsibility for labor to join with management, farmers, consumers, and other groups in working for the common good.

On this Labor Day it is fitting that the National Council of Churches recognize the many Christian laymen who have worked to achieve these benefits for themselves and their fellow men. We join in mourning the loss of William Green and Philip Murray, outstanding Christian laymen in organized labor. Leadership in the labor movement should be increasingly appreciated by the people of our churches as an important Christian vocation.

"Bear One Another's Burdens."

We are grateful to God for the generally high level of well-being in the United States which has developed under conditions of freedom. But these favorable circumstances call for more than gratitude in word or feeling. They summon Christians to a deep sense of humility and an earnest commitment to share with people as worthy as ourselves who are less fortunate. We know that some millions of the people even in this country are living below standards which we accept as important to the "good life"; but grim hunger is faced by nearly three out of four of the world's population. Our present position in the world places upon us the responsibility to help less fortunate people to help themselves. We must give with an understanding heart; the extent of our help can be measured only by a sensitive Christian conscience.

Today powerful and insidious forces threaten freedom. Enlightened men and women of labor were among the first to see the evil and danger of both fascism and Soviet communism and have long and effectively opposed them. Through the leadership which the American labor movement, together with that of many other important segments of our society, has given to the cause of world freedom, all our freedoms have been made more secure.

In working for civil rights, increased production, job opportunities, adequate wages, social responsibility, and a free world community we are working for each other, for ourselves, and for God who seeks to realize His purpose of justice and freedom in the affairs of men. Toward the achievement of these aims, all groups in our nation are interdependent, and we are bound together in the need and purpose to promote our common freedoms. Freedom to worship and to speak according to the dictates of one's conscience is inseparable from freedom of the mind and freedom to work under conditions which the worker has had a part in determining. A threat to one freedom is a threat to all freedoms.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THE CHRISTIAN HOME— THE HOPE OF THE WORLD

In the whole Christian Era the home is the yardstick of progress. Nations have advanced in civilization in proportion to the purity and strength of the homes of the people, and they have declined precisely to the extent that the home has been neglected and corrupted. This is a fact of history. . . .

A Christian home will produce the soil of reverence and righteousness and love out of which noble character and a Christ-like world can grow. . . .

Man has devoted more time to the study of war than to the study of home; he has been content to be taxed a hundred times more for instruments with which his brothers might be destroyed than for homes in which his own offspring might be trained and saved. . . .

No fact in history reveals the stupidity of man with such disheartening humiliation as his failure to learn and obey God's laws for the family. . . .

Of all the factors that enter into the environment of a child, or of anyone else for that matter, the home is by far the most powerful. So much so that one may say that home either makes or mars character. The child, from the day of his birth for at least twelve years, is so dominated by the influences of home—whether good or evil—that he is absolutely helpless to resist them. What a heart-moving responsibility, then, rests upon parents to see to it that the home influences are all that they should be! . . .

Rob a child of his conscious relationship to God during his first twelve years in life and you commit against him a crime which leaves his character dwarfed and forever impoverished. . . .

The home is God's supreme institution on earth. . . . One's allegiance to God—the home, and to God's commonwealth carries with it loyalty to God's institution—humanity as a whole. The supreme business of life, therefore, becomes the exaltation of the home in which individuals are trained, one by one, for citizenship in God's Commonwealth and for membership in God's Kingdom. . . .

The home life of Jesus is the key to right understanding of His religion. His loyalty to His home distinguishes Him from all other founders of a religion. . . .

In the home lies the supreme opportunity of the church at this hour. It is the mission field of every church member. No more apostolic call was ever heard than this challenge that comes to the church now, to devote herself to the exaltation of the home, to the evangelization of the home, to the moral education of the home, to the erection of altars of worship in the home, to the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the home. . . .

All the evangelism, all the religious instruction, all the moral training, all the religious literature, all the sacred music—in short—all the products of Christianity since the crucifixion of Jesus are now needed and are available for the final crusade of the church in a world-wide movement to Christianize the home. . . .

To exalt and enrich the home is the best possible way to promote human progress and happiness and to serve God. Let the homes of America be the glory of the world and the saviors of civilization. Let your home have a part in this today.—Excerpts from a tract by TIDINGS.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

OUR BALLOTS ARE SECRET

Last November we Americans went into our polling booths and cast our ballots in a national election. It is stirring to see sixty million citizens exercise their precious privilege of voting by free and secret ballot.

In the voting booth each of us is equal to every other citizen, each able to cast one vote, each independent and unobserved. There is something sobering, even exalting when one stands alone with his conscience and his God to choose his leaders.

I was glad that the representatives of Russia and her satellites were present on our shores to observe an election day in our country. In America our candidates criticize each other but we do not shoot our opponents.

Right now each of us, wherever we are, is in the process of voting on some issue. Let's think about this business of secret balloting in life. And I should like to view it in the light of something the Master said, as recorded in Luke. Read this: "Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops."

Each of us thinks in secret. Secrecy is essential to our selfhood. We could not be ourselves if we had no chambers of thought which we could lock from the inside. There are times when we have to withdraw into ourselves in order to be ourselves.

And this secrecy is essential to our association with others. The shallow persons who chatter forth everything that comes into his head and carries all his emotions on his sleeve does not invite deep abiding friendship. We prefer those persons of quiet dignity who reveal by their reserve that they have thoughts too deep for words. We like to look into eyes which have a depth that indicates emotions not exposed to everybody's gaze. We like the persons who can keep their own secrets because it is to them that we feel like trusting OUR secrets.

Let us go on to remind ourselves that in these secret places of the mind, decisions are continuously being registered. If we had any meters which could record the movements of our minds as we have meters to clock our taxicabs, we would find that they keep running every waking moment.

We speak of idle thoughts, that is, those thoughts which drift into the mind and then drift out with nothing seemingly done about them. But something IS done about them and they do something to us. No thoughts are really idle and when we dismiss them they do not clear out completely.

As the Master said, that which we say to ourselves does eventually come out into the open. How? Perhaps in slips of the tongue or in actions when we are off our guard.

Sometimes our inner thoughts eventually register themselves in our facial expressions. Gilbert Stuart, the artist, once met Talleyrand, the wily French politician. After studying Talleyrand's face, Stuart is reported to have said, "If that man is not a scoundrel, God does not write

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Let Us Pray

O God of peace, who didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who were far off and to those who were near; we beseech thee to pour out thy spirit upon thy Church, that it may go throughout all the world, preaching and showing forth in both word and deed the good news of thy kingdom. Stir up thy people to make known in every place the ways of thy laws and the wonders of thy grace; that, as there is but one God and Father of all, so there may be one faith, one loyalty and devotion; and that mankind, being united in thee, may leave the city of Destruction and move toward the glorious city of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From "A Book of Pastoral Prayers,"
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

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a legible hand." Our secret thoughts do eventually affect the look in our eyes and the lines in our faces.

Also our inner daily decisions show in life's emergencies. What we do in crises is the result of what we have been thinking and doing in the uneventful days and months preceding.

The secret ballots of last November have been counted. But the secret ballots of today and tomorrow are ever being counted by our God, "unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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The Luxury of Indifference

BY REV. WALTER THOMPSON
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As difficult as it is to admit even to our own secret self, we are not owners of this world but only contributors, custodians, parasites, or destroyers. It would be our most pleasing thought if we could bring ourselves to believe that all of those who call themselves Christians are really contributors.

Mr. Oliver Wendell Holmes might well have been right when he said that every man is an omnibus in which his ancestors ride, but it need not be so. No man is at his best when encumbered with yesterday. The old time religion was not even good enough for yesterday so why think it good enough for today. Every man must have his own religious faith and ideals, not borrowed ones, lest he be merely a custodian.

Man has always known of the road to salvation and the road to destruction. Now, however, his ingenuity and inventive ability has found a quicker way to mass destruction. Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe recently said "That there will be considerable thinning out if that thing falls on us." He quickly added, "I hope to be somewhere else when the thinning out begins." Perhaps the real problem is not how destructive that bomb might be but whether man can quickly grow a soul big enough to guide him in the use of that which his hands have made. It's time for man's religious faith and ideals to catch up with his ingenious hands and fertile mind. It is well to remember that people, like nations can justify their continued existence only as they can control that which they create. Man cannot escape the conclusion that the only trouble with this new environment is that it requires the perfect man—perfect in morals, ethics, political ideologies, and above all else in a spiritual sense—to make proper use of all the benefits of the atom. The exploitation of the atom has signaled the triumph of mind over matter and now for the sake of our own souls, our homes, churches, schools, and everything we hold dear, why not the glorious triumph of man's God-given spirit over matter.

No one can possibly believe that any people or any nation enjoys an immunity against catastrophe or a special dispensation against disaster. If such should come the nation's men will be called. Would it not be far better for God's men, before a catastrophe, to form a mighty army and march against the world's evil, not with steel to keep our hands from shaking but with a confident faith in God and His way of life. In the name of Christ who came to change the world man has exalted change in everything but himself.

This is in no sense a farewell to man. We have an abiding faith in man's ability to discern the truth but need he be so late and try everything else first. We, even now, lack a great leadership that a great faith could give us and we, also, fail to serve the fundamental craving of the common man. There are fears and doubts in the souls of leaders who do not know their people. What an opportunity for the truly honest conscience of a great Christian people to be projected into international problems. Can our church really hope to last if it stills its already whispering voice in the face of injustice and compromise with evil?

The parade following evil always, it seems, makes the loudest noise; perhaps because they dare not be still lest they hear the still small voice. The mighty army called Christians moves too quietly and too slowly; possibly because someone might say that we are dreamers, impractical, and powerless. Why not the same devotion to good which the communists demonstrate in their devotion to evil?

The church can no longer afford the luxury of indifference. Nine million Methodists cannot be indifferent to such a task and neither can they rest on the thought that the world might be much worse if we were not here. The voice of our church was once loud and clear and influential in the affairs of man. A few pioneering spirits are needed. God's men. Does anyone dare say that it cannot be done; but, more important, will anyone say that it can be done?

Western North Carolina Conference

By CHARLES WHITE

The 1953 session of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, North Carolina, September 23-27. Bishop Costen J. Harrell will preside, and Rev. Walter J. Miller is the host pastor.

The Boards, Commissions, and Committees will meet during the afternoon of September 22. A pre-Conference evening service will be held that evening with the Conference Historical Society in charge. Dr. F. Fagan Thompson of the Norwood Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, will speak on the subject: "Singing Methodism."

The Conference will officially convene at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning with the Memorial Service for ministers and wives of ministers who have died during the Conference year. Dr. Eugene C. Few, West Market Methodist Church, Greensboro, will bring the memorial sermon, "For Memorials of Them." Holy Communion, administered by Bishop Harrell and the District Superintendents, will follow.

The organization of the Conference will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. and will be followed by the report of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Wednesday evening the Board of Missions will be in charge of the service and will feature addresses by Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, director of the Advance program of the Methodist Division of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Carl D. Stewart, minister of the Leland Memorial Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba. Dr. Harry D. Henry of Hickory will speak on "Sunrise and Sunset" Thursday evening when the Board of Hospitals and Homes will be in charge of the service. The Board of Education will present the Friday evening service; speakers for this occasion will be Miss Clarice Bowman of the High Point College faculty and Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The periods of devotions will be led on Thursday morning by Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, minister of the Centenary Meth-

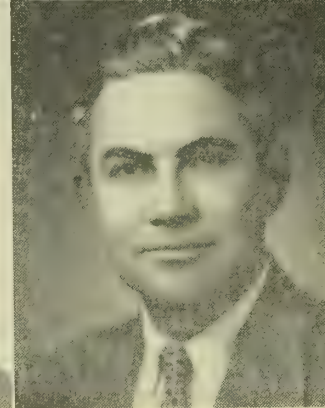
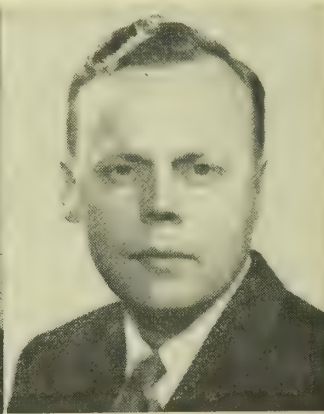
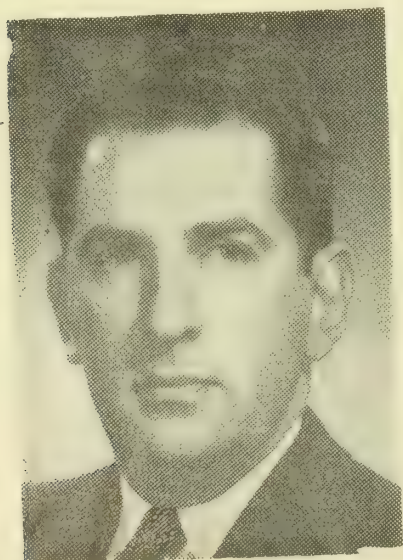
odist Church, Greensboro, and on Friday morning by Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, minister of the First Methodist Church, Lincolnton. During the devotional hour on Saturday Bishop Harrell will receive the class into full connection.

The afternoon hours of worship at 3 p.m. will also be led by members of the Conference. Thursday afternoon the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Harold M. Robinson, minister of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, and Rev. A. J. Cox, minister of Central Methodist Church, Monroe, will be the preacher Friday afternoon.

Bishop Roy H. Short, resident Bishop of the Nashville Area, will be the speaker Thursday morning at 9:30 p.m. when the Board of Evangelism makes its report.

Other speakers to be heard include Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Board of World Peace, Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, Emory University, and Dr. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, who will speak to the Town and Country Commission report Friday at 9:30 a.m., Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, minister of First Methodist

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Top row, left to right: Dr. Eugene C. Few, Greensboro; Dr. Paul Harding, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. A. Dudley Ward, New York City; Middle row: Dr. Harry D. Henry, Hickory; Rev. Harold M. Robinson, Thomasville; Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Lincolnton; Bottom row: Rev. A. J. Cox, Monroe; Dr. Earl Brewer, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Chicago. Single picture to left; Rev. Julian Lindsey, Greensboro.

Last Days of Caravaning in Germany

By C. W. ROBBINS



Elim Church, Berlin, (Wooden building given by Sweden after bombing of former concrete church).

For two decades now German Methodists, as well as other Christian groups in Germany, have faced severe testings. From 1933 to 1945 when the Nazis were in power every stumbling block imaginable was put in the way of the church. Christians have been belittled and ridiculed. Many churchmen suffered for their faith. The program of the church was limited in many ways.

During World War II religious activities were further limited. Hundreds of church buildings were destroyed. These were dark days indeed for the church in Germany.

Since the war the church continues to face stupendous problems. A people with their homes and their means of livelihood destroyed have not found it easy to rebuild their houses of worship. Reorganizing depleted and scattered congregations has been a slow and imponderable task. A serious shortage of ministers all over Germany has further complicated the problem. The church in East Germany has faced all of these odds plus many

other proscriptions and burdens placed on it by a hostile Communist regime.

With these handicaps, however, Methodism in the last few years has taken long strides ahead. Many houses of worship, even though less imposing perhaps than those destroyed, have been erected. Congregations have rallied with inspiring loyalty and zeal. Dozens of young men and middle-aged men who a few years ago were fighting in North Africa and France or Russia or on their own soil have rallied to the call of Christ and are today ministers in The Methodist Church. This summer we have met and talked with many of them. All pastors, so far as we can observe, have demonstrated great faith, courage and wholesome good humor in the midst of a situation that at times seemed hopeless. The people are standing with them. Church attendance on ordinary Sundays frequently equals the number of members. In the East Zone it often is larger than the church membership.



Our German Interpreter—Gunter Sommer—who has also been interpreter for 1951 and 1952 Caravans. Gunter will complete his work at Frankfurt Methodist Seminary next Spring.

During the recent Annual Conference in East Germany thousands of people came from all over the Conference for the meetings. Methodism in the Eastern Zone is perhaps showing more vitality than it is anywhere in Europe or America. Our Methodist brothers in Germany are standing firm in the faith. Here in Germany we have witnessed many examples of New Testament Christianity. Here we have seen people, stripped of everything except their faith, lay hold of a power that makes them more than conquerors. Even the cynics are impressed by their demonstration of Christian faith.

Our First Service in Berlin

Our first service in Berlin was in the Moabit section of the city. The little church we visited Sunday morning, August 16, has a small congregation of people most of whom were members of a church that was completely destroyed by the war. In fact, it would be hard to find a church in Berlin that does not bear at least some of the scars of war. It seems that churches fared about as badly as military targets in this battle-scarred city. Looking around at some of the ruins, we could understand when a few of our Methodists in Berlin greeted us with a little more diffidence



Ebenezer Church, near the Sophien-Methodist Hospital, built by the deaconesses of the hospital.

and reserve than their brothers in other parts of the nation. When we realize that our bombs destroyed their homes, killed their wives and children and made life for the living a perpetual nightmare, it seems remarkable that they could embrace us as comrades in Christ. But they did—even though it must have been awfully hard to do.

We were back in this church for a youth service on Thursday evening. The group, it appeared to us, was discouraged because they were small and because Methodism does not have a lot of prestige such as the State Lutheran church has. They told us that we could take pride because The Methodist Church in America is big and is respected. We replied that most of the Caravaners came from small churches, that the average Methodist church in America consists of about 200 members, that we really were a church of small congregations. That seemed to make them feel better.

On Sunday afternoon we visited a congregation whose membership is equally divided between the Eastern and Western Sectors of Berlin. There was a wonderful spirit in the group. Paula Sutton, Shirley Wilson and Joel Underwood spoke. There were around 300 persons present for the service.

A Service in the Tiergarten

On Monday evening we visited a youth

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Entrance to the Methodist Youth camps, Berlin. Poster says: "Methodist Church—Youth Work." Communists say youth forced to attend Camp. This fellow seems quite happy, even though the Methodists have "forced" him to go to camp.



The Caravan waits for a Train—and Has Fun Doing It

Great Giving; Pfeiffer Opens New Session; Shiloh Church in New Building

CHARLOTTE FIRST CHURCH GIVES ONE-HALF OF 1952 CONTRIBUTIONS TO BENEVOLENCES

First Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, has for a number of years been developing a real missionary conscience. Several years ago, after completing a heavy financial responsibility involved in the great church plant which it now occupies, the officials of the church approved an "over and above" program of missionary giving to total a minimum of \$10,000 per year. Rarely during this time has the total actually fallen as low as the established minimum, and during the past four years the average has been over \$12,000 per year. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to the church that during the current year, when Advance Special giving has been more voluntary than in any time during the past quadrennium, the congregation has given its largest total of \$15,000 for missionary causes.

Through a continuing program of missionary cultivation in both the church and church school, numerous missionary projects in India, Japan, Korea, Brazil and

among the Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina are regularly supported. The period of the missionary giving of the church each year usually runs from December 1 through Easter, although some members of the church prefer to make weekly or monthly contributions throughout the year.

To say that our Missionary Special projects have not hurt the other program of the church would be understating the case. Actually, this program, in which more than \$50,000 has been given during the past four years, has undergirded and advanced benevolent giving to all causes. The church reached a new all-time high in the last full conference year ending in the autumn of 1952, when, of the \$140,000 total contributions of the church, \$70,000 was directed for benevolent causes at home and abroad, thus meeting the goal of many churches of \$1 for others for every dollar spent on local church and program. Special missionary giving over and above all local church and Annual Conference expectations is a permanently established practice in this congregation of more than 3,000.—Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Pastor. From "The Story."

PFEIFFER OPENS 1953-54 SESSION WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

Pfeiffer Junior College began its 1953-54 school year on Monday, September 7, 1953. On that date freshmen and new students arrived for several days of orientation and preliminary examinations. Sophomores registered on Thursday and classes commenced Friday morning at eight o'clock.

Pfeiffer's enrollment this year shows an increase in both freshman and sophomore classes. An increase in the number of day students is also expected. The college will continue to accept applications from day student for some time.

An addition to the Pfeiffer faculty not previously announced is Miss Mary Alice Grizzell. Miss Grizzell will head the Home Economics department. A native of Milan, Tennessee, Miss Grizzell received her B.S. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She has also done graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

New administration and faculty members previously announced are Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, president of the college; J. Weldon Hall, dean of the college; Miss Georgia Haswell, dean of women; Mrs. Iona Henry, department of English; C. A. Frye, coach of varsity sports.

To cultivate kindness is a valuable part of the business of life.—Johnson.



SHILOH CHURCH, TRINITY CHARGE, STATESVILLE DISTRICT, MOVES INTO NEW BUILDING

Shiloh church on Trinity charge, Statesville District, moved into its new building on homecoming day, August 23. At eleven, Rev. D. H. Dennis, the pastor, preached the first sermon in the new church from the text, "How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts," (Psalm 84: 1).

Dinner was served on the grounds, and many of the old members and friends of the church were present to enjoy the occasion.

The history of the church was read in the afternoon, and a roll call of the Sunday School of 1907 was read and eight

members answered present. Special music was provided by several visiting choirs.

The first church, a log house, was built 104 years ago, and just 47 years ago a frame building was erected to take the place of the log meeting house. Then, 24 years ago four Sunday School rooms were added.

About a year ago work was started on the new brick church. With good planning and faithful work it was finished about 10 o'clock Saturday night, August 22, with new pews, pulpit, furniture and carpet, ready for the official opening on Sunday morning. They still have to install heating and are only \$3,000 in debt.

Rev. J. W. Pritchard of Mt. Bethel church, Hickory, assisted in a revival meeting the last week in August.



Church to Be Dedicated; Two New Buildings on Jefferson Charge; Faithful Servant

CROUSE CHURCH WILL BE DEDICATED SEPTEMBER 13

The Crouse Methodist Church on the Crouse charge in the Gastonia District will be dedicated on the Annual Homecoming Day, September 13. The homecoming sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. W. Kirby, District Superintendent, and the dedication will follow the sermon at eleven o'clock.

The present church was started in 1950 under the ministry of Rev. M. A. Lewis

JEFFERSON CHARGE CONSTRUCTS TWO NEW BUILDINGS

The parsonage on the Jefferson charge was begun in May 1952, and the pastor and family moved in September 1952. There is some work yet to be done on the grounds. When it is complete the cost will be approximately \$13,000. Mr. G. W. Edwards, chairman, Mr. Fred Colvard, Mr. Marvin Stump, and Mrs. W. H. Scott are the members of the building committee.



The record of attendance and service of Mr. William J. Young, above, in his beloved church is one which few people are able to achieve.

Mr. Young, who died on August 12, at age of 86, was a lifelong member of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, with a record of 32 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School, and for many years as chairman of the board of trustees and a member of the board of stewards of the church. At the time of his death he was an honorary member of the official board. It is thought that he had been absent from Sunday School only five or six Sundays in more than 70 years. During his brief illness one of his last statements was an admonition to his nurse that he must be discharged from the hospital in time to attend Sunday School on the following Sunday.

"Religion after all, is expression not repression."

Crouse Methodist Church

with the first check being paid in August 1950. The final check for the completion of the project was paid in August 1953. The church was a one-room weather-boarded building and out of it a new church has been erected with a sanctuary to seat 200, completely furnished by Southern Desk of Hickory. The bronze cross and candlesticks have been placed on the altar table by the W.S.C.S. There are two church school rooms added to the side of the sanctuary along with an educational building of four classrooms and a full basement to accommodate approximately 70 people. Also there is a complete kitchen in the basement. Membership of the church is 109.

The total cost of the project in cash was \$19,000, with \$2,000 being paid by the Duke Endowment. The building is valued at \$28,000, as much material and labor as well as furnishings were donated.

The building committee was composed of James McLurd, Lester Avery, W. H. Boring, Webb Eaker, Dewitt Heafner and Mrs. Lester Avery.

The pastor, Rev. William C. Crummett, is completing his second year as pastor of the charge. All former pastors and friends are invited to the church dedication and homecoming.

Ground has been broken for the erection of a \$20,000 educational building at the Landers Chapel church on the Crouse Charge. A substantial building fund is in hand along with approximately \$2,500 worth of lumber already on the ground which was given by the men of the church from their lands. Actual construction of the building is expected to start soon.

Bethany church on the Jefferson charge was begun in August 1952. The congregation began using the Assembly Hall for services in December 1952, and first used the sanctuary, with temporary seats, for the revival services in July 1953. They have spent approximately \$45,000 to date. It will take from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to furnish the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. Mr. M. G. Edwards, chairman, Mr. Roger Holman, and Mr. Ward Ray are the members of the building committee.

W. Grady Burgin is pastor of the charge.



Bethany Church—Above, Jefferson Charge Parsonage

September 20 Is Dedication Day for New Buildings on the Person Circuit

Warren's Grove Methodist Church is located approximately three miles west of Roxboro, just off Highway 49. It is situated in a beautiful grove near the center of the community.

As far back as 1910 religious services were held in a small school building by the Presbyterians, Primitive Baptists, and Methodists. As time passed a Methodist Sunday School was organized. In 1916 after a series of revival services by Rev. C. R. Ross, pastor of Person circuit, a church was organized. In 1920 Warren's Grove church joined the Methodist conference.

The church was blessed by having the very best pastors and the people of the community were delighted to have an organized church. Great throngs of people attended the services, often overflowed the building and many listened from the outside. During the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Maness a brush arbor was built to use for the revival services and at that time many members were added to the church.

When the small schools of Person County were consolidated, the church purchased the school building and in 1937 it was remodeled into a large one-room structure. Rev. M. W. Lawrence was pastor at that time. In the one room, seven Sunday School classes met each Sunday. There were two church services monthly.

A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in 1938 with practically

every women in the church becoming an active member. The youth group had already been organized for several years and they, too, were very active and participated in all phases of youth work.

Soon the need for a still larger building and an educational building was felt. In 1945 during the pastorate of Rev. Daniel Lane, a building committee was elected with Mr. Dee Long as chairman. The architectural drawing for the new building was approved. A finance committee was appointed and pledge cards were signed.

Rev. Carl Barbee came as the next pastor. Under his leadership the groundbreaking exercise was held and the construction of the church building was begun. When it was less than half completed, the members felt that they had made all the sacrifice that possibly could be made.

It was then that Rev. M. C. Henderson came to the charge. During one of the church services soon after he became pastor, he asked that all who thought the building could be ready for a worship service in three months time lift their hands. Not a hand was lifted except the pastors'. Through his faith the congregation gained new strength and in three months time the sanctuary was opened and the first service was held in it. In a short period the educational rooms were completed.

Through the financial aid gained from

the Duke Endowment Fund, the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the Methodist Advance Fund, the church is ready for dedication. This service will be held September 20 at four o'clock p.m. with Dr. E. L. Hillman presiding. Rev. Carl Barbee will preach the dedication sermon.

The members of Warren's Grove church are not only indebted and grateful to the pastors who have been mentioned for her advancement, but every member would like to express his gratitude for all of the pastors who have served their church so faithfully, namely: Rev. C. R. Ross, Rev. J. A. Dailey, Rev. B. C. Thompson, Rev. J. W. Bradley, Rev. W. L. Maness, Rev. E. B. Craven, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Rev. E. G. Overton, Rev. F. B. Peele, Rev. M. D. Flemming, Rev. Daniel Lane, Rev. Carl Barbee, and Rev. M. C. Henderson.

The educational building of Concord church on the Person charge will be dedicated September 20.

The dedication sermon will be preached at eleven o'clock by Rev. Carl Barbee. Dedication rites will be conducted by Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor, will be in charge.

The total cost including equipment while Rev. Carl Barbee was pastor. The building committee was composed of R. T. Winstead, Lindsay Wagstaff, James L. Winstead, C. E. Winstead, treasurer. The building was completed in August 1952.

The total cost including equipment amounted to \$21,342.24, which was paid off early this year under the leadership of our present pastor.

We are very proud of this building, which consists of three Sunday School rooms, a large recreational building, a nursery and a well equipped kitchen.

We are both very grateful to both Mr. Henderson and Mr. Barbee for their leadership in this undertaking. We also want to express our thanks to R. T. Winstead who gave most generously of his time and efforts toward the completion of this building.

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ARMORE METHODISTS HONOR DR. KERR

Dedication of a memorial plaque to the late Dr. James E. Kerr, long one of the leaders of Ardmore Methodist Church, was observed at 9:45 a.m., August 23, in the Kerr-Wesley Bible Class room. Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, and the first pastor of Ardmore, delivered a most appropriate eulogy, after which Rev. Walter B. West conducted the dedicatory service. Charles B. Weaver, class teacher, presented the plaque, and Graves Wilson, class president, accepted it on behalf of the class.

The memorial is a large wall plaque of walnut, with a portrait of Dr. Kerr in the center, encircled by the inscription:

"Founder and first teacher of the Kerr-Wesley Bible Class 1876—Dr. J. E. Kerr—1953"

Below the portrait is an engraved inscription on gold-plated ribbon, which reads:

"An humble servant of God,
Constant, loyal, generous,
to the end.
His life is ever engraved
upon our memory."

Dr. Kerr was a great soul. He was a very popular physician, whose cheerfulness and a sense of humor made him welcome in the sickroom. He was generous almost to a fault. He was one of the leaders in the building of the Ardmore church twenty-eight years ago, contributing the lot on which the church plant was erected.



Warren's Grove Methodist Church



Education Building, Concord Church

.. News in Brief - Personalities ..

BIG SPRING CHURCH, Charlotte, had as guest speaker Sunday, August 30, one of their lay members, Harold Garrison.

REV. E. L. LANGSTON of Bournemouth, England, will be a special guest speaker for the Wednesday evening prayer services at Edenton church, Raleigh, October 7.

MONTMORENCI CHURCH will celebrate homecoming Sunday, September 13. Plans are announced for Sunday School at 10 o'clock, worship service at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds at noon and an afternoon service at 2 o'clock. All former pastors and friends are invited to this celebration.

WEST END, Thomasville, will celebrate homecoming Sunday, September 13. Rev. O. C. Loy, a former pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock. A picnic lunch will be served at noon and a special musical program will be held in the afternoon. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited.

DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, has just received news that the \$1,000 Easter Missionary Offering, given to Dr. E. L. Rice, has been used to help purchase X-ray equipment, fracture table, operating room light and surgical instruments for his medical ministry in the United Christian Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

REV. G. L. WILKINSON of Hanes has announced that homecoming will be observed Sunday, September 13. Dr. J. S. Haite of Elkin will deliver the 11 o'clock message and a picnic lunch will be served at 12:30. A program of special music is planned for the afternoon service. All former members and pastors are invited to this service.

THE MESSENGER from St. Paul church, Charlotte, announces that annual homecoming was observed Sunday, September 6. This Sunday had also been designated as back-to-church Sunday. 81 new members have been received into this church since last conference and their goal is 100 before the annual conference of 1953. Arthur B. Pearce, Jr., is the pastor.

THE MEN'S CLUB of Main St., Gastonia, met for supper Thursday night, September 3. The special feature was an address by the lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, Paul R. Ervin, attorney-at-law of Charlotte. The new charter from the General Board of Lay Activities was formally presented to Charles C. Smith, president.

RED OAK church, Rocky Mount District, will have annual homecoming on September 13. Sunday School will begin at 9:45. Rev. J. P. Pegg, the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock, and a picnic lunch will be served in the church grove at noon. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited. Revival services will begin the Monday night following.

SPRAY CHURCH will observe homecoming Sunday, September 13, with preaching at 11 o'clock. A picnic lunch will be served on the new church lot at noon. A period of informal fellowship will be enjoyed in the afternoon. Rev. G. N. Dulin announces the cash purchase of 2.6 acres of land costing around \$7,000, and plans are getting under way now for the erection of a new church in the very near future.



Miss Katherine Price, Arcadia, Fla., pictured above, began her duties as Director of Christian Education and secretary at Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, August 15, 1953. Miss Price is a graduate of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Before coming to Haymount Methodist Church, she was an elementary school teacher. Miss Price has also been a social group worker in the position of associate teen-age director for the Young Women's Christian Association in Louisville, Ky.

SPENCER MEMORIAL CHURCH, Charlotte, celebrated homecoming Sunday, September 5. A picnic lunch was served at noon on the proposed site for the new church at 1023 East 26th Street. After lunch the congregation enjoyed a song service.

THE ANNUAL homecoming of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church on the Burlington road will be held Sunday, Sept. 13. Dr. Harold H. Hutson, President of Greensboro College, will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock hour. A picnic lunch will be served. Friends, former pastors, and the members are invited.

MEMORIAL CHURCH, Kannapolis, will be formally dedicated on Sunday morning, September 13, by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and Rev. J. C. Cornette, District Superintendent of the Salisbury District. Also participating in the service will be the pastor, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., and Henry Price, lay leader at Memorial, who will present the building to Bishop Harrell for dedication.

MISS MARY WILLIAMSON, a rising senior at High Point College and a member of the senior youth fellowship of Bethesda church on the Waccamaw charge, directed a Galilean service at Reaves Ferry Sunday night, August 30, for around 65 young people. Participating in the service were Shelby Gore, who invited them to worship; Barbara Reaves, who read "The Fisherman"; and Horace Reaves, Howard Gore, Guy Gore, and Hubert Williamson, who came up the river in boats singing, "Jesus Calls Us," after which Horace Reaves stepped from the boat, delivered a message and challenged the young people to light their candles from the "Light of Christ" which was symbolized in a candle near the water.

REV. ORIN HUTCHINSON of the Harrison church was the guest preacher for revival services at Union church on the Campground charge the week of September 1.

GASTON COUNTY subdistrict, W.S. C.S. will meet at Lowell, Tuesday, September 15, at 4 p.m. and the Lincoln subdistrict will meet September 17 at 10 a.m. at Boger City.

LOVE'S CHURCH at Walkertown will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 13th. Following the Church School at 10:00 a.m. and the morning worship at 11:00 a.m., there will be a brief session of the Memorial Association. This will be followed by dinner on the grounds and a period of fellowship. All members, former members, former pastors and friends are cordially invited.

THE METHODIST CHURCH'S current "youth emphasis" is catching fire and spreading rapidly—if one can gauge things by the spirit of the 13th annual meeting of the National Conference of Methodist Youth in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 23-28. Convening there on the lovely hillside campus of the National College for Christian Workers, nearly 200 youth delegates and their adult counselors took on no less an assignment than developing "a Christian concern for bringing the whole of society under the rule of God and his love."

DR. RICHARD N. BENDER, director of religious life and professor of philosophy at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., since 1948, has been appointed to the staff of the Methodist Board of Education's division of educational institutions, Nashville, Tenn. He assumed his new post Sept. 1 as secretary of religion on Methodist college campuses. Dr. Bender will give attention to the strengthening of the religious life of Methodist-related colleges and universities, it was announced by Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the division.

ISSUE NUMBER TWO of Volume one of the Fourth Sunday World Service News is to be released for distribution in Methodist churches the fourth Sunday of October 1953. A statement in the leaflet indicates that "Methodism is committed to seeking peace and pursuing it." Our great Methodist Church, through its Board of World Peace, assists in providing education, information and proposed actions by which responsible citizenship may support Christian purposes. Your gift to Methodist World Service greatly aid in this and all other benevolence programs of The Methodist Church.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, Climax, will have all day services Sunday, September 13. Following the Sunday School 10 a.m., the congregation will assemble in the church auditorium at 11 o'clock for the opening service in the new church. A picnic dinner will be served about 12:30. In the afternoon Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market St., Greensboro, will speak and the men's chorus of that church will provide special music. Following the service open house will continue for the public to come and visit the new church building. The public is invited to attend these services with a special invitation to all former pastors.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Youth Night

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SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 26

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(In case of rain program will be moved to High Point College Gymnasium)

MARION CRAIG, *Conference Director*

CARL H. KING, *Executive Secretary*

More Than 400 Register for School of Missions; Activities of Christian Social Relations

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

130 women from the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences met at Greensboro College for the weekend preceding the School of Missions for their annual spiritual life retreat and were greatly blessed and uplifted by the leadership of Mrs. E. B. White of Jacksonville, Fla., former head of the spiritual life work in the Woman's Division.

Mrs. White used as her general theme, "Discipleship" and pointed out ways to look in, look out, and look up. She was assisted by the two conference secretaries of spiritual life, Mrs. J. C. Burwell and Mrs. Frank Little.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

More than four hundred women, the largest number yet, from the two conferences braved the heat and came to Greensboro College for the joint School of Missions and Christian Service. Many day students were turned away Tuesday morning, much to the regret of all concerned, because of lack of classroom space and primarily because they had not registered before the school opened.

The faculty is of the highest type and every woman thinks she has the very best teacher. The aim of the planning committee was to get instructors who know their subjects and they did not fail in that regard. Not much was said beforehand about the committee who is responsible for the school and who spent long hours planning to make it a success. Mrs. H. G. Allen was chairman, and Mrs. N. P. Edens, secretary; Mrs. John Hoyle, dean; Mrs. Rupert Crowell, substituting for Mrs. David Smiley, business manager; Mrs. Dan Forsythe, registrar, and Mrs. J. C. Burwell, organist.

Direct action following the school will be setting up educational seminars on district level over the two conferences when local secretaries of missionary education will get instructions on how to teach these courses of study in the local churches.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Through the department of Christian Social Relations, Methodists over the conference will be co-operating with the United Church Women in observing World Community Day the first Friday in November.

Also through this department Methodists will help to set up Educational Institutes on Alcoholism, under the leadership of Dr. Norbert Kelly, education director of the N. C. Alcoholism Rehabilitation program, and instructor in this subject at our School of Missions. These area meetings are also to be held in November and Methodist women can give valuable aid through their support of this program.

Practically every discarded household item—from animals to test tubes—can be transformed into something useful by the clothing reclamation class at Bennett College, Greensboro, our Methodist school for Negro girls.

In this unusual class taught by Mrs. William A. Streat, Jr., who studied reclamation skills at Columbia University on a Rockefeller Foundation scholarship, worn kid gloves are made into purse size cosmetic cases; old shoes into flower-holders; and old bedspreads into slip-covers.

Bennett College offers a major in clothing in the home economics department. Since college girls don't ordinarily bring

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cast-off clothing to the school, townspeople contribute their discards.

Toys can be made for children from scraps of dress goods, yarns, or old socks. Oil cloth and plastic combined with fabric from old dresses or suits make cowboy and space cadet suits. Bedspreads can be made from old sheets, dyed and pieced together. Felt hats can be used as padding, as material for arts and crafts, and as applique for clothing.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

Our Conference vice-president, Mrs. Rupert Crowell, has mailed to local vice-presidents the recommendations adopted at a recent conference at Lake Junaluska.

The duties are:

1. To actively assist in promoting the interest of the work, assisting the president and assuming the duties of the president in her absence.

2. To serve as chairman of the Committee on Program.

3. To present information on the World Federation of Methodist Women.

4. To actively promote Special Memberships.

I. We Recommend:

1. That all vice-presidents familiarize

themselves with the total program of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, by studying (a) its program and purpose, (b) its world-wide task, (c) the organizational setup, and (d) the place of the Woman's Society in the total church program.

2. The study of the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western N. C. Conference, A Guide, The Vice-President's Handbook, and the 1952 Discipline of The Methodist Church.

3. That vice-presidents attend a training program for local officers.

II. We Recommend:

1. That there be an active committee on Program in each Society and that the committee meet quarterly.

2. That the Program Packet, "A Sower Went Forth," be used.

3. That the Vice-President's Calendar, April Methodist Woman, be used for guidance throughout the year.

4. That one approved study be attempted each quarter.

5. That the Quadrennial Theme and Emphases be lifted up.

6. That special interest be shown in helping in each article the person responsible for the circle's program.

7. That each vice-president avail herself of every opportunity for special training in her work.

III. We Recommend:

1. That at least once each quarter The World Federation of Methodist Women be presented in each local society.

2. That cards listing the official correspondents of the units be given wide distribution and women urged to correspond with other units.

IV. We Recommend:

Full and prompt reporting every quarter.



Miss Joy Little, above left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Little, Denver, N. C., and Miss Bettie Jean Lewis, above right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hightower, Winston-Salem, are among 34 young college graduates who will sail this fall for a special term of missionary service under sponsorship of The Methodist Church. They will serve for three years in Latin America, Southeast Asia, Japan or Korea in educational and social service projects of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Little is scheduled to sail September 3 from New York City on the Grace Line's "Uruguay." She will go to Brazil and work at the Methodist Institute in Sao Paulo. She majored in religious education at Greensboro College, where she received her A.B. degree this year. She was active in the YWCA and belonged to junior and senior honor societies. She is a member of Denver Methodist Church.

Miss Lewis will go to Mexico City for work in a home for girls attending the Santa Julia Industrial School. She will go by train, leaving New Orleans, September 1. She is a 1953 graduate of High Point College, where she was campus president of Methodist Student Fellowship and state vice-president of the Methodist Student Movement. She was feature editor of the annual of the Student Christian Council and reporter for the Religious Education Club. Her summers have been spent with a Christian caravan, doing deputation work, and as director of religious education in the Burkhead Methodist Church, where she is a member.

German Youth Visits Home; School Off to Good Start; Parties Are Given

GERMAN YOUTH VISITS OUR HOME

When Mr. Hedden went to Europe on the Youth Caravan several summers ago, he met a young German boy who served as interpreter for the caravan in Berlin. It was our pleasure recently to have this young person, Bernhard Junker, as a guest on our campus for about a week. Bernhard won the hearts of all—both children and adults.

A highlight of his visit was the "Christmas in August" program on Sunday afternoon, August 30, arranged by our MYF, when boys and girls of every age group came to our Recreation Center bringing gifts of clothing to be sent to a family in Germany. Bernhard talked with each group as they assembled for the purpose of **giving** rather than **receiving**. Christmas carols were sung and the Christmas story was read from the Bible.

On September 2, the night before school opened, the girls of the Burwell Cottage entertained informally for Bernhard.

Every member of our home wishes him well as he goes to Purdue University to continue his education.

SCHOOL DAYS

We are happy that our school has begun. Everyone has been anxiously awaiting its opening, and now with our happiness, we are thankful to God that he has led us in the beginning of this another school year.

We wish you could have seen our children on the first day. Everyone seemed to be trying to do his best. If you had seen our boys and girls as they marched very reverently in chapel, you also would have been praising them. Even as classes changed, you would have seen that our students are serious about taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by our school.

Each person's heart seemed to be deeply touched by talks made by Superintendent Hedden and Principal Hammack.

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Two parties highlighted the social activity among the matrons and teachers at the Home recently.

A housewarming was held in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. It was in the form of a surprise party, with all the folks who have worked with the Smiths' dropping in at their beautiful new home after they had tucked their youngsters to bed for the evening.

Fred and Eudell were most gracious in showing us through their home, on which each had been working at spare moments the past several weeks, and now have a beautiful place in which to live and entertain.

Eudell made quite a game out of opening household gifts, and made a most provoking spontaneous speech after accepting the Orphanage personal gift as she terminated 15 years of service.

Our second party was tendered to the new school staff, Tuesday, September 1st, by Mr. and Mrs. B. Paul Hammack. It was really a get acquainted party with light refreshments being served by Mrs. Hammack and Mrs. Presson.

It all happened in our Library, where a beautifully decorated table formed the center of attraction. A white background was highlighted with pink and red roses. Refreshments included lime ice, a beautifully decorated cake, cookies and nuts.

Present were: Miss Mary Ferree in charge of our newly organized Kinder-

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garten; Louise George, first and second grades; Mrs. Helen Madison, third grade; Mrs. Louise Wilson, fourth grade; Miss Monnie McDonald, fifth grade; Miss Minnie R. Barnes, sixth grade; James E. Brown, seventh grade and coach; B. Paul Hammack, principal, Mathematics, English, D. O. and eighth grade homeroom; Mrs. Irma Holland, Science and ninth grade homeroom; Miss Hattie Lee Lane, English, French and tenth grade homeroom; Miss Barbara Ann Bell, History, Mathematics and eleventh grade homeroom; Mrs. Mary Atkins, Home Economics, Library and twelfth grade homeroom; Rev. Forrest Hedden, Superintendent of the Home; Mr. A. Wade Pridgen, Business Manager and Rev. Troy Barrett, Director of Recreation and Religious Activities.

ARDMORE METHODISTS ACQUIRE NEW PROPERTY

Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, has acquired additional property valued at \$23,000. The property adjoins present parking lot south of the parsonage and consists of a commodious dwelling on a lot 75 by 260 feet. Although not officially determined, it is probable that the new property will be used for the parsonage, and the present parsonage will be used for a Youth Center.

SCHEDULED FEATURES OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

(Continued from page four)

Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, executive secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations, will speak at 11:30 a.m. Friday when the Board of Lay Activities has charge.

Other scheduled features include open house at High Point College Thursday afternoon following the preaching hour and a tea for the ladies attending the Conference Friday afternoon at the Wesley Memorial parsonage.

The Conference will hold its final session Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at which time Bishop Harrell will read the appointments for the ensuing year.

The Annual Youth night will be held Saturday night at the Albion Millis Stadium with Dr. Paul Hardin of Birmingham's First Methodist Church as speaker. In case of bad weather the service will be held in the Harrison Gymnasium, High Point College.

Bishop Harrell will ordain the deacons on Friday night and the elders on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock after which he will preach the Conference sermon. The Love Feast will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. conducted by Rev. E. M. Avett, associate minister of the host church.

Luncheons have been scheduled as follows: Wednesday, 1 p.m., Brevard College at First Methodist Church, Asbury at the Asia Restaurant; 5:30 p.m. Emory University at Main Street Methodist Church. Thursday, 1 p.m. Rural Fellowship at First Baptist Church; 5:30 p.m. Duke University at First Methodist Church. Friday, 1 p.m. Chaplains at Main Street Methodist Church, Layman's at High Point College; 5:30 p.m. High Point College at the College. Saturday, 1 p.m. the Ministers' Wives Fellowship at High Point College.

EVENING ALONG A MOUNTAIN ROAD

*Mist lay along the valley like a fragile veil,
And lengthening shadows purpled distant hills;
The taller peaks raised lofty faces to the sky,
And caught the glory of the setting sun.
Loitering cows wound slowly through a field,
To stand and low beside the pasture gate,
While one small, tottering calf with searching mouth
Nuzzled its mother's breast and uttered hungry cries.
A farmer raked the scattered, fragrant hay,
To toss it high upon the well-filled cart;
Then turned toward home the tractor standing by,
And for a time the evening calm was gone,
Shattered by the noisy, clanking iron.
At last the noise died out, and suddenly I heard
From a clump of trees beside the road,
Like far-off melody of a hidden flute,
The soft and tender song of a sleepy bird.
The song fell like a blessing on my heart,
And I breathed a silent prayer of thanks to God
For strength of hills, for summer sights and sound;
Then peacefully along the quiet, shadowed road I went
Into the coming night and happy lights of home.*

—ELIZABETH VERA IDOL

On the road from Blowing Rock to Boone,
Evening of July 24, 1953

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FACING DISCOMFORT

Sunday School Lesson for September 13

2 Timothy 1: 2-8, 11-12

by Charles M. Laymon

When Timothy was urged to accept his "share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God" (2 Tim. 2:8), he was facing a situation that every true Christian must meet. As a follower of Christ, he was called upon to take his stand for the gospel at all times and under all circumstances—come what may!

This is what Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam was doing when he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 21. Through the years he had dared to believe that society could become Christian and had shown an interest in such contemporary movements as seemed to promise a better life for his fellow men. This liberalism was misinterpreted as friendliness for Communism.

Actually, no one living today has been a more militant foe of Communism than the bishop. He has attacked its atheism on the intellectual front relentlessly, and has opposed the Soviet view of revolution and of the subservience of personality to the state with unparalleled vigor.

For 10 hours the bishop was under fire before the eyes of the world. He had requested the hearing himself in order to protest the committee's procedure of releasing information in its files which was unverified and which appeared to be damaging just because it was in the committee's files.

Even though, as *The New York Times* put it, the "committee clearly came off second best," Bishop Oxnam had not been relieved of the ordeal of facing the indignity of public charges. His own ministry was at stake as well as the honor of the church he served.

In these trying hours, surely the bishop must have remembered the experience of the apostle Paul, who was called upon to witness for the gospel before rulers and judges on more than one occasion. Such thoughts of the Apostle as expressed in the Scripture for today's lesson would have been heartening to him: "For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do" (2 Tim. 1: 11-12).

Each of us must answer for himself when his own time of testimony confronts him. Two questions from the **Bible Lessons for Adults** are pertinent in this regard: "What discomforts have you faced because of your devotion to Christ and his cause?" "What compensations have you had for standing loyally by Christ?"

"A lad may have the greatest respect for one of his teachers; he may admire his knowledge, be impressed by his athletic prowess; he may be captivated by his ideals, and won by his kindness and sympathy. Then there comes a day when, in a boating accident on the river, the highly esteemed and respected master saves the boy from drowning, but cannot save himself, and gives his life for his pupil. How utterly different now are the thought and attitude of that lad toward the teacher who has given himself to the uttermost for him. By analogy all this is true of Jesus."—John Trevor Davies in *LORD OF ALL* (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

ON A WIDE CIRCUIT by W.W. Reid

THE LIQUOR FOLKS ARE REALLY AFTER YOU

The people who make and sell intoxicating liquors are really after your personal patronage in a big way. Last year they spent in excess of \$1.65 just to try to get **you** to use their stuff. They spent another \$1.65 to influence your son and a third \$1.65 to influence your daughter to follow the way of life that their business prosperity calls for. They spent \$1.65, in some form of advertising, for each man, woman and child in America, to induce them to purchase and consume their products. It must be a profitable business to admit of such an advertising outlay. And it is hard to keep out of the greedy grasp of its alluring and flattering lies.

The liquor interests come into your sense avenues almost every time you open a newspaper, whether your initial interest is world news or latest fashions. It comes into your living room via the television and the radio. Its car-cards entertain you with "success stories" and with the profiles of "distinguished men" when you ride the public conveyances. It invades your leisure or study hours in the colorful pages of many of the "class" magazines. Its "babbling-brook" gurgle assails you during the semi-sacred and sports programs on television. In fact, the only sense through which liquor advertising has—as yet—been unable to reach you and your loved ones is that of smell! And, for all I know, the propaganda boys may be working on that now!

The inroads of the advertising reach the home, and, indeed, almost every phase of American life, directly or indirectly. Liquor advertisements in the nation's newspapers last year dropped \$32,557,000 into newspaper coffers: we hope that sum did not influence editorial policy or the selection or what news to print and what not to print. Nine leading magazines, with a total circulation of 25,000,000 plus, "earned" \$21,500,000 from liquor advertisements. (It should be noted also that 12 national magazines, with 38,000,000 total circulation, refuse to accept liquor advertising—and they survive profitably.) Now the advertisers are "working" two new projects: one, to sell liquor (especially beer) to the home by way of the mother and housewife who gets it in the grocery store, and who "knows that beer belongs in the American way of life"; and two, to reach the children in your home and mine—"tomorrow's consumers"—through tie-ins of clever liquor jingles and alluring drinking words and scenes with football, baseball, boxing, and other sporting-athletic events. "If its good on TV or to the winning pitcher, it ought to be good in my refrigerator and to me."

Yes, "the brewers' big horses" may not be running over your children in the streets (as the old temperance song suggested), but the brewer and the distiller are after **you and your children** in a more dangerous way than ever before. They are running over your minds as well as your bodies—and it's almost impossible to get out of their path.

It is difficult to know what one person, or even a group, can do in the face of this propaganda tide. Perhaps the least one can do is to join with Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker (president) and the National Temperance and Prohibition Council (209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.) in their "crusade against liquor advertising."

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JODY AND THE KANGAROO BALLOON

By Ellen Brown

Jody sped down the sidewalk in his new toy automobile. It was big enough for him to sit in and pedal. It had a steering wheel like a big car.

"Honk! Honk!" called Jody. He turned the car in at his sidewalk. He turned around. Back down the sidewalk he sped.

"Wheel!" said Jody, patting the sides of the pretty red car. Past his own house he went! Past two houses he went! He sped down the sidewalk in front of David's house.

He saw David's kangaroo balloon lying on the sidewalk. He turned the steering wheel to miss it. "Bang!" went the kangaroo balloon!

Jody jumped out of his car. He held the flat rubber in his hand. He did not know what to do. "Should I tell David I ran over his balloon?" Jody thought. He hadn't meant to pop it. "What should people do when they break other people's things?" Jody wondered.

"Jody!" called his mother. He put what was left of the kangaroo balloon on the sidewalk. He turned his car around and pedaled home.

"We're going to town," Mother told Jody. Jody went in the house and put on his best clothes. Then got in the car with mother.

They drove up and down the crowded streets. Jody kept thinking about David's balloon and wondering what he should have done!

"I've never seen such a crowd!" said Mother. "I cannot find a place to park. Help me look, Jody!"

Round and round the block they rode.

"There's a place, Mother!" Jody cried.

Mother tried to put the car in the parking place. "Bang went the car. It wasn't a very big bang. But it was big enough to bump the fender of the car parked in front of them.

"Look what I did, Jody," Mother said calmly. "I made a small dent in the fender!" Mother took a small piece of paper and a pencil from her purse.

"I made a small dent in your fender," wrote Mother. "I'll be glad to have the dent taken out." Then she wrote down her telephone number. She put the piece of paper on the windshield of the car she had bumped.

After a while Mother and Jody went home. Jody ran in the house. He wrote a note to David.

"I'm very sorry I ran over your balloon," wrote Jody. "I'll buy a new one for you." Jody put the piece of paper on David's door. Then he went back home, smiling and feeling much happier. Soon the telephone rang for Jody. When Jody hung up he said to Mother:

"I ran over David's balloon and didn't tell him! When we came back from town I left him a note. David said it was all right!"

"I'm glad you told him," said Mother.

"So am I," said Jody. "It makes you feel good all over when you do what is right. I will use my money this week to buy a new balloon for David."—Dewdrops.

A MYSTERY

A butterfly came out of cocoon one day. When we found the cocoon last fall, Mother said:

"Something wonderful is happening in this caterpillar's house. We may see a beautiful butterfly come out in the spring."

Today a brown and yellow butterfly slowly crawled out of one end. It was all wet and sticky and its wings were drooping.

We put the box in the sunlight for a while. Then we took it outdoors and put the butterfly on a branch of a bush. It kept opening and closing its wings as they dried in the sun. Suddenly it spread them and flew away.

"How can a caterpillar change into a butterfly!" I asked as we watched it go.

"I don't know," Mother replied softly. "Doesn't anybody know?" I asked.

"God knows, for He planned it that way," Mother said. "No one but God could have thought of sending beauty into the world like that."—Story World.

TRINITY church, Marshallberg, celebrated its forty-second anniversary Sunday, August 30, at eleven o'clock with a homecoming. This church is a branch of the Star church which was dedicated seventy-five years ago. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Louie Lewis. The choir rendered special music with Carolyn Willis as soloist, and Earl Lewis sang "Bless This House."

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Western North Carolina Conference
E. Paul Hamilton, Statistician

CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet on Tuesday, September 22, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C., at 3 p.m. in the room assigned by the program committee. All member, both lay and clerical, are urged to be present.—Abram J. Cox.

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LAST DAYS OF CARAVANING IN GERMANY

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group and went to the famous Tiergarten for recreation and a worship service. During the winter of 1946 the people were forced to cut down the trees for fuel to keep from freezing. Communist soldiers were just a few hundred yards away. Yet we filled the night with Christian hymns. Many—some of whom perhaps were spies—stopped by to listen to our songs. The group of forty local young people accompanied us to the bus by the Monument of Victory erected to commemorate Germany's victory in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870. Our farewell songs attracted the attention of two policemen riding by in their police car. They apparently stopped to see if we were a bunch of rowdies, but tarried to enjoy the Christian hymns—heard so seldom on the solemn, melancholy streets of Berlin.

We were back with this congregation on Wednesday evening for their mid-week service. Although there are only 130 members, with 30 cut off by the Eastern Zone, there were at least sixty persons present that evening, consisting of children, young people and adults. Speakers were Meade Nehrig and Paula Pegg, with Edna Stokes in charge. We felt that we had one of our best services in this church.

On Tuesday evening we had a recreational program and a candlelight service in a little chapel erected by around sixty deaconesses in our Methodist hospitals in Berlin. The deaconesses, who are as consecrated a group of Christians as I ever met, receive no pay for their services. They are given 20 to 25 Marks (\$5 to \$6) allowance. Yet out of their meager means they erected a lovely little chapel adjacent to the hospital, doing much of the actual work themselves.

We have been much impressed by the Methodist deaconesses in Germany. They work in the churches, serving as directors of Christian education, as assistants to the ministers, as visitors or serving in other capacities. We found them in larger number in the twelve Methodist hospitals serving as nurses. They are carefully selected, are trained for three years in deaconess schools held in connection with our hospitals and are sent out to serve wherever they are needed. They receive nothing but their room, board and clothing, plus the small allowance for personal needs. At present there are 1,200 serving in Germany. Their contribution to the church is inestimable.

Back in Frankfurt

Back in Frankfurt Sunday, August 23, we had lunch with around 75 deaconesses at one of our fine Methodist hospitals and deaconesses training centers in Germany.

We had our last service that evening with a splendid youth group at First Methodist Church, Frankfurt. They were joined by youth of the Second Methodist Church. Bill Bigham, Mary Bethea and Shirley Wilson were our speakers. The three told why they have chosen full-time Christian service as their life's work.

We arose at 5 a.m. the next day—an experience to which we have become accustomed this summer—to catch a train for Mainz where we boarded the boat for a trip up the picturesque Rhine to Cologne. For the first time during the summer which has involved thousands and thousands of miles of travel by ship, train, trolley, bus, and automobile we missed our connection at Mainz. This was not our fault, however. The porter handling our baggage failed to reach the boat leaving at 8:45 a.m. Fortunately,

another boat was departing one hour later and our only real inconvenience was arriving in Cologne two hours late and in the midst of a severe rainstorm.

Cologne

Cologne, a thriving industrial city of around 800,000, suffered serious war damage. We were told that 85% of the city was destroyed. The famous Cathedral received gaping wounds, but is being repaired now. Our Southern puritanism was shocked somewhat as we observed hawkers on each side of the building selling chances on an automobile. A sorry way to build a church, we'd say!

Methodism in this Roman Catholic stronghold is hardly making a dent. We were told by Pastor Steffens of the First Methodist Church that Methodism arrived too late in this flourishing city to be a part of the evangelical tide that swept Germany nearly a century ago. Consequently, the Methodist congregation today numbers only about 90 and Pastor Steffens is required to serve several other congregations besides the one in Cologne. We had services in the new church erected since the war on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, thus concluding our work in Germany. Speakers for these occasions were Paula Pegg, Bill Bigham, Joel Underwood, Richard Knight and Paula Sutton.

Perhaps our saddest experience of the summer was leaving our interpreter, Gunter Sommer, on August 27 for London and the States. Each member of the Caravan—as well as every member of previous Caravans—fell in love with Gunter. A genuine Christian of rare spiritual insight and warm-hearted friendliness, he worked with us patiently and untiringly throughout seven weeks, never hesitating when called upon to go at any hour of the day or night. He not only helped us in situations involving language difficulties. He helped immensely to weld our group into a loving Christian family. Is it any wonder that there was scarcely a dry eye among us when we bade him farewell at the train station in Cologne?

In Retrospect

Words are inadequate to express the feelings of our Caravan as we bring our work to a close. Each Caravaner says unhesitatingly that this has been the most stimulating and most rewarding experience of a lifetime. We have lived and labored with some of the most heroic Christians to be found anywhere. Each of us has gone deeper in his personal faith and Christian living. We have endured hardships to which we are unaccustomed. But our group faced every inconvenience without complaint. Indeed, we have used every hardship to grow stronger in faith and to identify ourselves with millions of our brothers whose homes have been

broken or destroyed by war, who, losing all material possessions, have been compelled to lay hold of a power beyond themselves. We have associated intimately with vast numbers of our brothers who have been driven from their homes to roam from place to place—pathetic pilgrims in an unfriendly, unloving world. We have lived with hundreds of our fellow-Christians who have been shaken to the depths. And we trust that their sufferings have shaken us to the depths—that henceforth thirteen caravaners may become more a part of the cure of the world and less a part of its problem. We have worked with our Methodist brethren at Bregenz, Vienna, Linz, Salzburg, Konstanz, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Berlin and Cologne. We are too close to our experiences to evaluate them correctly. But we are sure we have received more than we have given—even though each gave himself unstintingly. Moreover, we are sure that the North Carolina Conference, in sponsoring the European Caravan, is planting seeds that will bear fruit in the years and decades that lie ahead. Finally, are are sure that anyone selected to be a member of the Caravan is in for the most thrilling and most fruitful experience possible. We are certain that nowhere else can one find so much for so little.



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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

EXALTATION

What is this strange and beautiful song,
That sings from the depths of my soul,
In ever increasing wonderful chords,
As its melody starts to unfold.

As the tempo arises; its volume grows
great

'Till it drowns all else that is there;
And a sweet calming peace o'er me flows
like a dream
As it sings of His love and His care.

All the longings that tore from an aching
heart

They're fulfilled in the melody sweet,
When His voice rings out, "Child of Mine,
I am thine, In Me all your thoughts are
complete.

As His voice sweetly tells of His wonder-
ful love

All anguish, rebellion, pain cease,
And I lie in His love, content in the will
Of my Saviour, the Prince of Peace.
—Frances L. Jones

THESE WERE THE THINGS

For every hill I've had to climb,
For every stone that bruised my feet,
For all the blood and sweat and grime,
For blinding storms and burning heat,
My heart sings but a grateful song—
These were the things that made me
strong!

For all the heartaches and the tears,
For all the anguish and the pain,
For gloomy days and fruitless years,
And for the hopes that lived in vain,
I do give thanks, for now I know
These were the things that helped me
grow!

'Tis not the softer things of life
Which stimulate man's will to strive;
But bleak adversity and strife
Do most to keep man's will alive
O'er rose-strewn paths the weaklings
creep,
But brave hearts dare to climb the steep.
—Author Unknown

"This is a world of give and take. It is
a law of life itself. We accept love from
many, and we cannot dam it up in our
own keeping and give nothing back. The
springs would as surely dry up in the
heart as they do in the desert, leaving
only burning sand and bitter weeds. He
who is given much should be a great giver.
He who constantly gives out love to the
world about him wears a face that shines
like the sun. His own pathway is lighted
as well as those of others, and love is
turned to him as the flowers turn to the
sun."—Grace Noll Crowell.

"One of the most obvious facts about
Protestantism as a whole is that it is not a
whole. It is divided, and the understand-
ing of its position would not be served
by ignoring this feature which leaps to
the eye of even the most casual observer.
But what the casual observer often fails to
observe is that the diverse and divided
Protestant groups have a very solid body
of agreements . . . The degree of unity
which exists ought to be recognized and
utilized."—Winfred Ernest Garrison in A
PROTESTANT MANIFESTO (Abingdon-
Cokesbury Press)

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BETRAYED BY OURSELVES

How frequently we see men betray
themselves and others through fear. When
we get scared, we lose our heads and do
things out of character. We do foolish
things which heighten the danger. Fear
may loosen our tongues and make us talk
too much, giving ourselves away. Fear
may drive us into panic, transforming us
from men into beasts.

Fear in the form of personal anxiety
and petty worries is our daily devil. A
cartoon, which appeared last year,
pictured a woman visiting her psychiatrist
to talk out her troubles. She was shown
as saying: "All of a sudden I stopped
worrying; it worries me."

It is pretty extreme when we worry
because we have stopped worrying! How-
ever, I am not writing about such petty
fears, although it might be a good test to
ask ourselves how many of our anxieties
are about our personal concerns or about
the larger welfare of society.

It is significant that although we are the
strongest nation in the world, fear is more
rife here than in smaller countries like
England, France, Switzerland and
Sweden. There is something worth think-
ing about in the fact that the two most
powerful nations on earth, the United
States and the Soviet Union, are the ones
given to fear at this time.

I do not believe that God gave us this
"spirit of timidity." We have whipped up
our fears until they are driving us and
are in danger of betraying us.

When I was sent to Russia in 1946, our
ambassador there, Gen. Bedell Smith,
said that the Kremlin had drawn the Iron
Curtain out of fear and pride. She was
afraid to have her people see how other
nations lived and she was too proud to
have other peoples come in to see her
poverty.

Are we to take our cue from the Krem-
lin and try to hide facts? Or are we to
take our cue from the Christ who said,
"You shall know the truth and the truth
shall make you free." Do we believe the
great principles which have produced our
North American way of life can stand the
light of exposure? I believe they can.

Let's have the courage to be ourselves
in the great American tradition, yes, in
the great Biblical tradition of our faith,
the courage to speak the truth however
propagandists may rattle around us, the
courage to stand for principles so con-
sistently that the world will know where
we stand, the courage to keep our heads
though others be losing theirs and blam-
ing us.

God meant us to have a trustful attitude
toward life. The normal healthy child
reaches out its arm to life. To be sure, it
goes toward the bad as well as the good,
toward the fire and the poison as well as
toward the food. It has to learn what is
good and what is bad, but in the learning
the child is not to be made timid. It
should be taught not mere fear of fire but
how to use it, not mere fear of water but
how to swim.

God meant us to have a positive, not a
negative, attitude toward life. He gives a
spirit of power which is more than a con-
ceited self-assurance.

It is a sense of strength which comes

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Let Us Pray

A PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE YEAR

Heavenly Father—

May we end this Conference Year re-
solving to better serve Thee, better serve
Thy church, and better serve Thy people
in the twelve months that lie ahead.

Inspire us to share more fully our
talents and our goods.

Deepen our devotion to the congrega-
tion that is ours, the congregation which
we love most of all.

And, Father, we pray for more:

Place upon our shoulders and upon our
hearts the burdens of struggling, fearful
men everywhere; men who fear tomorrow
and what tomorrow may bring.

Record upon our souls day and night,
their cries for better life, their cries for
peace, their cries for God.

Remove ill will, all evil, from our lives,

And give us peace—and God—in our
own hearts.—Amen.

NOTE: The above prayer was offered by
Hilliard Henson of St. Paul church, Ashe-
ville, at the close of a recent Official Board
meeting and is reprinted from the St. Paul
bulletin.

"One's character grows slowly by the
habit formations that evolve with time.
You become a person of integrity or a liar
slowly . . . You can grow away from God
day by day; then one day something
happens, and God is not there . . . The
habits you grow slowly will not be dis-
lodged easily."—Hazen G. Werner in LIVE
WITH YOUR EMOTIONS (Abingdon-
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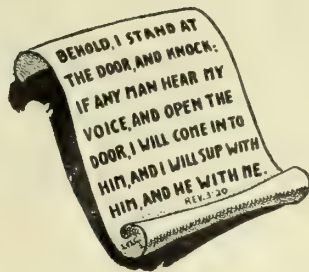
The Past Eleven Weeks— in Retrospect

On Wednesday, September 9, following an absence of eleven weeks, the editor returned to his desk. As most of our readers know, we have served during the summer as counselor for the North Carolina Conference European Youth Caravan. Articles appearing in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* since the first of August reveal something of the nature of our work. Therefore, a recounting of details here is not necessary.

We would like, however, to express our gratitude again to so many who made this experience possible. We want to thank once more the sponsoring agencies of the Caravan—the Board of Missions, the Board of Education and the Commission on Christian Vocations—for their vision in making possible the Caravan. We want to thank also the Conference committee headed by Rev. D. D. Holt which selected the counselor and the dozen fine young people who composed the Caravan. We are profoundly grateful to the Methodist Board of Publication for granting the editor permission to go, to the ten guest writers who contributed such outstanding editorials during our absence and to the *Advocate* staff and all the workers here who carried on so faithfully and effectively during the tedious summer months. We would like to express our gratitude also to our readers who followed our journey through the *Advocate* and our pastors and laymen who contributed their loyal support while we were away.

Last, but not least, we desire to thank publicly a loving wife and a generous fourteen-year-old son who encouraged us to make this wonderful trip and who assumed many responsibilities and bore sacrifices in order that we could go. We know now that for them there were many hours of loneliness and worry, particularly when we were on the high seas and far away among a strange people. We have come to realize, after almost three months of separation, that the love of one's family, next to the love of Christ, is the most precious thing in all the world. We have discovered, too, that back of every preacher's life whose work calls him away from home and sometimes to the far ends of the earth, are the loved ones whose devotion and faithfulness and prayers have contributed more to what measure of success he may have achieved than we often realize. At least, this is one man's considered opinion.

This experience for us was more than



a sightseeing jaunt. Our prayer is that not only will our own life be enriched, but that through our work we may be a greater blessing to those who have made the experience possible as well as to multitudes of others.



At Harvest Time Remember The Stricken Overseas

The *Biblical Recorder* in its issue of September 12 editorially makes this fine statement about CROP:

The Christian Rural Overseas Program—CROP—is not another relief organization. It is a channel through which the rural people of America, both farmers and townsmen, may contribute food and fiber to the aged, ill, orphans, refugees, and other destitute people through the already existing church relief organizations. It is now sponsored nationally by Church World Service (CWS) which serves some 36 denominations. All major farm organizations and many other groups and individuals are co-operating in the program.

Rural people started it. Back in 1947 farmers in several scattered states saw their surpluses as an opportunity to do something direct to meet the tragic needs of war victims. Challenged by the carloads they gave, people in towns and cities gave from their income to purchase food for export. This spontaneous response to hunger overseas caught the imagination of the church relief agencies, which distributed most of these early shipments, and the Rural Christian Overseas Program was born to spread the idea and provide the channel for rural gifts. . . .

North Carolina is one of the twenty states undertaking a CROP program this year. With Rev. Carl R. Key as the state director, North Carolina CROP has organized around 25 counties with more than 30 additional counties participating. Union County has already turned in \$1,662. Lincoln County has shipped 1,250 bushels of wheat to India. Catawba County has shipped two cars of wheat to India. Anson County is canvassing for cotton. Cabarrus County is now canvassing for mixed grains and cash with which to buy commodities. Other counties are making their plans for canvasses this fall. Eight cities and two mil-

tary bases have collected around 73,000 pounds of used clothing which have already been carried to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md. All over North Carolina, in spite of adverse crop conditions this year, farmers and townspeople are remembering their less fortunate brothers overseas.

This is nothing new for the people of this great state. Dr. Arnold Vaught, associate executive director of the Church World Service for Palestine and the Far East, says that North Carolina is one of the ten top states in America responding to benevolent and relief causes such as CROP, CWS, MCOR and other denominational relief agencies. We are confident that church people of all communions this fall will maintain their reputation for generosity to meet the needs of suffering humanity the world over.

That needs remain acute is apparent. We have not seen firsthand the situation in many areas of the world. But press reports almost daily tell the story of incredible suffering in Korea and elsewhere. Recent earthquakes in Greece left 100,000 homeless. Floods in Japan took 673 lives, caused a property toll of \$67,000,000.

We have observed firsthand the situation in Austria and in Germany. Even after eight years, vast areas of war ruins remain. The people are struggling heroically to rebuild. But agriculture, compared to our standards, remains almost primitive. We saw men and women in the fields harvesting their wheat and other grains by hand. We saw plows drawn by oxen and even by human beings. Under such conditions production is low. We saw thousands of refugees living under the most trying circumstances. We saw multitudes who are literally being kept alive by church relief gifts from America. Living with the refugees for several weeks and eating better food—which we paid for—than they had, we lost fifteen pounds. Some of our group lost as much as thirty pounds. It is difficult to see how millions of our brothers keep body and soul together under present conditions. We know of many who must feel the pangs of hunger every hour of the day.

Surely God will continue to soften our hearts and cause us to share with our needy fellowman the world over. Thank God for CROP, for CWS, for the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and for every other agency of the church that receive our gifts and carry them to those who need them so much! At harvest time, even though our fruits be small, we shall remember the stricken overseas.

Methodism in High Point

Once again the Western North Carolina Annual Conference meets in High Point. This time with Wesley Memorial church, Rev. Walter J. Miller, pastor, and Rev. E. M. Avett, associate pastor, serving as hosts.

Brief histories of High Point's Methodist churches, point up the progress of Methodism in this thriving, industrial city.

Wesley Memorial

Years before there was a church building in High Point, Methodist preachers used to come once a month and stand under a tree to preach to the people. In 1856 Rev. Peter Doub, pastor of the Asheboro circuit, kept regular appointments in High Point, using as a sanctuary the upper floor of the Wiley Sheetz store and later the building where the Beeson Hard-

the most interesting features of the Wesley Memorial building is the set of tower chimes, installed in 1920 under the direction of the Ladies' Aid Society. Each bell has an inscription upon it, and the weight range is from 500 to 3,050 pounds.

The following pastors have served since 1914: J. H. Barnhardt, Gilbert T. Rowe, William A. Lambeth, E. K. McLarty, Sr., John W. Moore, G. Ray Jordan, William A. Lambeth (2nd term), Embree H. Blackard, C. Excellence Rozzelle, Paul Hardin, Jr., W. A. Kale, and W. J. Miller.

Lindsay Memorial

In 1942 Rev. Edward Suits, retired Methodist minister of High Point, saw the possibility of a church in the vicinity of Five Points in the city. He made a survey of the community and found that many Methodists living in the neighborhood were interested in having a Methodist church. The first few services were held in his home.

By November 1942, services of the yet unorganized church were being held in the chapel of one of the buildings of the old Methodist Protestant Children's Home, then Millikan Hall of High Point College. The work prospered, and on August 8, 1943, Lindsay Memorial Methodist Church was officially organized under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Williams, retired Methodist minister, who was living in the community and who was appointed as first

R. Lowdermilk, as the First Methodist Protestant Church. There were thirteen charter members. The first church building was on North Main Street and is now the Masonic Temple situated on the south side of the present church. The original church was dedicated in September 1896. The Sunday School was held on Sunday afternoon. The opening enrollment of the Sunday School was 65.

The church maintained a steady growth through the years and in the year 1924, during the pastorate of the late Dr. George R. Brown, the congregation decided to erect a new church building. The cost of the new structure was estimated to be \$200,000. On April 26, 1925, the new church was formally opened for worship, with Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference, preaching the sermon.

First church rose to a position of great prominence in the Methodist Protestant denomination. In 1936 the last General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in this church. In 1939, when Methodist unification was effected, the name of the church became The First Methodist Church of High Point. The congregation now numbers approximately 1,500 persons.

The present pastor is Rev. Kenneth Goodson.

Ward Street

Ward Street Methodist Church is located on Ward Street at Wrightenbury in the western section of the city of High Point. This church originated in the heart and mind of the late Rev. H. C. Byrum. Through his efforts and the generosity of Wesley Memorial church, a building was erected and the first Sunday School was organized on Sunday, October 3, 1926. At the annual conference which met two weeks later this work was put with the Highland-Archdale charge. On November 14 following, Rev. E. M. Jones organized a church with 22 members. During the six years Mr. Jones served as pastor, the original church was moved to the rear of the lot to front on Burton Street, converted into a 10-room parsonage, and the present church building was erected. The



REV. WALTER J. MILLER
Host Pastor

ware Company now stands. A small house of worship was built that same year, having only one room and located on Washington Street. This building was used as a hospital during the Civil War. Early membership records show that seventeen persons, seven men and ten women, joined under the ministry of Mr. Doub. Nine were added by the next pastor, Rev. C. M. Anderson. In December, 1859, the churches at Jamestown and High Point were formed into a charge by the annual conference, which met in Beaufort. Rev. J. F. Smoot was sent as the full time pastor.

The second building on Washington Street was erected under the leadership of Rev. E. H. Davis and Rev. John W. Jones sometime between 1888 and 1892. This structure, attractive in appearance and adapted to the Methodist services of the time, served the growing congregation until 1914. It is remembered by a large number of High Point citizens today. Ministers who served during this period were: S. H. Hilliard, T. A. Smoot, J. R. Scroggs, J. E. Gay, W. M. Bagby, T. F. Marr, J. E. Thompson, and J. H. Barnhardt.

The present edifice on North Main Street was completed during the pastorate of Dr. J. H. Barnhardt in 1914 and the name changed from Washington Street church to Wesley Memorial. In 1926 the Educational Building was added. One of



REV. E. M. AVETT
Associate Pastor

pastor by the annual conference in November of that year. The charter members totaled 71.

Lindsay Memorial has steadily grown under the leadership of its pastors and faithful members. Following Dr. Williams' tenure as pastor the following have served: W. F. Elliott, Thomas E. Strickland, Don Payne, and the present pastor, Roy C. Putnam. Lindsay Memorial has great prospects for growth. The present membership is 209. Property on Montlieu Avenue has been purchased for a new church in the new future.

First

First church was organized on October 20, 1895, under the leadership of Rev. W.



REV. HERMAN F. DUNCAN
District Superintendent-Host

church has been free of debt since 1938, and became a station charge in 1939.

The church membership has had a steady growth and at present numbers 413. The church school has had a marvelous growth. The present enrollment is 452.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has six active circles and a Wesleyan Service Guild.

The pastors have been as follows: Rev. H. C. Byrum, the founder; Rev. E. M. Jones, who served six years; Rev. W. T. Albright, who served one year; Rev. J. W. Groce, who served four years; Rev. Charles White, who served as assistant pastor for one year; Rev. R. C. Kirk, who served two years; Rev. J. E. McSwain, who served five years, and during whose pastorate an organ was installed, stained glass windows added and a hut erected; Rev. C. M. McKinney, who served four years; Rev. M. G. Erwin, who served one year; and Rev. C. F. Womble, who is completing his fourth year.

Calvary

The first church building was erected on the corner of East Commerce and Whiteoak Streets in 1907. It was first called Marr's Chapel, in honor of Dr. T. F. Marr, who at that time was pastor of Washington Street Methodist Church (now Wesley Memorial). First a Sunday School was organized, and some time later a church was also organized. Different visiting ministers supplied the pulpit for some time. In 1913, the name of the church was changed to East End Methodist Church.

The following ministers served this church: Rev. C. W. Jones, Rev. W. H. Townsend, Rev. W. A. Barber, and Rev. E. J. Harbison. During the pastorate of Mr. Harbison, a house and lot were purchased on the corner of East Green and Thissell Streets by Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, and a new church was begun. The building was completed in 1926 while Rev. H. C. Byrum was pastor. The name was changed to Calvary Methodist Church. An active interest and foresight on the part of Wesley Memorial church, together with their contributions, helped to free Calvary of debt. Calvary church has made steady progress since its beginning, and it today serves well the cause of Christ and the cause of Methodism in its particular area of the city.

Other ministers who have served as pastor of Calvary are: Rev. E. L. Kirk, Rev. D. H. Rhinehart, Rev. S. M. Needham, Rev. D. V. Howell, Rev. O. L. Brown, Rev. C. B. Newton, Rev. Leonard Rayle, Rev. T. Glenn Madison is the present pastor.

Welch Memorial

Welch Memorial Methodist Church was organized about 1901 by Rev. W. C. Hammer. The lot on which it was built was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Welch, and there were thirteen charter members. It was on the Lebanon charge until 1909. The church was remodeled in 1919, the hut built in 1935, and the church again remodeled in 1943. In 1948 a lot was bought adjoining the church property and quipped for recreation.

Pastors who have served the church are as follows: W. C. Hammer, C. A. Cecil, J. H. Moton, T. E. Davis, D. R. Williams, A. D. Shelton, A. L. Hunter, J. H. Moton (second pastorate), T. E. Pierce, George L. Curry, A. Anderson, J. D. Williams, T. E. Erickland, H. E. Bolick, L. F. Strader is the present pastor.

Highland

In the spring of 1922 a canvass was made in the Highland Mill community and there was good interest in church services.

HURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1953

Rev. H. W. Howard, then a student at Trinity College, and assistant pastor at Wesley Memorial came to the village and held services each Sunday.

Later in the same year, the church was organized under the supervision of W. F. Womble, presiding elder; Rev. W. A. Lambert, pastor of Wesley Memorial; and Rev. T. J. Rogers, pastor at Main Street. The church met in the auditorium of the Community Building, provided by Highland Cotton Mills, until 1930 when the present modern building was completed.

The pastors of the church have been: E. M. Jones, C. F. Womble, H. H. Robbins, T. G. Smith, S. W. Johnson, P. A. Sherrill, and J. E. Cochran. The membership today is 210 and there is an enrollment of 225 in church school.

Lebanon

Lebanon Methodist Church was organized by Rev. Jacob Guyer in the year 1865. Its first location was on Idol Street near the Lebanon cemetery. When it was organized it was called Benedict, the name later being changed to Lebanon. The church was moved to its present location at the corner of North Main and State Streets in 1908. Plans are now being considered to build an entire new church edifice. The present church membership is 403, with a church school enrollment of 292.

The following ministers have served the church during the eighty-eight years it has been serving the community: Jacob Guyer, 1865-1869; A. M. Lowe, 1869-1870; W. C. Hammer, 1870-1872; W. C. Kennett, 1872-1874; C. F. Harris, 1874-1875; T. T. Free, 1875-1877; D. A. Highfill, 1877-1880; G. W. Bowman, 1880-1881; I. J. York, 1881-1883; H. Lewallen, 1883-1884; J. R. Ball, 1884-1888; F. M. Totten, 1888-1889; C. A. Cecil, 1889-1891; W. W. Amick, 1891-1893; W. C. Kennett, 1893-1894; C. A. Pickens, 1894-1896; W. C. Hammer, 1896-1899; J. H. Stowe, 1899-1901; W. C. Hammer, 1901-1902; C. A. Cecil, 1902-1907; J. H. Moton, 1907-1913; D. M. Loy, 1913-1916; Mrs. A. G. Dixon, 1916-1917; Edward Suits, 1917-1924; J. R. Hutton, 1924-1928; Edward Suits, 1928-1930; J. C. Madison, 1930-1932; S. W. Taylor, 1932-1934; J. M. Morgan, 1934-1935; J. R. Hutton, 1935-1937; O. L. Easter, 1937-1945; C. W. Bates, 1945-1947; D. D. Broome, 1947-1950; W. C. Sides, Jr., 1950 to present.

Rankin Memorial

The history of Rankin Memorial church dates back to the year 1920, when the

English Street Methodist Protestant Church was organized by Rev. Edward Suits in the home of G. W. Payne, father of Mrs. Ava Hoover. There were twenty-six charter members.

After worshipping for a time in a small tabernacle erected by the congregation, the Reformed church building on the corner of English and Phillips Street was purchased and remained a place of worship until 1934, when the building was torn down.

Rev. Suits returned to English Street as pastor, and it was under his capable leadership that the present building was erected in 1935. The formal opening of the new church was held on October 12, 1935. The name was changed from English Street to Rankin Memorial, in honor of Captain A. M. Rankin, outstanding Methodist layman of High Point. During the eleven years which Mr. Suits served as pastor, great progress was made. It was only as ill health forced him to do so that Mr. Suits retired. He was succeeded by Dr. S. W. Taylor, retired minister of Asheboro, who served for one year. Then came Rev. John Cagle, whose tireless labor and devotion inspired the hearts of the congregation for five years. It was with reluctance that the congregation gave him up for service with the U. S. Army. The present pastor is Rev. Joseph S. Johnson.

Oak View

Oak View Methodist Church was organized August 5, 1936, with thirty members, by Rev. J. W. Groce, after holding a three-weeks tent meeting in the community.

The membership of the church and the church school both have had a steady healthful growth. The present membership is a little over 400, with a church school enrollment of 350.

Rev. J. W. Groce is the pastor.

Main Street

In 1901, Rev. J. E. Gay, pastor of Washington Street church (now Wesley Memorial), saw the need of another Methodist church in High Point, consulted some of his officials, and they decided to buy a lot on South Main Street. This plan was carried out, the conference appointed Rev. George F. Kirby to be first pastor, and after several months of preparatory work the congregation was formally or-

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BOARDS OF MISSIONS AND EDUCATION SPEAKERS



DR. ERNEST E. TUCK



DR. C. W. ROBBINS

Robbins Church Shows Rapid Growth; Greek People Suffer; G. C. Begins New School Year

CHURCH AT ROBBINS MAKES NOTABLE PROGRESS

During the past decade since Tabernacle church at Robbins became a station charge this church has shown remarkable growth. Part of this is no doubt due to the rapid growth of the community which it serves, but a great part of it is due to the fact that this congregation saw and measured up to its opportunities and responsibilities in a growing community.

In 1942, the first year as a station charge, the total budget of the church was \$6,000, and the pastor's salary was \$2,000; this year the total budget was \$13,500, and the pastor's salary is \$5,200. The church property is valued at \$50,000 and the parsonage at \$25,000.

This year 64 members have been received on profession of faith and 32 by transfer.

Among the advances made are an increase in World Service giving, from \$500 to \$1,000; \$2,600 accepted for the Methodist College Foundation campaign; 84 subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate; \$275 missions special; a men's club organized; a Woman's Society; and an active MYF.

The new church was built and dedicated during the patorate of Rev. J. D. Robinson, the parsonage was built and paid for under the ministry of Rev. B. O. Merritt, and it was dedicated along with a new organ during the patorate of Rev. J. W. Page.

Thirty-six members of the MYF attended the annual conference at Duke and the members of the group are active in subdistrict work.

From this church have come three ministers: W. L. Maness, Eli Maness, and Harvey Davis.

The official board has been reorganized under the new commission plan, with J. A. Culbertson as chairman, and C. L. Williams as church school superintendent.

100,000 HOMELESS IN GREEK QUAKES

Greece today is mourning hundreds of people who were killed in the shattering earthquakes which turned the towns and villages of the Ionian islands into debris about the middle of August. More than a thousand persons perished in the quakes and fires which followed. Property loss is counted at \$100,000,000. Wounded and crippled are estimated at 10,000. More than 100,000 are homeless.

The destruction and privation are indescribable. Everything on the islands of Cephalonia, Zante and Ithaca is in ruins. Communications and water supplies were disrupted with the first serious shock of August 9. Not a church is standing that is usable for worship services. Yet the demonstration of Christian compassion and help from churches abroad has left an abiding mark on the Greek people.

The World Council of Churches was quick to act. Two of its representatives hurried to the emergency area, assessing carefully both immediate and long-range needs. At the direct request of the WCC office in Geneva, Church World Service in the U.S.A. dispatched 84,000 pounds of clothing and bedding and 450,000 pounds of U.S. surplus dried milk. The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) started 73 tons of food on its way to earthquake sufferers. This shipment consisted of a carload each of rice, flour and lard.

The Methodist Church is co-operating in this program of relief in Greece through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief which operates through CWS and CROP. Director Gaither P. Warfield urges Methodists to give relief clothing, food, and medical supplies through Church World Service; farmers to give foodstuffs through CROP; and others to give money gifts for relief supplies directly to MCOR at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Churches and individuals in many countries responded to the need. The Inter-Church Aid committee of the British

Council of Church sent 500 pounds (\$1,400) and secured through the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief a shipment of clothing. Churches in New Zealand sent off three cases of shoes. Part of the WCC service team, working among farmers and villagers in northwest Greece for the past two years, rushed southward to the coast to assist in the distribution of relief supplies.

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GREENSBORO COLLEGE ENROLLS 390 STUDENTS

Following a two-day period of registration, Greensboro College began on September 10 a new term with an enrollment of 390 students, including 135 in the Freshman Class.

The new school year was officially opened in chapel services by Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of the college.

In the first faculty meeting of the year Dr. Hutson stressed the importance of imparting "a sense of direction." He emphasized that, "a knowledge of where one is going is vital for successful achievement."

Several new persons have been added to the faculty and staff, including Mrs. Gertrude Walton Atkins, instructor in speech; Miss Peggy Burdell, instructor in piano; Clark R. Cahow, director of public relations; Seymour M. Fink, assistant professor of piano; Mrs. Allene Hunter, instructor in home economics; Miss Edith Leiby, part-time assistant director of physical education; Mrs. Cora C. Mizelle, assistant to dean of students; Carl N. Shull, assistant professor of music education; Miss Barbara Trospen, part-time assistant director of physical education; Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy, visiting professor of sociology.

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MRS. BERTHA PAYNE NEWELL DIES IN GREENSBORO

Mrs. Bertha Payne Newell, 86, widow of Rev. William A. Newell, died on September 4 at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, where she had been a patient since August 13. Funeral services were conducted in Greensboro September 6 by Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro, and another service was held later that day in Boger's Chapel in Cabarrus County. Since the death of her husband in 1940 Mrs. Newell had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Shepherd of Greensboro.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, Mrs. Newell studied painting under her father, Alfred Payne, and later attended the Cook County Normal School in Chicago. After receiving her certificate in kindergarten work, she took a position with Jane Addams as director of the kindergarten at Hull House. She became an outstanding leader in this field and was responsible for starting three kindergartens. For many years she was superintendent of the Bureau of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Council of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her work in this field also attracted considerable attention and her concept of Christian social relations was adopted by several Protestant communions.

At one time she was vice president of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. She was also formerly a member of the board of trustees of Scarritt College and was once vice president of the Interracial Commission. She was closely identified with the work of her husband who was president of Weaver College and served as district superintendent for sixteen years in the Western North Carolina Conference.



Methodist Church and Parsonage at Robbins

Kannapolis Congregation Makes Real Progress During Five Year History

Memorial Methodist Church, Kannapolis, was founded by the Kannapolis Board of Missions, sponsored by other Methodist churches and led by Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, then pastor of Trinity church. It was established in the newly-developed section known as "GI Town," because of the large number of ex-service men from World War II who lived there. A site at the corner of West "C" St. and Glenn Ave. was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chisholm, two of the charter members.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday afternoon, May 9, 1948, with a former "GI," Vincent Huggins, and his wife, lifting the first shovelful of earth. Linthicum of Raleigh was employed as architect. By September the basement of the building was ready for use. During the summer Charles Walton, a Duke Divinity student, had assisted in securing prospective members and had held weekly cottage prayer services in the community. On Sunday afternoon, September 19, 1948, Rev. W. B. West, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, preached the first sermon in the new church. Following the service, the congregation was formally organized with 79 members. The charter was held open until October 31, 1948, and there were 111 charter members. Rev. J. P. Hipps, a local retired Methodist minister, conducted regular Sunday morning services until the annual conference appointed the first pastor.

From the beginning it was felt that the church should be a memorial to the men who had given their lives in World War II; hence the name "Memorial." The first regular pastor was Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., who served from 1948-50; Growth was rapid during his ministry. By September 1950, the membership reached 223. The congregation moved into the completed sanctuary on Sunday morning, May 29, 1949. Memorial pews and furniture were installed in December 1949. On Sunday night, September 10, 1950, a dedication service was held to present the memorial windows, pews, and furniture, given in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends of the congregation.

A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized soon after the church began, with 22 charter members. Growth has been constant, with enrollment in four circles now totaling 87. Presidents have been: Mrs. Henry Price, Mrs. F. F. Troutman, and Mrs. George Price.

Men of the church organized a chapter of the Methodist Men in 1951. The charter was presented on March 11, 1951. Men who have served as presidents are: Ray L. Ollis, F. E. Brown, and Homer E. Brinkley.

Present Church School enrollment totals 252, with 192 active members in the Sunday School. Superintendents have been Marvin Clayton and Homer E. Brinkley.

The second pastor of Memorial has been Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., serving since October 1950. During his ministry all indebtedness on the church building has been retired. In 1948 total debts on church and parsonage property were \$23,094. By 1950 this had been reduced to \$9,300. A loan of \$5,000 was granted by the General Board of Church Extension and another for \$2,500 was made by O. A. Swaringen, prominent Methodist layman of Concord. Systematic payments on both loans made it possible to retire them in rapid order. Mr. Swaringen's note was paid in full with special ceremonies on October 19, 1952. Final payment on the \$5,000 note was made on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1953, given by members who had pledged to

tithe during the month of March. The only obligation that the church now has is approximately \$1,000 still owed on the parsonage, which is being carried through building and loan.

A building fund for a proposed educational building, to be erected behind the present building, now contains more than \$3,300. A committee has been appointed to advise the quarterly conference on the proper time to proceed with the additional unit.

Membership at Memorial church now stands at 268, with 50 other baptized children on the preparatory roll. Total value of the church building and its furnishings is placed at \$47,000. The parsonage and its furnishings are valued at another \$10,000. Although part of the financial program of the congregation has been carried in past years by the Annual Conference and the General Boards of Missions, plans for the coming year indicate that Memorial church will be a self-supporting congregation. Dedication ceremonies on September 13, 1953, marked the fifth anniversary of the congregation which has progressed rapidly in a short time.



Memorial Church, Kannapolis

The New Parsonage, Denton Circuit

Rev. John Oakley, pastor of the Denton circuit, along with the accompanying picture, sent the following comment:

"Mr. C. Bisher, a member of First church, gave the lot. It is 100x200 ft. and located on Main Street near First church.

"Those serving on the building committee were: Forest Haltom (chairman), Herbert Surratt, Rose Russell, Emory Newsom and Jeff Ward. Mrs. James Badgett and

Mrs. Herbert Surratt gave their co-operation in planning for the interior and furniture of the parsonage. The parsonage has eight rooms and two baths. We value the new property at \$18,000.

"We do thank God for a good year on



the Denton circuit. As you know we have the Advocate in each active home. I think that helps our people to be better Methodists. 20 have been received into our churches and some more to be received."



Peachtree Church, Murphy Circuit

PEACHTREE METHODISTS DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Peachtree Methodist Church on the Murphy circuit, which has been without a building for four years, dedicated its new church Sunday, August 23, with Bishop Charles C. Selecman of The Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, as morning speaker.

The dedication of the new church followed, conducted by Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of The Methodist Church in the Waynesville District.

Peachtree Methodist Church was organized in 1885 with 19 charter members and with Rev. R. A. Owen as the first pastor. At its organization Peachtree was added to the same circuit of which Andrews and Murphy were a part.

For the first few years, members of the congregation worshiped in the schoolhouse. A site for the new church was purchased in 1888 and the building was begun, under the leadership of Rev. Z. V. Cordell in 1892. In the summer of 1896 the church was dedicated. Rev. J. T. Stover was pastor then.

In the following years, the congregation grew strong and the membership at one time was over 100. In recent years the building was deemed unsafe for gatherings and in September 1949 the building was sold and removed from the church site.

However, the church did not die, and a small number of people continued to have services in the homes of the community.

The new building was begun in February 1952, under the leadership of Ike Wilson and Rev. A. R. Davis. The people of the community have worked tirelessly for the completion of the church, with most of the labor donated. The members also attributed much success to contributions of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Earle of Asheville.

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FORMAL OPENING OF MT. PLEASANT CHURCH SET FOR SEPT. 20

The formal opening of Mt. Pleasant church, three miles northeast of Winston-Salem, will be held Sunday, September 20, with a worship service at ten a.m. and Church School following.

This church has 27 rooms which includes four assembly rooms, sixteen classrooms, a two-room nursery, pastor's study, church school office, choir room, kitchen and storage. There are four rest rooms. The

sanctuary will seat 330, and the church school capacity is 480. The building cost \$62,000 plus donated labor. It was constructed under the supervision of J. E. Randleman, experienced church builder of Winston-Salem. New furniture costing \$6,400 has been installed.

Cecil Caudle and XL Leonard, after years of paying on the building, have recently increased their pledges to cover the cost of an electric organ, and it is being installed this week. Ninety percent of all these improvements have been made possible by the loyal and hard-working people of the church. A. Wade Thompson, pastor, is completing his fourth year of service.



Mt. Pleasant Church

MRS. J. J. PORTER DIES AT AGE 93

Mrs. J. J. Porter, widow of Rev. Jesse Judson Porter, passed away August 13, in Richmond, Va., at the home of her son, Roscoe M. Porter.

Born Maria Eugenia Bell on December 18, 1859, she was the daughter of Thomas and Affa Bell of Onslow County, Jacksonville.

On January 22, 1891, she and Mr. Porter were married. To this union were born four children: Mrs. Wm. E. Cromwell, Greensboro, Roscoe Marvin, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. A. Williams, Rocky Mount; and Walter Roderick of Portsmouth, Va., who died three years ago. She also leaves fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Porter's funeral was held at Trinity church, Wilmington, on August 14, with Rev. Millard C. Dunn in charge. She was buried beside her husband in Oakdale cemetery, Wilmington.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Porter had lived with her children. She attended the "Old Timers" party at West Market Street church last December, with Mrs. Albert Sherrill.

Mr. Porter was a member of the North Carolina Conference and served Roanoke Island, Hatteras, Vanceboro, Whiteville, Wilmington, Council, Hobgood, Henderson, and Newton Grove.

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COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE TO MEET

A pre-conference meeting of the Commission on World Service and Finance will be held Friday, October 7, 1953, at 10:00 a.m., in the Joseph G. Brown Chapel of Edenton Street church, Raleigh. All causes will be heard. We hope that every agency of the conference that is interested in an appointment will be represented.

Gurney P. Hood, Chairman

... News in Brief - Personalities .

HOMEcoming was observed at Love's church, Walkertown, Sunday, September 13.

HOMEcoming service was observed at Shady Grove church on the Trenton charge on Sunday, September 13.

REV. JAKE GOLDEN has assumed duties as pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church in Somerville, Mass. He holds this pastorate under student appointment from Boston University where he is beginning this semester on work toward the Doctorate in Theology. He is from Canton, N. C.

ALL FORMER PASTORS and members of the Fuquay Springs Methodist Church are cordially invited to attend homecoming day services at the church on Sunday, September 20, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Rev. D. D. Holt of Greensboro will bring the morning sermon. Lunch will be served and an afternoon service held.

THE HALLSBORO CHARGE renovated the parsonage recently while Chaplain and Mrs. Richard Braunstein were vacationing at their camp in the Catskill Mountains. A most thorough job was done inside and out. All the rooms were redecorated and hardwood floors laid, new screens and drapes were installed. The next task will be painting the exterior and relocating electric wires and fixtures. Most of the material and labor were donated.

A BACK-TO-COLLEGE BREAKFAST, honoring the college students, was given by the Weldon Methodist Church on Sunday, September 6. The breakfast was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Overton Suiter, whose son is a Duke freshman. Mrs. Suiter was assisted by Mrs. W. B. Joyner, Mrs. Malvern King, Mrs. J. S. Selden and Miss Jean Penny. Following the delicious breakfast a short devotional and the Sunday School lesson were presented. This was a new event for our church, but will become an annual affair, if not more often during the year! Around 25 young people from the Methodist church are attending college this year. The MYF program that evening was in the form of a panel discussion on "What We Go to College For" and "How Can We Have a Well-rounded College Life?"

MOCKSVILLE SUBDISTRICT MYF met recently at Concord church, of the Liberty-Concord charge, Rev. G. W. Fink, pastor. The program was given by the Concord group. As speakers they presented two youths, Miss Janet Tatum, of Cooleemee Baptist church, and Darrell Spencer of Lexington First Methodist. Miss Tatum is a volunteer for the mission field and is completing her training to go on duty. She gave a unique testimony of Christian experience. She said that while in college she felt deep conviction and sought to find adjustment to God's will, from which she related "miracles that were wrought" in her life, (1) of a 'new birth' and assurance of salvation; (2) of the displacement of her will by God's will; (3) the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit; all of it "the gift of Jesus to make me a 'fisher of men'." Mr. Spencer reported the Philadelphia Evangelistic mass convention that he attended in June as representative of MYF in the Thomasville District. A picnic and vesper hour program for the district was held at High Point Lake September 2, 4 to 8 p.m.,

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FIRST CHURCH, MURPHY, on September 16, resumed the regular family night suppers. The Men's Bible Class was host. The program included music by the new youth choir and a talk by a former pastor, Rev. Delbert Byrum, who spoke on his work with the General Board of Education.

WEST END CHURCH, GREENSBORO, will observe its thirty-sixth anniversary Sunday, September 20. At the 11 o'clock hour Mr. Luther Medlin, principal of the Central Junior High School of Greensboro, will speak and a brief memorial service for members who have died during the conference year will be held. This will be followed by a picnic dinner in the Sunday school assembly room. All members, former pastors and friends are invited.

THE MURPHY MYF has been growing. During the summer months emphasis for the Sunday evening programs has been on the youth choir and outdoor recreation on the lawn in rear of the church. Through work projects the youth secured a volley ball and badminton courts. Two horseshoe sets were donated and indoor equipment games are being made now. Mrs. Roy Fuller and Mrs. H. Bueck are counsellors for the evening programs, while Mrs. Jerry Davidson and Mrs. Asmond Maxwell are directors for the choir.

SEVENTY-SEVEN FOREIGN students are now studying at American colleges, universities and hospitals under sponsorship of The Methodist Church through its "Crusade Scholarship" program. In addition, fourteen citizens of the U.S. and its territories are studying in this country and eight foreign students are studying in their home countries under the same auspices. The "Crusade Scholars" are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership ability, and Christian dedication. Their specialties include theology, medicine, science, and the arts. Funds are provided through Week of Dedication offerings. The largest number of "Crusade Scholars" are from India, Korea, and Japan. Others are from Europe, China, Africa, Latin America, Philippine Islands, South Pacific and Indonesia. Thirty-two institutions have enrolled one or more of the Crusade Scholars.

ALLEN RESIGNS AND FOWLER ELECTED TO JUNALUSKA POST

The resignation of Dr. H. G. Allen as superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly and the naming of Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Forest City successor have been announced by the executive committee of the Assembly's board of trustees. In a meeting held in Atlanta last week, the committee accepted Dr. Allen's resignation "with a great deal of regret," praising his work which included program expansion and the erection of new buildings during his three-year term as superintendent. Dr. Allen, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, expects to return to the pastorate this fall.

Mr. Fowler, who is completing his fourth year as pastor of First church, Forest City, has also served pastorates at Spruce Pine and Ruffin. A native of Monroe, he received his education at Wingate Junior College, Duke University and Emory University.

Edwin L. Jones, chairman of the Assembly's board of trustees, presided at the meeting and announced the changes.

"THE RADIANCE STREAMING," a play about Lake Junaluska, was presented to the congregation of Waxhaw church Sunday, September 6. Mrs. Ben K. Hill was the director of the play.

FIRST CHURCH, Elizabeth City, observed Youth Sunday September 6, with Bill Baum of Halls Creek church and vice-president of the North Carolina Conference MYF as speaker.

HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, will observe Church School Rally Day Sunday, September 27, and will formally open the new educational building in the worship service that follows, with Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of Duke University as the speaker. A picnic dinner and conducted tours of the building are planned for the day's events.

THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE is sixth in giving to General Advance Specials of the 102 conferences of Methodism in America, according to the recent report of the Treasurer of the World Service Fund for the year June 1, 1952 through May 31, 1953. Thus it maintains its standing which it established during the last quadrennium ending May 31, 1952, in which it stood sixth in all the conferences in Advance Specials. The Western North Carolina Conference contributed \$121,918 to General Specials in 1952-1953. Those conferences contributing more were: Virginia, \$176,284; Southern California-Arizona, \$164,609; Florida, \$133,396; North-East Ohio, \$130,126; and Ohio, \$126,039.

D. STEWART PATTERSON of Washington, D. C., has been elected president of the Council of Secretaries, succeeding Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago. The secretaries held their session the first week in September at Lake Junaluska in connection with the annual meeting of the Council on World Service and Finance. Mr. Patterson, lay leader of the Baltimore Conference, professionally is the executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains. Vice-presidents chosen were Miss Henrietta Gibson, New York, treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions. Rev. Horace W. Williams, Nashville, was reelected secretary. He is the executive secretary of the Inter-board Committee on Missionary Education.

TRINITY CHURCH MYF, Troy, has recently concluded a very successful "Youth Activities Week." The theme for the week was "Christ Above All," with each evening's service developing the theme around Christ in our work, play, worship, school relations, and personal or social life. The main purpose of the week was spiritual enrichment of the young people. Another purpose was to introduce the new program areas which will soon go into effect. Those teaching the various areas were Miss Doris Reynolds, MYF president; Miss Norma Bogle, director of Christian Education; Dr. H. B. Porter, minister; and Mr. Don Kearns. Added features on different nights were a short movie, a covered-dish supper, and mid-week prayer services, of which the youth group was in charge. A candlelight dedication service Friday night, September 4, was the climax of the week's activities, followed by an impressive membership service on Sunday evening.

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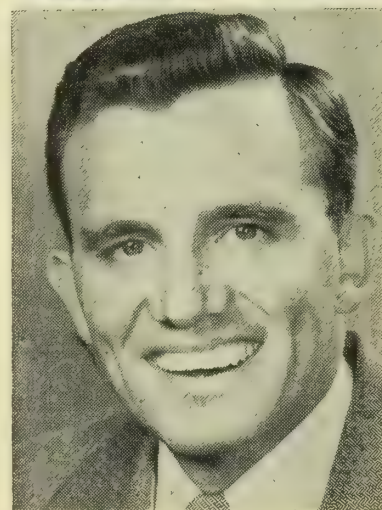


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School of Missions Enrolls 351; to Promote Missionary Publications; Fall Meetings Set

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Marked by a deep spiritual significance the Service of Dedication on the eve of adjournment of the joint School of Missions and Christian Service, held at Greensboro College August 31-September 4, was a fitting climax to a profitable week of worship, study, workshops, clinics, and Christian fellowship.

The total enrollment of 351, including students and staff members, was composed of 162 representatives of the N. C. Conference WSCS, and 189 from the Western N. C. Conference WSCS—a total of 90 more than in 1952, giving evidence of the hunger of Methodist women of North Carolina for more knowledge of and more spiritual power for the tasks ahead that "The Kingdom of God May Be Realized."

The Service of Dedication, featuring two scenes, pantomime, the voice of an interpreter, and organ music, depicted some ways in which the work may be strengthened through family worship, prayer groups, knowledge of the work in far away places of the earth and in the homeland, and enlistment of more women into active membership in the WSCS and WSG. The names of a number of missionaries were called. Props for the two scenes were a spotlighted rugged cross, and a large spotlighted satin emblem of the current quadrennial goals of the WSCS. The service was arranged by Mrs. Frank Little, secretary of Spiritual Life, Western N. C. Conference WSCS. Miss Marie Craven was the interpreter, and Harold Hunt served as organist for the service.

Because the joint School of Missions has grown from an enrollment of 90 when the first venture was launched at Pfeiffer College in 1947, to the present full capacity of beds at Greensboro College, action was taken during the school this year to conduct separate schools for the two conferences in 1954. Mingled with a keen sense of regret on the part of the women of the N. C. Conference for the loss of fellowship with the women of our sister conference, is thanksgiving for the magnitude of the growth of the venture—a magnitude which could be accomplished only through co-operation of women of both conferences, and because of the blessings of God upon it—and gratitude for the spirit of co-operation on the part of the women of the Western N. C. Conference in the planning and execution of the seven joint schools of missions.

OPERATION COMBINATION "O"

October having been designated as the time for the observance of a concentrated drive for combination subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook, a unique plan, termed Operation Combination "O" has been devised. In brief, the plan calls for a tea or a luncheon, promoted by the secretary of Literature and Publications, and financed by the WSCS; when a program centered around the magazines, and the solicitation of combination subscriptions will be featured. Deadline for the combination subscriptions to reach the circulation offices at Literature Headquarters in December 1, 1953. Awards will be given to local societies in four classes, to the district, to the conference, and to the jurisdiction with the larger number of combination subscriptions. Further details of Operation Combination "O" have been published in the July-August issue of The Methodist Woman.

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NEW WSCS AT WHITE OAK CHURCH

A group of women of White Oak Methodist Church, Merry Hill, N. C., met on August 18 for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Officers elected were Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Sr., president; Mrs. Guy Smith, vice-president; Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr., Promotion and Recording secretary; Mrs. Sallie Adams, treasurer; Mrs. Owen Barfield, Missionary Education and Service and Literature and Publications; Mrs. Tom Lynch, Student Work, Youth Work, and Children's Work; Mrs. Betsy Smith, Spiritual Life; and Miss Celia Phelps, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

Mrs. M. B. Gillam, secretary of Spiritual Life, Elizabeth City District, assisted in the organizational plans. White Oak Church on the Windsor-Cashie Charge. Rev. C. G. Nickens is serving as pastor.

RESEARCH CHAIRMAN NAMED

Mrs. H. O. Lineberger, of Raleigh, chairman of the conference Research committee, has announced the appointment of a chairman of this committee in each of the seven districts of the conference. They include: Durham, Mrs. Eugene Chesson, Durham; Elizabeth City, Mrs. E. R. Meekins, Columbia; Fayetteville, Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Raeford; New Bern, Mrs. Morgan Maxwell, Seven Springs; Raleigh, Mrs. T. R. Smith, Rt. 1, Henderson; Rocky Mount, Mrs. W. R. Everette, Nashville; and Wilmington, Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Southport.

SUBDISTRICTS TO MEET

The fall subdistrict meetings in the Durham District have been announced by Mrs. John R. Poe, District Promotion Secretary. Dates and places of meeting include South Alamance, October 4, Swepsonville; Durham, October 8, Fletcher's Chapel; North Alamance, October 11, Graham; Orange, October 11, Orange Church; Person, October 18, Oak Grove; Caswell, October 22, Locust Hill, and Chatham, October 25, Mann's Chapel. All meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m., with the exception of Caswell subdistrict, which will begin at 10:30 a.m., and Durham, at 10 a.m.

WSG DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The annual District Meetings of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds are scheduled to be held during September and October. Places and dates of meetings are Durham District, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, September 27; Elizabeth City, at Edenton, October 4; Fayetteville, to be announced; New Bern, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, October 18; Raleigh, First Methodist Church, Henderson, September 27; Rocky Mount, First Methodist Church, Wilson, and Wilmington, Whiteville, September 20. All sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. except Wilmington, which begins at 3 p.m.

WFMW IN DENMARK

"We have 1,352 members, and for the last four years we have had the great joy and inspiration to have the full responsibility for a missionary in Africa, Tove Jensen, in Kapanga, but we also follow the other Danish missionaries of the WDCS (India, China, Africa, and Korea) with great interest and intercession," writes Fru Margrethe Askholm, Official Correspondant for the Denmark Unit of The World Federation of Methodist Women.

"Besides," she continues, "we have the great joy that a young woman has reported for duty as missionary, and she has already started her education with this end in view. Our home work includes social work, and financial support to our local congregations, and to the church in Denmark as a whole. Our women are very active and interested in the work of the church. We have held lately an Assembly of the WDCS, which is held every three years. At that Assembly we produce WDCS programs for the next period. We are grateful for the great help we receive through The Methodist Woman and other literature sent to our literature secretary. We follow carefully the development and all business in WDCS and we attempt to translate into action as much as suits us here in Denmark. We think it is very valuable that the World Federation holds a meeting every fourth year. In all our local societies the World Day is held, and we have the joy that most religious communities take part. We will pray for you and all your work, and we send to you and all the women, our warmest greetings. We plan a Scandinavian leadership training next year here in Denmark, and hope for a good result."

MYF RETREAT

For four and one half days, 26 youth with their adult leaders worked, played, worshipped, studied, and planned together, and most of all we grew together. Thus Miss Ethelynde Ballance summed up the activities of the fourth annual Methodist Youth Fellowship Retreat held at Lake Landing, August 5-9.

The Retreat was one feature of the program of work on the Tyrrell County Rural Project, under the direction of Miss Ballance. Miss Ballance, a rural worker in the N. C. Conference WSCS, and on leave for further study at Scarritt College, returned to the Tyrrell County project for the summer months.

The adult staff for the retreat was composed of Miss Ballance, three local counselors, two officers of the N. C. Conference WSCS, a Scarritt College student, and a Crusade Scholar from Pakistan.

The schedule for the retreat included discussion periods on the program area plan, and on each of the five program areas, discussions on "What Methodists Believe," "Dope," and with Mabel Deane, of Pakistan, concerning the customs and needs of her native land. Also outdoor vespers, morning meditation periods and morning worship, a "World Friendship" banquet, an "Around the World" night, crafts, outdoor games, Parent-Counselor Day, Fellowship singing MYFund emphasis, folk games, planning sessions for each local group, and Christian vocation emphasis.

"The retreat cost much in money and time," Miss Ballance says, "but when a 16-year-old boy said to a counselor, 'you know, the Dedication Service last night meant so much more to me than my experience when I joined the church,' and a girl said, 'Only one thing is wrong, the Retreat is too short.'"

Financial Support Encouraging; School in Full Swing; Miss Styers Praised

METHODIST INSTITUTIONS

A survey of Methodist institutions throughout our country would doubtless reveal that many of them are only church related without ownership. Such a survey would doubtless indicate that more "related" institutions are located in the northern area of our Methodist constituency. This absence of church ownership can be explained to a marked extent by the fact that the institutions are not well supported by the Methodist people. Hospitals and homes for the aged can largely be operated by the payments of those enjoying their services. Such payments do not apply in a similar way with homes for children. Therefore, all too many so called Methodist Children's Homes are being operated with small income and with small outgo. All too many, in our opinion, of such institutions are dependent on Red Feather contributions as liberally as they do on their Methodist constituency.

HELPFUL OWNERSHIP

It is true that homes for children in the southern area of The Methodist Church are much better provided for financially than is true of such homes in other areas. It is also true that because of the apparent permanence of such child caring institutions and the good work they are doing, has encouraged people of means to leave large amounts of financial help as their wills have been probated. These instances of good financing and good service have not lost anything by being tied to Methodist conferences. This careful helpfulness has been a benediction to hundreds and thousands of people who have been very decidedly helped with material services and spiritual seasoning.

FINANCIAL FIGURING

The Children's Home during its 44 years of usefulness has survived some financial crises. In the beginning it was thought that the work our Home was to do could be financed with fifth Sunday offerings from the Sunday schools in the Western North Carolina Conference. Before a year had passed this support was found to be too small, and assessments to be voluntarily paid were placed on pastoral charges in an amount equal to ten per cent of the pastor's salary. Not all pastoral charges fell in with this challenge but many did. With the challenging times of the early 30's it became evident that further financing should be made for our people's acceptance. In the run of time supplementary askings were added to the ten per cent apportionment. These askings were accepted in a marvelously good way and for ten years enabled our Children's Home to promote its services without being cramped financially. At our last annual conference further study was made of the askings for The Children's Home's services, and such askings were reduced in the amount of \$49,725. In the face of this curtailment it is pleasing to note that the contributions from our friends have not been reduced in such a glaring fashion.

SCHOOL OPENS

Our elementary school conducted on our home grounds in our buildings, but supervised by city and state directors, began operations on Monday, August 31. Since the opening of this school there has already come a lot of well regulated living. On September 9 our high school boys and girls began their courses of study in the Richard J. Reynolds High School, lo-

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THIRTY-NINE YEARS

Miss Flora Styers, director of our laundry work, came to The Children's Home on the first of September, 39 years ago. Miss Styers recounts that she was brought here in a buggy that had some difficulty in being pulled through mud that was all too plentiful. Since that time Miss Styers has continued to be one of the most valuable members of our staff. This good woman not only knows how to look after the cleaning and ironing of clothing but knows how to bring out the best in the girls who work with her. We sometimes give Miss Styers girls who have not done so well elsewhere and note they do well with her. So for thirty-nine years Miss Flora Styers, whose head is now covered with snowy white hair and whose smile beams all around her, continues to do well. Long live Miss Flora Styers!

WELDON'S WINSOMENESS

The picture herewith presented is that of Weldon Brigman, who has been a member of our family since December 28, 1942. This youngster is small of stature but occupies a large place in the admiration of his friends. The lad is very active

in his physical enterprises and is doing moderately well in his intellectual endeavors. He is a cooperative member of the Duke Building family and is in the eighth grade at school. He is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Lebanon, Randleman, Mrs. W. F. Matthews being the correspondent.

GOOD LEADERSHIP

More value comes to children living in a place like ours from good leadership than any other type of service rendered them. A good home mother can direct a larger group of children more constructively than can a weaker type of such leadership direct a smaller group. Recently a former member of our staff dropped by to see us. She recounted that she as a widowed mother came with her two children to live here with us for six years. Remarrying, this good woman and her two children reestablished a good home. This former staff member recounted that her children received something here that was very valuable to them. The caller related that both of her children had graduated from college and were doing well in their early careers. The mother on her own account has continued to be an outstanding leader in her community. Many instances of such good service have been regarded during the past two decades.

SHALL WE PAINT?

Of course there must be a lot of painting done where so many buildings are located. Our twenty-five brick buildings have wood trimmings on the outside which must be painted from time to time. They also provide a lot of opportunity for painting on the inside. This type of servicing our buildings has been carried along systematically through the years. However, our three big dairy barns have not been painted for some twenty years. They are beginning to look like they had been sadly neglected. At the present time we are trying to figure the advisability of doing this much needed painting. Mr. Shaver, our dairyman, is very diplomatic in his reminders but he does at times remind us of the need for better treatment of our barns.

TWO LADS

We have recently accepted into membership of our family two eleven-year-old lads whose coming to us was much opposed by these youngsters. In one instance the lad could not understand why it was necessary to leave his relatives and enroll here. This lad, listed as making straight A's on his report card during the past year, was given ample time to understand why his relatives thought it would be necessary for him to join our family. The lad is here. He is happy. He is delighted to receive football togs for attempting to make the midget football team.

Another eleven-year-old lad, who seems never to have had much of a chance at doing well, is also here with us. This lad is under probation of a juvenile court because of a series of annoyances in the community from whence he came. As we understand the boy's background and his highly emotional reactions we will have a lot of opportunity to be patient with the lad who needs to be guided very carefully.

WEARING APPAREL

The fitting and altering departments of our enterprise have been very busy in fitting the clothing on our family of over four hundred. Each youngster must come to the fitting room individually and help in the selection of the winter clothing that will be provided for him or her.

The Demands of Unselfishness

By Charles M. Laymon

Titus 3: 7-8, 3: 1-11

During the closing days of Congress, many bills were signed by the President. Some of these were of greater significance than the last-minute rush might suggest. The Reciprocal Trade plan was extended to next June, and the Voice of America was granted \$615,000,000 for the year.

One bill in particular deserves to be lifted up for special mention. It opened the way for 214,000 extra immigrants to enter the United States over the next three years. Orphans and the people from Iron Curtain countries predominantly were included.

In commenting on this opportunity President Eisenhower said, "It demonstrates again America's traditional concern for the homeless, the persecuted and the less fortunate of other lands." He referred to it further as "a significant humanitarian act."

All of this is in the spirit of the words to Titus which constitute the Memory Selection for today's lesson: "Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful" (Titus 3: 4). This young minister left alone on the island of Crete

was called upon to guide the new Christian community, and his first instruction was to tell them to be unselfish.

Titus was counseled to remember that the impulse to unselfishness comes from God himself who saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy—" (Titus 3: 5-7). Because God loves freely, the true Christian will do the same.

Such love demands that we dedicate our lives to others who need us. Their calls upon our thought and time are not to be regarded as a burden and a bother. Rather they are occasions for being ourselves—our Christian selves.

In opening the doors of the United States to the needy and dispossessed, it may require us to "move over and make room" where jobs, living quarters, and educational opportunities are concerned, but such unselfishness belongs to the Christian.

As we make available to others the wonderful life that is ours in America, they will enrich our lives in return. To us they will bring their hope for a free world and their determination to find it here—lest we forget.

Impressions from the Holy Land

By Rev. Robert G. Tuttle

"Then she turned and saw Jesus standing there"—I had the strange feeling that He was standing behind me as I sat this morning at sunrise before the open Tomb and one of our group read the account of the Master appearing to Mary of Magdala. Just behind us loomed Golgotha—the world's blackest hour and the world's brightest hope, all within the radius of one small garden.

Just before this experience in the garden, which many scholars believe to be the one belonging to Joseph of Arimathea, I had stood alone in the breaking dawn upon the house-top. There is nothing like a Judean sky at night—the stars are magnified, the colors are deep. A few low clouds scurried across the Holy City from the Mediterranean. Across no-man's-land with its snaggled buildings I could see the lights of Jewish Jerusalem. I could almost touch them, yet the hatred is so bitter that the Arabs and the Jews have no dealings with each other—no phones, no mail, no passing, no trading; death and barbed wire lie between. Still standing on the roof-top, I noticed that the whole dawn was filled with the blended chorus of the waking cocks, with now and then a clear solo from one who was near at hand. Here was the ancient reminder of the weakness of the human will and of the gentle persistence of the love of Christ who followed Peter until he had restored him to full fellowship.

Last night in the almost dazzling moonlight some of us climbed a moslem minaret high above the Mount of Olives. This was an enchanting experience. To the East we could see the Dead Sea glistening with the moon's reflection, below us were the voices of the Arab village, around us were the white limestone buildings reminding one of whited sepulchres, yonder in the distance were the blinking lights of Bethlehem, at the foot of the mount was the dark shadow

of Gethsemane, and across the valley of Kidron were the divided lights of Jerusalem where human hatred seethes. The words of Jesus came to me, probably spoken in sorrowful meditation from this spot, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her brood, but ye would not, ye would not." What would be the difference here tonight down there in the city—out yonder in the world—if the suffering children of men accepted the spirit of this Man on a Cross?

The night before our experience on the Mount of Olives we had sat under the stars with the shepherds on the hills opposite Bethlehem. How the eroded and barren limestone shone in the moonlight! Someone asked why God should have made his revelation of Himself in such a barren land? It could be that God can do more with humility than he can with prosperity. The night in the Shepherds' Fields was full of enchantment. The cool of the evening comes quickly when one is near the desert. But yonder were the lights of Bethlehem—Joseph and Mary had been there, our Savior was born there, over these hills God spoke his prophecy of peace. How near is Heaven! How close is God! And the Big Dipper swung low over the glow to the North which was the Holy City.

One more experience I cannot forget. Together we went to the Garden of Gethsemane. We knelt about the limestone outcropping which could have been the stone where our Master struggled during that dark night of passion. One of us read Luke's account of that last night before the crucifixion. O how the concern of Christ and the strength of Christ tower above our own weakness and indifference. Then we walked in a kind of mystical experience among the ancient olive trees that could have spread their limbs above our Lord at prayer.

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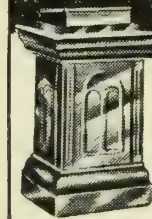
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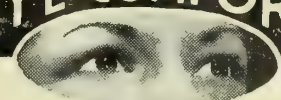
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"OLD BILL"—WONDERFUL HORSE

By H. H. Smith, Sr.

Let me tell you a good story. When I was a boy about 16—during the late 1880's—I worked one summer in Chester, Pa., then a city of about 20,000. During those days there were no automobiles, airplanes, motion pictures, radios, or television sets to furnish entertainment or excitement, and the fire department of the city helped to provide some thrills by inviting everybody to go to the fires.

At least it must have been meant for an invitation to the public to attend the fires—for a public alarm was given, and as nearly as possible the location of the fire was designated. The city was divided into four wards, and the fire alarm from City Hall designated the ward in which the fire occurred. For instance, if the fire was in the second ward the bell would sound two taps and then a quick succession of taps. To a boy, the loud fire bell spoke this language: "One, two—second ward—fire—fire—come—come,"—and they went, young and old, from all over the city.

I was so fortunate as to live within sight of one of the fire companies—a half a block away. When the alarm sounded I would rush out to see the engine and the horse cart go out. This was really a greater thrill than that of watching the fire itself.

The horses were as well trained as circus horses, and, at the first alarm from the engine house, would rush from their stalls and run under the harness suspended and ready to be dropped on them and quickly fastened with clamps. The horses would be restless, stamping and "ra'aring to go." The engine was drawn by a pair of beautiful iron grays and it was a thrill to see the driver handle that spirited team, the bell on the fire engine clanging and the smoke rising from the smoke-stack, as the firemen hastily forced the fire, trying to get up steam by the time they reached the fire.

The hose cart was a small two-wheel vehicle and was drawn by a single horse. "Old Bill," as he was called, had been drawing the hose cart for almost a score of years and had rendered faithful and efficient service. But he was now reaching the age of retirement and it was thought best to begin to break in a new horse to take his place. Accordingly, a new horse was brought in and "Old Bill" was turned out to graze in the lot adjoining the fire-house. There he could be seen day by day enjoying the fine pasture. But one day the fire alarm sounded at the fire-house. It was a battle-cry to this old horse, as he "sniffed the scent of battle from afar" and ran at breakneck speed to the fire-house to take his accustomed place at the hose cart. The doors were closed and he ran around toward the front of the fire-house and was just in time to see the engine and the hose cart go out, with bells clanging and the new horse drawing the hose cart that "Old Bill" had drawn for so many years. It was too much for Bill—over the fence he leaped and down the street he ran, following the fire department and the crowd to the fire!

Faithful "Old Bill!" A record of his loyal service should be preserved in the city's

archives, and the citation should include the words: "Fidelity to duty, and enthusiasm for a good cause."

Human-like Qualities

Is not our love for our animal friends heightened by the human-like qualities they often exhibit? The words above applied to "Old Bill": "Fidelity to duty, and enthusiasm for a good cause" are such words as we use when speaking of moral conduct. Yet we know that instinct and training, for the most part, account for the actions of our animal friends. Nevertheless, we often meet with high intelligence in dogs, horses, elephants, and other animals. The dog can't speak our language in words, but somehow he can understand our speech, and often responds in a surprisingly fitting manner. He is overjoyed to see his master returning home, runs to meet him, and every act seems to say: "How I have missed you, and I'm so glad you have come!" He obeys his master's commands promptly and energetically, and heartily apologizes for any unseemly conduct by flattening himself against the ground, as much as to say, "I'm so sorry, so sorry!"

A man, deeply grieved because his pet dog had been killed by an automobile, wrote something like this about his lost pet: "She was the smartest dog I ever saw, and I taught her all sorts of tricks. She seemed to understand every word I spoke to her, and could do almost everything except talk."

Well, some animals do talk, don't they? How about the parrot? Some parrots have been so gifted in imitating the human voice that it is difficult to distinguish their speech from that of man. There is a good story about a talking parrot that goes something like this: A man had a parrot for sale, and when a prospective purchaser inquired as to the talking ability of the bird, he was told that the parrot could talk. But when the owner tried to coax a few words from the bird he failed utterly. After a while the would-be buyer walked up to the cage and said: "Tell me, old bird, are you really worth \$25?"

The parrot answered instantly, "There is no doubt about it."

Highly pleased with the parrot's intelligent reply, he bought the bird at once. But when he took him home, he couldn't get him to utter a word. After several days of failure to get a word from the parrot, disgusted and angry, he walked up to the cage and said, "Old bird, wasn't I a fool for paying \$25 for you?"

The parrot instantly replied, "There is no doubt about it."

METHODISM IN HIGH POINT

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ganized with forty-one members, received April 13, 1902.

Two of the charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Numa E. Russell, remain at the head of the roll and active in the work of the church. A brick church was built in 1906 and was used until November 1939. The present beautiful sanctuary, with educational building to the rear, was opened for use on Sunday, June 29, 1941, Rev. N. C. Williams, Sr., being the pastor at that time. Altogether twenty pastors have served the church, which now has 800 members. Rev. W. G. McFarland is the present pastor.

Sherwood

Seeing the need for a church in Sherwood Village, interested Methodists organized Sherwood Methodist Church. Dr.

N. M. Harrison, who was the executive secretary of the High Point City Mission Society, became the first pastor of the church. Services were first held in the summer of 1949 in a house. On November 6, 1949, the church was officially organized with 35 charter members. Dr. Harrison did an outstanding work as pastor for almost two years.

In April 1951, Dr. P. E. Lindley became pastor of the church and remained until conference in September. Dr. Lindley contributed much to the church during his stay.

In October 1951, J. C. Grose, Jr., who served as associate under both Dr. Harrison and Dr. Lindley, became the pastor. On November 11, 1951, the congregation moved into a new \$20,000 church from the small house in which they were meeting. The church building was provided by the City Mission Society, and the Sherwood congregation furnished it. Those who were instrumental in the building of this church include: Harry Bell, executive secretary of the Society, Carter Holbrook, president of the Society, W. B. Delk, member of the Society and contractor, and many other interested Methodists.

Under the ministry of Mr. Grose the church's membership has increased from 45 to 105. Outstanding progress is being made in all phases of the church program. Sherwood church is grateful for the past help given and the future help promised by the High Point City Mission Society. It is the hope and aim of the church to become self-supporting as soon as possible.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will meet in the room designated at 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.

J. C. Madison, President.

World Service and Finance

The Commission on World Service and Finance will meet in the assigned room Tuesday, September 22, at ten a.m.

C. C. Herbert, Jr., Chairman

The Bible Board

The Bible Board will meet in the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C., on September 22nd at 4:00 p.m. in the room designated.

Fred W. Paschall, President

Paul H. Duckwall, Sec'y-Treas.

Board of Missions and Church Extension

The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet in the designated room in Wesley Memorial church on Tuesday September 22 at 2:30 p.m. All members of the Board are expected to be present.

J. G. Winkler, Secretary.

Ministers' Wives Luncheon

The Annual Conference luncheon for the ministers' wives of the Western North Carolina Conference will be served at High Point College Saturday, September 26, at 1:00 p.m. The college must know how many plates to prepare, so please make your reservation not later than September 20 with Mrs. Walter J. Miller, 202 Hillcrest Drive, High Point.

The Commission on World Peace

The Commission on World Peace of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, in the room designated by the program committee. All members, both lay and clerical, are urged to be present.

John H. Carper, Chairman.

Commission on Town and Country Work

The Commission on Town and Country Work will meet in the room designated at Wesley Memorial church Tuesday afternoon, September 22, at 1:15 o'clock.

Garland R. Stafford, Chairman.

Conference Historical Society

The Conference Historical Society will meet at 4:30 P.M. September 22 in the designated room.

J. C. Stokes, president

Board of Temperance

The Board of Temperance will meet in room designated in Wesley Memorial church, High Point, Tuesday afternoon September 22 at 2:30 o'clock.

J. C. Stokes, President.

NEW CHAPLAIN TO DUKE UNIVERSITY APPOINTED

Rev. Barney L. Jones has been named chaplain to the University and director of religious life at Duke University, vice-president Herbert J. Herring has announced.

Mr. Jones, a former member of the Uni-

versity faculty in the Department of Religion and a Duke graduate, Class of 1941, returns to the campus from Korean service after three years active duty as a chaplain with the U.S. Navy. He succeeds Dr. J. H. Phillips who was appointed to the chaplain post when it was created in the Fall of 1951. Dr. Phillips will return to full-time teaching in undergraduate religion.

Born in Raleigh and reared in Norfolk, Va., Mr. Jones received his B.D. degree from the Yale University Divinity School in 1944. He served as a Navy chaplain during 1944-46, serving at the Naval Receiving Station in Philadelphia and later with the U.S.S. Sperry in the Pacific.

As chaplain, Mr. Jones will be the chief administrative officer of student religious activities at the University and will supervise the work of two associates in charge of religious activities on East and West campuses, and the work of the University's five denominational chaplains.

He will serve as chairman of the administrative committee of the chapel and will be responsible for all regular services there. He will preach in the chapel periodically during the year and will serve as pastor to the students.

Ordained in the New York East Conference of The Methodist Church in 1944, Mr. Jones is an elder of The Methodist Church and a member of the Virginia Conference. He served as pastor of the Woodbury, Conn., Methodist Church from 1942-44.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

from the feeling of strong backing like that of the young American girl in Maxwell Anderson's war-time play, "Candle in the Wind." This young woman was trying to effect the liberation of her French fiancée.

She was pitted against the ruthless Nazi rulers of occupied Paris. She was just one lone American girl, only a candle in the wind, but she was sustained by the feeling that behind her was the great American nation and the cause of justice.

When we feel that our cause is just and that therefore the forces of God's universe are behind us, we have a surge of strength and confidence which overcome the spirit of fear and timidity.

After a defeat in the House of Commons, Gladstone came back the next day with a buoyant smile, saying "Time is on our side." Time is always on the side of truth and justice. If that is our side, we need not be afraid. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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COMMENTS ON SUMMER GUEST

EDITORIALS

Dear Editor:

We missed your editorials during your absence but your guest editors did a good job. One of the outstanding articles was in the July 16th issue by Dr. Stanbury, on "Getting a New Preacher." This should be read by Methodists everywhere.

Holt McPherson's "1953 Religion comes with a modern price tag," was fine.

However, I cannot agree with all of Brother Holt's leading editorial (August 27th) on church censorship. Mr. Holt strikes a popular vein, but I think starts with a wrong premise and reaches a wrong conclusion.

The Velde committee (sub-committee un-American Activities) made it clear that no attack was being made on religion, the churches, or the clergy. In the opening statement, the chairman said, "The hearing today should not be interpreted by anyone as an investigation initiated by Congress into the field of religion. It is incidental to this hearing that the witness (Bishop Oxnam) is a man of the cloth. No inference should be drawn from this hearing as to the loyalty or disloyalty of any member of the clergy."

Bishop Oxnam was not called before the committee, but appeared at his own request for the purpose of correcting alleged inaccuracies as to matters in the files of the committee. His evidence (and I have read the full text of it in the August 7th U.S. News), makes it clear, if anybody ever doubted, that the Bishop was not a Communist nor a Communist sympathizer. His character stands unimpeached. The news comments on the hearing said he cleared himself. Very well. However, his evidence was what the lawyers sometime term "confession and avoidance." It showed that the committee's files showing his name printed on stationery of several Communist backed and "pink fringe" organizations in some official or advisory capacity was correct. That he was misled and perhaps flattered into letting his name be used in a most innocent manner, I think is apparent. In some of his evidence he admitted he had not been discreet or careful enough in permitting his name to be used and he had immediately disassociated himself wherever he discovered such an error. Let us be glad that the bishop has disassociated himself with any such organizations and applaud his honesty and frankness, but it is going too far to interpret the work of the committee as an encroachment upon the independence of the church or its clergy. But let us understand that an individual, while entitled to the full protection of his personal rights and freedoms, is not beyond investigation by a proper committee of Congress.

Let us admit that Representative Jackson and some others have made statements too wide and too sweeping, but they are also individuals expressing individual opinions, and we should not interpret that as an attitude of Congress, or its committees in attempting to perform their proper functions for the protection of the freedoms we hold dear.

Asheville

Guy Weaver

Religious Experience in Psalms and Hymns

By H. H. Smith, Sr.
Ashland, Va.

Somewhere in Methodist literature there is a story that runs something like this: Once when John Wesley was presiding at a conference—or some business meeting of the church—a brother got away from the subject being discussed and began to relate his Christian experience. Wesley, who after that Aldersgate experience, when his heart “was strangely warmed,” never tired of hearing any one tell what the Lord had done for his soul, indulged the brother and let him talk on. Charles Wesley became impatient, and addressing the chair, said: “Why don’t you call that brother to order and go on with the business before us?” Brother John made no reply and the brother talked on. A little later brother Charles said: “If you don’t stop him and go on with the business before us, I’ll leave the room.” Brother John quietly said: “Will some one hand brother Charles his hat?”

It has been said that “experience is the living heart of Wesley’s theology.” By “experience” is meant an experience of God in one’s life. Methodists, who have always placed special emphasis on Christian experience, might find it profitable to spend some time during this year—the 250th birthday anniversary of John Wesley—in meditation upon this subject.

Because from earliest times men have been moved to express their religious aspirations and experiences in song, the Book of Psalms and the Church Hymnal are of special value in studying this subject of “heart religion.” The Introduction to the Psalms, in the Abingdon Bible Commentary says: “The Psalter, representing as it does close to a thousand years of Israel’s history, may be viewed as a transcript of the heart life of the Hebrew people . . . It is a mirror of the life of the soul, not of Israel merely, but of humanity . . . It is the noblest book of devotion possessed by men.”

In an Introduction to the Annotated Hymnal, Dr. Wilbur F. Tillett says: “The Hymnal of the Church, in its religious and moral value to Christian believers, is second only to one other book—the Bible.

It is an interesting and helpful exercise to read the Psalms, with the Church Hymnal at hand, and compare the religious experiences described in these great books of devotion. Though dated centuries apart, they have much in common, because they describe the basic spiritual experiences of men. For lack of space, only a brief meditation upon the subject can be given here.

Yearning for God. Some sixteen centuries ago, Augustine, in an impressive prayer, uttered these words: “O God, my Father, supremely good . . . Thou madest me for Thyself, and my heart is restless until it repose in Thee.” But many centuries before Augustine, spiritually-minded Hebrews sang of their longing for God in these words: “As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul longeth for God, for the living God.” (Ps. 42: 1, 2).

Christian believers, yearning for the presence and blessing of God, and impressed by the psalmist’s vivid language, sing from their Hymnal (366):

“As pants the hart for cooling springs,
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.”

A Plea for Forgiveness: The burden of sin upon the soul is more than man can bear, and the 51st Psalm opens with a cry for mercy and pardon: “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.”

The Hymnal voices our need for God’s forgiveness, in the words of the Hymn (202) beginning:

“Father, I stretch my hands to Thee;
No other help I know;
If Thou withdraw Thyself from me,
Ah! whither shall I go?”

Joy of Forgiveness: Following repentance, there is forgiveness and joy: “Blessed (happy) is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”

Turning to the Hymnal, we may sing with Charles Wesley (522):

“How happy every child of grace,
Who knows his sins forgiven,”

Or join with John Newton (who was once a great sinner but reformed and became a devoted minister and hymn-writer) as with exultant joy he sings (209):

“Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.”

Feet Upon a Rock. The word “rock,” found quite frequently in the old Testament, and especially in the Psalms, is used “to express the strength and unchangingness of God.” “For Thou art my rock and my fortress, therefore for Thy name’s sake lead me and guide me” (Ps. 31: 3). “He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.” (Ps. 40: 2, 3).

The Hymnal is rich in hymns denoting strength and confidence for those who put their trust in God, and in the Methodist Hymnal the word “rock,” as used above, is found in not less than fifteen hymns: “Rock of Ages, cleft for me;” “On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;” “The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;”—and the hymn, “How firm a foundation,” brings reassurance to those who have put their trust in God.

God an Everlasting Refuge. The 90th Psalm is appropriate for burial services, because it reminds man of his moral and physical weaknesses and directs him to God, his everlasting refuge. It opens with the words: “Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.” (Ps. 90: 1, 2).

This great Psalm inspired a great hymn (No. 533—thought by some to be the greatest hymn ever written by that prince of hymn writers, Isaac Watts:

“O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.”

His Ever-Abiding Presence. The 139th Psalm has been called “the crown of the

Psalter.” The Abingdon Bible Commentary says: “Its tone is high, and its conception of the personal and highly spiritual nature of God rises to glorious heights. . . It might be called ‘The Psalm of the Unavoidable God’; its main theme is, ‘God cares.’ He cares personally and individually. It is the Old Testament’s highest conception of the relationship of God to the individual soul.” A few of the opening verses are quoted: “O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thoughts afar off. Thou compasseth my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. . . . Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell (Sheol), behold Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. . . . When I awake, I am still with Thee.” (Ps. 139: 1-10).

The ever-abiding presence of God is impressively expressed by Harriet Beecher Stowe, in her hymn (No. 40) based upon a sentence of the psalm quoted above:

“Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.”

Psalmists and hymnists, as a rule, are spiritually-minded people through whom God reveals His eternal truths. But if they have had an experience of God in their hearts beyond that of the average person, is it not because they have **walked with God**? Christ our Lord has told us how we may experience God in our hearts continually: “If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14: 23, R.S.V.). It is an unfailing evidence that God dwells in our hearts—when we love all others and seek their highest good.

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Most rural Methodist Churches in North Carolina are looking after their church property—repainting, redecorating, adding to present facilities, modernizing or building new structures. The Forsyth charge is typical of the progress being achieved by hard-working pastors and loyal members.



Mount Pleasant Church

Mount Pleasant church has been redecorated, painted outside, restrooms installed, church basement renovated, kitchen completed, running water installed in the caretaker's house, new bulletin board erected on the lawn.

Pleasant Hill congregation has been in the process of raising funds to build Church School rooms, has secured a new piano, has landscaped and improved the cemetery and church grounds.

Elm Grove members have completed and are ready for the dedication of the new educational unit which has four large classrooms on the main floor, a basement, a modern all-electric kitchen, an automatic oil-fired furnace which heats the entire building. A new roof on the old building, repairs on the steeple, a new outdoor bulletin board complete the building program.

The attractive parsonage has not been neglected. Interior improvements include



Pleasant Hill Church

new furniture, new curtains, blinds and drapes, a new heating system and a new pump for the well.

The Tabernacle members have installed a new gas heating system, constructed a new driveway which has been covered with crushed stone, have purchased new Methodist hymnals and have landscaped the cemetery.

Historic Doub's Chapel has gotten a new educational unit which is now ready for dedication. This building has an assembly room and five classrooms, a modern kitchen with running water and houses a heating system for the entire church. The old church has a new roof, the entire building is insulated with rock wool, a new parking lot has been covered with crushed stone, the grounds have been landscaped and ready for seeding. The church also has installed a new electric organ.



Elm Grove Church and the Parsonage



Tabernacle Church



Doub's Chapel

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

ABIDING IN JESUS

By Wayne McLain

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you." (John 15: 7).

To pray in Jesus' name means more than the repetition of an empty formula. It means to pray in the spirit of reality, in truth. To abide in Jesus is to abide in everything of Jesus, His Way, His Truth, and His Life. It is to yield the entire self to reverently joyous and thankful attention "moment by moment" to Him in love. It is to lay aside all guile and envy and evil speaking and feed on the sincere milk of the Word. It is to lay aside every weight and sin that does so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is laid out in God's plan for us, looking to Jesus the source and objective of our faith. To abide in Jesus is to endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

To abide in Jesus' name or words is to live in union with Him. Prayers spoken out of truth and out of love make no sound in heaven. There is no air there to carry sound waves of deceit. How silently we often raise our eyes toward heaven! If Heaven cannot hear a prayer, where is the answer coming from?

Jesus is the Word and the source of all true words. Jesus is the Name above every name. To pray in His name therefore is to pray as His command, words, truth, and love lead.

LEFT UNDONE

By Addison Howard Gibson

A friendly word I had cherished to say

To one discouraged and laden with care;
But the day sped by, and he went on his way,

And the chance was lost his burden to share.

"The sweetest of flowers to-morrow I'll give

To that poor neighbor who suffers in bed;

They will give her new hope and courage to live."

On the morrow the lonely soul had fled.

A glad song of love I kept on my tongue

To sing to the one held dearest my heart;

But the sun went down, and left it unsung—

In silence now we have drifted apart.

O sweet songs unsung! O words unspoken!

O beautiful flowers we leave to decay!
Would from the silence we could call hearts broken

And give of the sweetness that's wasted today!

God minus the world would still equal God; the world minus God would equal nothing.—Wm. Temple, former archbishop of Canterbury.

Great men are very apt to have great faults; and the faults appear the greater by their contrast with their excellencies.—C. Simmons.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

HOPE

Faith and hope are twin sisters and are often mistaken for each other. But there is a difference between them. Hope expects; faith inspects. Hope leaps out to what will be, while faith holds on to what is. Hope is concerned only with the future; faith regards things past, present and future.

We can understand the sunny hope which shines on unclouded days. When health is in the body and spring is in the air; when those we love are safe around us and our work is going well; when nature beckons with her beauty and birds fill the air with song and lilacs lean over garden walls to pour out their fragrance, it would be natural for our minds to fill with hope.

But even when we are taking our fill of tranquil days, the thought steals over us that all these are passing and the sunlight is touched with pain. And although we may try to live in an ivory tower from which we shut out all thought of others' suffering, and although friends may try to protect us from the unpleasant realities around us, eventually the cruelties, the heartbreaks of the world invade our fool's paradise and destroy our peace of mind. If hope has to be fed entirely by surface streams, thoughtful people today would be in despair. Who can shut out the thought of the multitudes in other lands who go to bed hungry and wake up in fear? Certainly hope, if it is to abide, must have some deeper source than the world's current conditions.

Nor can hope be sustained merely by temperament. There are persons so hopeful by nature that we call them "born optimists." Sir Thomas Lipton, the British yachtsman, who kept his boats in the races year after year despite many defeats, once said: "I am the world's greatest optimist. I am proud of the distinction. There is something buoyant and healthy in being an optimist. I am always in good humor and good fettle."

Optimists by temperament are good to have around in most places, but not at all times. I once belonged to an organization whose treasurer was a born optimist. He was always assuring us that everything was coming out right. He had such a rosy outlook that even his balance sheets ended in the red!

"Hope springs eternal," not because it is fed by pleasant surface conditions or native optimistic temperament. We must seek a deeper source.

A few years ago a picture caught my eye. It was of a boy in a field watching a train go by. The look on his face showed that he was following that train in his fancy to faraway places. He was seeing it arriving at the big cities of which he had heard. He was dreaming of the day when he, too, would go forth to make his fortune. His eyes were alight with hope.

Years pass and that boy comes to the city. He throws himself into his work. He is filled with ambition. He pictures the position he hopes to reach.

Then comes a girl. He falls in love. They plight their troth. They plan the home of their dreams. Hope so fills his heart that he feels alive. He walks on air.

In that home children are born. The

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Let Us Pray

Our Father, who dwellest in heaven yet who art as near as breathing, we call upon Thee to have mercy upon us. Forgive us of every wrong that is in us. Deliver us from all transgressions. Cleanse us and purify us that we may be able to live in intimate fellowship with Thee and abide in peace with one another. Give us a clear understanding of right and wrong. Make known to us Thy holy purpose. Reveal to us Thy plans for a lost world. May we not confuse our own selfish desires with Thy desire for a redeemed world. May we be willing to spend and to be spent in Thy service. Grant that Thy kingdom may come in us and through us. We pray in the name of Jesus who loved us and died for us and commissioned us to be His servants. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

years pass. Shadows fall athwart the household. Disappointments come. Death invades. Yet through it all he and his family live and love and laugh and hope.

Yes, "hope springs eternal." Why? Because it springs from an eternal source—God Himself.

Hope implies three things: the desire for something good, something in the future and something attainable. It does three things for us: it sets us looking toward good things to come; it disposes us for them, it waits for them unto the end. Hope is a compound of desire, expectation, patience and joy. And as such it is the indispensable medicine of the soul. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Will the Preacher Fit All Down the Line?

The poem below entitled "Conference Week," printed in the *Western Christian Advocate* and sent to us by Mrs. F. H. Stephenson of Route 4, Raleigh, is just about as appropriate in North Carolina Methodism this season of the year as anything we can think of:

Say, in conf'rence week, it's funny
How pa gets in a sweat,
Waitin' 'round to see what happens,
An' what minister we'll get!

Pa says, "What we need in this church
Is a man to raise the debt!"
Ma says, "First we need the people—
Then the bill will all be met."

Old Mis' Jones drops in to see us
An' she says, "They'll be a fuss
If they send a young upstarter
To be practicin' on us!"

An' Bill Brown, who goes with sister,
Says, "I'm gonna make a shift
If they send us an old timer
That'll let the young folks drift."

'Ficial board all wants a preacher
Who'll "make the old fire fall"—
But my gang is fer a feller
That can coach at basket ball.

So I'm wonderin' how the preacher's
Gonna fit all down the line;
An' I'll tell you one thing certain—
I don't want his job fer mine!

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Living Costs Rise Faster Than Pastors' Salaries

Ministers, as a rule, are not faring as well economically as perhaps you think. In fact, according to a report issued recently by the National Council of Churches, clergymen are having a more terrific battle with rising living costs than are factory workers and store clerks. For example, the preacher's purchasing power declined 13 percent from 1939 to 1951. In contrast, income of manufacturing workers—in terms of 1939 dollars—increased 42 percent. By the same standards the income of service trade employees jumped 33 percent.

Salaries of pastors, of course, have increased substantially. But the income of the average pastor has not risen as rapidly as living costs.

Loyal laymen want their pastor to receive an adequate wage. Therefore, they will see that this matter is sympathetically considered as the budget for the new conference year is proposed. No man who is forced to skimp and save and deny his family a decent standard of living can do his best work. A Christian laborer is not only worthy of his hire; he makes a worthier contribution when he is worthily paid for his hire.

What Are These Critics of Our Ministers Up To?

We are not particularly disturbed because some ministers of the Gospel have been accused of Communist affiliations. That is to be expected in these times of tension and hysteria. Bishop Oxnham's appearance before the Velde House Un-American Activities Committee has demonstrated that honest clergymen who are accused of serving God on Sunday and the Communists during the week can make their accusers look pretty silly and stupid.

What we are afraid of, however, is that many people who are ready to believe the worst about ministers will be able by insinuation to damage, at least temporarily, the good name of not a few devoted pastors. Regrettably, some of us judge a whole group by one bad individual member of that group. That a few preachers have been taken in by the Communist line seems quite probable.

Moreover, we are afraid that some ministers through fear perhaps unconsciously may begin to soft-pedal the social aspects of the Gospel.

No normal person enjoys being under fire. No Christian minister wants to be accused of Red sympathies. Yet the Gospel we proclaim has tremendous social implications. It makes us concerned about the downtrodden, the social outcast, the poor and needy. It compels us to work for justice, for brotherhood, for world peace. Surprisingly, we have allowed communism to become identified with social welfare. Mistakenly, our generation has thought of Communists as those working hardest for the multitudes at the bottom of the economic and social ladder.

But this is wrong. Dead wrong. Christ was calling men to help their needy brothers long before Karl Marx was born. The Christian Church was addressing itself to the social ills of mankind many centuries before there was a Communist. The people today who are most interested in the material and spiritual welfare of needy men are those who get their inspiration at the feet of Jesus. The interest Communists have in the poor is largely political.

We must not lose our social passion. The church must forever be concerned for all the needs of man—material, moral and spiritual. Fear of being associated with left wing organizations must not dim our social vision.

We are not sure what the critics of our ministers are up to. Are they really interested in exposing Communists? Or are they interested in muzzling the pulpit, spreading fear and consternation among churchmen, circumscribing our

freedom, laying the foundation for a totalitarian state? If it is the former, we are sure that every worthy minister of the Gospel will be glad to co-operate fully; if the latter, we believe that they will have as much trouble with most preachers as Mr. Velde's committee had with Bishop Oxnham. Christ's ministers are the last people in the world who can be intimidated, regimented or silenced.

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Typical Methodist Giving in Untypical Times

How does your church use the money you and the other members contribute to its support? Interested layman that you are, perhaps you have frequently wondered about the matter. You may have even asked one or two questions. Unfortunately, you may not have received a satisfactory answer. Official Boards have not always given a full account of their stewardship to the people who gave the money.

Here at least is the way that the typical Methodist church is currently distributing each dollar it receives, according to Rev. Albert C. Hoover, head of Methodism's statistical office: 26 cents goes for ministerial support; 34 cents for buildings, improvements and debt reductions; 25 cents for current expenses; and 15 cents for benevolences.

These figures do not speak too well for the typical church. Out of every dollar, we are spending 85 cents on ourselves, 15 cents on others. We suspect further study will reveal that in recent years we have had a tendency to spend a higher proportion on ourselves, a lower proportion on causes outside the local community. Are we in danger of becoming more provincial? Is our vision of world needs diminishing? Is our religion turning in on us?

Of course, many churches have caught a new world vision, are giving more for missions and benevolent causes than ever before. First church, Charlotte, for example, has a notable record in this respect. Others are coming forward in a remarkable way.

But what about your church? Is it a typical Methodist church in its giving? If so, don't let it remain that way. Help it to join the ranks of those who are becoming more sensitive to the needs of others. Only as we are willing to do as much for world needs as we are for local needs do we begin to measure up to Christian standards of stewardship and experience the real joy of Christian sharing.

Typical Methodist giving is not adequate for these untypical times.

War's Cruel Toll:

15,000,000 REFUGEES

Go anywhere you will in Europe and you'll find no casualties of World War II so pathetic and so tragic as the refugees. While time and circumstances are healing the wounds of other war victims, the wounds of these homeless people still lie open, raw, bleeding. Their wounds are in the heart.

Numbering more than 15,000,000, they are found in almost every city, town and rural community in Germany and Austria. Thousands have been assimilated and are beginning to feel at home in their new environment. Indeed, Germany has grant-



Mothers, widowed by the war or a totalitarian state, must care for growing children

ed to all Volksdeutsche and Reichsdeutsche refugees full citizenship, including voting privileges, the right to work, public welfare assistance and protection afforded by law. But the problem is far from solved. As thousands are settled, other thousands pour in to take their places. They live in cold, cheerless barracks, in damp one-room hovels, in dark air raid bunkers, in ghostly bomb-riddled buildings, in stench-filled barns, in dilapidated outbuildings, in weatherbeaten tents, in abandoned rail cars and any other place they can find haven.

Two Kinds of Refugees

In the main, there are two kinds of refugees—those created by the Potsdam Agreement and those fleeing the East Zone of Germany.

Under the terms of the Potsdam Agreement signed by the United Kingdom, the United States and Soviet Russia soon after the surrender of Germany in 1945, all Volksdeutsche people—those of German origin—in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, as well as Reichsdeutsche people—all German citizens in the provinces east of the Oder-Neisse line and within the political boundaries of World War II Germany—were forced overnight to leave their homes and seek refuge in that part of Germany not under Russian control. Romania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, without authority of the Potsdam Agreement, also began a mass expulsion of their citizens of German ethnic origin.

Millions were forced to leave with only the possessions they could carry in their hands or on their backs. Their farms and

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businesses and other material possessions were confiscated by ruthless governments or greedy neighbors. In the majority of cases, the families of the expellees had resided in these countries longer than most of our families have been in the United States. Their only sin was that their ancestral roots stemmed from Germany and that they spoke the German language. They had no more to do with starting the war than did the average American. From all reports, they were loyal citizens. They wanted only to be left alone and to live in peace with other people.

But they were not left alone. During the war they were treated as enemy aliens. Many were jailed and were left in prison without trial. One person with whom we talked—a reputable professional man—languished in a cold prison for two years before he could even get a hearing from the authorities. Millions suffered in one way or other. Following the cessation of hostilities, they were told to get out, to seek haven in beaten, prostrate Germany. We cannot believe that our country has ever signed an agreement more unjust, more cruel and more inhuman.

Potsdam Victims Everywhere

We found thousands of the Potsdam Agreement victims at Linz and Salzburg. In fact, both Pastor Nausner and Pastor Glaser, who serve the two Methodist churches in Linz, are Polish and Czech refugees, respectively. The congregations they serve are composed largely of refugees. Our congregations at Salzburg, Bregenz and Konstanz—where we worked during the summer—are made up mainly of refugees. They came from all countries of eastern Europe. We visited their bleak, unpainted barracks. We found families of five and six occupying one 12 by 14 foot room. Inside that one room, which had often been ceiled by newspapers or cheap wallpaper or second-hand boards, you could see at one glance practically all of their worldly possessions—a tiny combination heater and cook stove, a small table where the family ate and where the children studied their lessons, a plain but tiny bed where part of the family slept, an unpainted chest of drawers over which was hung a small mirror, a wire stretching across one corner on which the few



Ten persons live in a single room with one window.

well worn clothing of the family was hung. It was obvious that some members of the family slept on the floor. Yet in the twelve or fifteen rooms we visited we found no suggestion of uncleanness or untidiness or unpleasant odor. Communal toilets are provided for every 25 or 50 families.

More than one family pulled back a curtain on the wall to show their meager pantries which contained mainly tins of coffee and milk and packages of flour and meal and small containers of fats—all gifts from America.



Even old rail cars furnish a haven for the homeless.

The churches of America have won tremendous goodwill by their food and clothing gifts to Europe's hungry and needy. Everywhere we went in Germany and in Austria a grateful people reminded us time and time again to thank Christians of America for their great generosity. We suspect that among the common people of the war-ravaged countries of Europe, the Christian people of America, in giving without strings attached to their gifts, have done more to win friends for our nation than has our government with its millions spent sometimes on those who needed it least and sometimes, from the viewpoint of the European, with an ulterior motive. The altruistic heart of Christian America is doing something secular governments cannot do—it is winning the Christian heart of Europe and is laying a solid foundation for enduring peace.

A Sturdy, Dependable People

We detected at once that the refugees, as a whole, are a sturdy, dependable, honest people. They have stood the tragedy of suffering and persecution remarkably well. Many of them, hounded and haunted and driven away from all they hold dear, have borne their fate with amazing heroism. There is a sad story behind virtually every refugee's life. Families have been separated. Husbands and fathers have been shot. Women have been ravished. Thousands have died in the mass exodus. One old man, a native of Yugoslavia, told us that he was one of the survivors of Tito's hunger camp where 19,000 out of 27,000 died of starvation dur-

ing a period of seven months, including his own son and daughter and her five children; another son was killed during the war; one is still in Yugoslavia; another is in East Germany; two are living in barracks as refugees. Yet the old man, ending his days in a tiny room with his aging wife, did not complain about his fate. "I've still got the Lord," he told us, "and that's all I need."

The tiny rooms are well kept. The people, including the children, are clean and well-behaved. Rows of attractive flowers and neat vegetable gardens are found wherever there is an available spot of earth. The men secure work when they



An old man uses this improvised "weaving factory" to eke out a livelihood in his declining years

can find it. But work is scarce in Austria, a relatively poor country. The per capita annual income is only \$216. There isn't enough work for the 7,000,000 Austrians. The refugees take only the jobs that are left over, most of which are for the unskilled. It would perhaps be unfair to say that in Austria the refugees are unwanted. It is more accurate to say they are not wanted, but are tolerated. They are second class citizens, even when they are granted full citizenship. The government, hard-pressed to recover from the war, belatedly provides around \$7 per month for each refugee. Germany, with about 43% of its federal income going for public welfare, provides about \$12 monthly for its homeless people.

The Children Suffer Most

The children are unquestionably the worst sufferers in this pitiful situation. Their personalities are naturally affected by the terrible abnormal conditions. Education is neglected. They have no playgrounds. They face depressing boredom, bleak poverty. We saw them—hundreds of them—pathetic, forelorn, yet wistful—as we visited a settlement where around 3,000 refugees live. The narrow street between the two long rows of buildings used to house workers in war industries at Linz, was filled with children of all ages. They had been told that friends from America were coming. So they were dressed in their best—the boys in faded and patched trousers and plain shirts; the girls in calico and gingham dresses, clean, but showing signs of wear. They followed us, half afraid, down the muddy street. They waited silently outside as we visited a Methodist family. Soon they were friendlier, more at ease and clung to us tenaciously, hopefully, wistfully. They seemed to be seeking something which they could not quite find in their drab, uninspir-

ing surroundings. Our hearts went out to them sympathetically. We felt so helpless in the face of such vast, pressing need.

Yet nowhere did we get the impression that the people were beggars. They seemed only to want an opportunity to work, to rebuild their lives and their fortunes. They made it clear that they want homes for their families. Even the children have their pride. For example, one afternoon we came upon a boy in a refugee settlement playing his accordion. We were struck by his talent and lingered several minutes to listen. As we turned to go, I tried to give the lad a two schilling piece (8 cents). He shook his head. I offered it again. Still he refused. It was only when I turned to his parents and got their permission that he consented to take the coin.

During our stay in Salzburg we lived in the homes of refugees who have been successful in purchasing new two-story stucco houses. Each dwelling is occupied usually by four families. The owners, who are making small monthly payments, take great pride in their homes. Surrounding the houses are beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. What a few have been able to secure, thousands of others need and long for. Austria has 350,000 refugees, most of whom yearn for satisfying employment and a little place where the family can dwell in peace and privacy.

The Situation In Germany

The situation in West Germany, if anything, is more critical than it is in Austria. Of the 48,000,000 people in the Western Zone nearly one-fourth are refugees. With their major cities in ruins, the German people have gone about rebuilding with a fortitude that would impress even their enemies. From the beginning, the West German government has tried to absorb and to give every consideration to its 12,000,000 refugees. Multitudes have found employment and have established homes for their families. But West Germany today is facing a problem that it cannot meet alone. It is the problem of taking care of the vast throngs of Germans in the East Zone who are fleeing the Communist tyranny. They are coming for many reasons: fear of life and limb; a desire to escape the slavery imposed by the Communist State; in search of food and clothing. Many young men, seeking to escape service in the East Zone German police force, an organization of heartless trigger-happy brigands, are seeking refuge in the West. Of the 17,500,000 in the East Zone, 2,000,000 had fled up until the border was closed by Russia last year. They are coming at the rate of around 400,000 a



A refugee plans a vegetable garden on a pile of rock and rubble

year. During the first seven months of this year more than 200,000 entered West Berlin. Today in West Berlin there are 100,000 refugees who are not recognized. They are permitted to have food and a place to stay, but are not allowed to work. West Berlin's problem is made more difficult by the fact that many industries have moved farther west. There are now 250,000 unemployed, involving at least 500,000 of West Berlin's 2,200,000. Moreover, there are 175,000 old people who are unable to work. We were told that every second person in West Berlin depends on public welfare. Relief work has already cost



A few refugees have been fortunate to build. We stayed in homes like these in Salzburg.

the city \$250,000,000. And still the burden increases. Since June 17 a constant stream of refugees from the East Zone has poured into the city. The government is strained almost to the breaking point. Church relief agencies are doing all they can. Private citizens are helping. But still the burden increases. With unrest spreading everywhere behind the iron curtain, it is apparent that multiplied thousands from as far away as the Ukraine will seek refuge on this island of freedom in a vast sea where man is a slave.

What Can We Do?

What can be done for these millions of people cast adrift by cruel fate? What can be done for these homeless, helpless wanderers who are the innocent pawns in the cold war, who are the real victims in the gigantic game of power politics? We do not pretend to know the answer. But we do feel constrained to lay their case before the Christian conscience of the world. Germany and Austria, of course, have responsibilities. The United Nations should help. But the churches need to do more through CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program), through Church World Service and through denominational relief organizations.

But food and clothing are not enough. These poor, dejected, despised people with whom we worked last summer need the spiritual ministry of the church. In Austria, they afford Methodism a unique opportunity. We can save thousands of them for Christ if only we had the workers. Austrian Methodists can do very little. They lack the leaders and the material resources. But American Methodism has both the human and material resources. Dr. Bartak is pleading for help. North Carolina Methodism can help to meet a great and compelling need. What shall we do for these bruised and bleeding homeless multitudes who cry out for an opportunity to rebuild their lives in a strange land?

Bethlehem Church Opened; World Service Body Meets; Evangelism Group Makes Plans

LOVELY NEW CHURCH FORMALLY OPENED IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Bethlehem church of Climax in Guilford County was formally opened Sunday, September 13, with a morning worship service, a picnic lunch and an afternoon service with the message by Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro. Rev. J. S. Higgins, pastor, was in charge of the all-day program.

The new structure replaces the building which was destroyed by fire June 22, 1952. The lovely sanctuary, which seats 360, contains ten memorial windows which depict the life of Christ. Educational and recreational facilities are contained on the ground and second floors. There are fourteen classrooms.

The quarterly conference in July 1952 voted to raise \$50,000 for the new building. Gifts of \$500 from the General Board of Church Extension, \$500 from the Greater Greensboro Board of Missions, \$606 from District Mission Specials and \$515 from other denominations have been received, enabling the congregation to pay \$52,000 on the project during the first year.

The building committee is composed of Lee Fields, chairman; Gordon C. Allred, treasurer; Frank Allred, C. Marshall Curtis, C. Norman Dunham, W. W. Elkins, R. Dwight Fields, Carl W. Hockett and Thomas C. Kearns. Mr. Curtis drew plans for the building. Harvey A. Garrett has served as financial secretary.

The finance committee included Mrs. Villa Allred, W. W. Elkins, J. S. Higgins, Miss Blanche Fields, Miss Jane Dunham, Mrs. Mary Fields, Mrs. Coy McClintock, R. Dwight Fields, Gordon C. Allred, Harvey A. Garrett, Marshall Curtis, Stacy B. McClintock, C. E. Dunham, and Mrs. Mable Garrett.

The church was founded in 1825. Since 1854 annual camp meetings have been

held on the premises. The present arbor under which camp meeting services are held was erected in 1879. Membership of the church now totals 442. Mr. Higgins is completing his sixth year as pastor.

J. S. Ferree of the J. S. Ferree Construction Co., Greensboro, was in charge of construction and gave invaluable service in acquiring excellent material and workmanship at a substantial saving. J. S. McIver of the Siler City Monument Co. donated two large cornerstones for the building.

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NEW HIGHS IN GIVING REVIEWED BY COUNCIL

The Council on World Service and Finance, the 33-member body responsible for the care and disbursement each year of \$16 million of general Methodist benevolence and service cause funds, met at Lake Junaluska, September 1-4.

Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council, reported an increase of 14.17% in the past year's World Service giving on apportionment. In dollars, this is an advance of \$1,156,226, making the amount raised for this purpose \$9,316,506, the highest since union.

General Advance Specials for the year totaled \$3,550,699. Week of Dedication offerings were \$607,681. The latter is a 28% increase over the preceding year. The Fellowship of Suffering and Service also enjoyed a 10% increase, reaching \$534,171., another new high. This fund supports Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities.

A chart of total Methodist benevolence giving for the year, including that of the annual conferences and the Woman's Societies which the World Service Council

does not administer, showed a 1952-53 total of \$42,318,470.

Dr. Lugg, however, speaking of the new levels of giving reached in 1952-53, warned against allowing the inflationary trend to lead the church to feel an unwarranted confidence in these victories.

The success of the new Interdenominational Co-operation Fund, apportioned to the churches by the 1952 General Conference, was apparent in the collection of \$273,571 during its first year of operation, a sum only slightly less than the asking. This fund is part of the share of The Methodist Church in the support of the National and World Councils of Churches. Methodist agencies, participating in joint projects under the several divisions of the National Council, brought the denomination's participation in the program of the National Council of Churches to \$681,436 during the year.

On the local level it was shown in figures provided by Rev. Albert C. Hoover of the statistical office, that the typical Methodist church is currently distributing each dollar given it as follows: 26 cents for ministerial support; 34 cents for buildings, improvement and debt reduction; 25 cents for current expenses and 15 cents for benevolences.

The practical success of unification was attested in another chart showing that Methodist annual giving has increased by 283% in the past 13 years. In 1940 giving for all purposes was \$75,608,889; in 1952, \$289,800,000. Measured by purchasing power, however, this advance is reduced to about 100%, Dr. Lugg estimated.

Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala., president of the Council, shared the chair with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, the vice president. Both bishops made devotional addresses at evening services in the Memorial Chapel. The recording secretary of the Council is George B. McKibbin of Chicago. All officers were re-elected.

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URGES CHURCH TO CONTINUE EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

A call for every Methodist church to take aggressive part in the current World Mission of Evangelism was sounded by the executive committee of the Board of Evangelism at its meeting in Chicago Sept. 11.

The resolution expressed the hope that "the conviction that 'Christ can Change the World' will become the heartwarming experience that will lead The Methodist Church to a new high level of spiritual achievement" and called upon all church members to "witness for Christ in their homes, in their communities, and in their social and economic lives."

The committee also adopted a statement of its concern for the spiritual welfare of young men and women in military service. They invited suggestions from chaplains for improvement of devotional and evangelistic literature now available or for creating new materials that might be more helpful to service personnel.

Titles of two departments of the board were changed and the field staff re-adjusted slightly. The department of United Evangelistic Missions and Methods, directed by Dr. Harry L. Williams, becomes the department of Evangelistic Missions and all the field staff for directing missions will work under Dr. Williams' leadership. The department of Community Evangelism, headed by Dr. Eugene Golay, will now be called the department of Evangelistic Methods.

Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City, president of the board, presided at the session.



Bethlehem Church of Climax

G. C. News; Retired Minister Passes; Japanese Flood Costly; Tours Alaskan Missions

GREENSBORO COLLEGE HAS VARIED EVENTS

Greensboro College students and faculty heard Dr. W. C. Jackson, former Chancellor of Woman's College, speak in chapel, Sept. 15, on the East and West conflict. Sponsored by the International Relations Club, Dr. Jackson's talk was a commentary on current foreign affairs.

Freshmen and transfer students were honored that evening at a reception given by the faculty and staff in the parlors of Main Building. The entire student body was invited to attend.

The first of several play days to be held during the year was observed, Sept. 16, by students and faculty. Contests were held between the Irving and Emerson societies in tennis, ping pong, and soft ball and between students and faculty in softball. Following the games, supper was served "picnic style" on the campus. Following supper the climax of the afternoon came with faculty and class skits.

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REV. JESSE FRANKLIN USREY PASSES AT WILMINGTON

Rev. Jesse Franklin Usrey of Wilmington, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died July 23 and funeral services were conducted at the Evergreen Methodist Church by Rev. A. L. Thompson, Rev. C. E. Vail and Rev. Vernon Morton.

Born April 11, 1862, in Montgomery County, the son of William and Nancy Lewis Usrey, Mr. Usrey's ministerial career began in 1890 when he was appointed to the Wilson circuit. After one year on this charge and one year on the Newton Grove charge he entered college. In 1895 he joined the Blue Ridge Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1912 he transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and served Robbinsville two years and Woodleaf one year. In 1914 he transferred to the North Carolina Conference where he served the following appointments: Kitty Hawk, Shallotte and Tabor City. Poor Health forced his retirement in 1921. He moved to Evergreen and remained there until 1950 when he moved to Wilmington.

On March 8, 1893, Mr. Usrey married Miss Beulah Honeycutt, who died in October 1946. A son, John Franklin, died at the age of four years.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. George Harrison of Evergreen, Mrs. Stanley Britt of Murfreesboro, Mrs. T. G. Wall of Wilmington and Miss Nancy Usrey of Wilmington. Also surviving are one brother, S. A. Morton of Albemarle, and seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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EXPANDS SERVICES THROUGH INCREASED WORLD SERVICE INCOME

Nashville, Tenn.—The increase in World Service giving during the past year has enabled the Division of the Local Church, one of the World Service agencies, to extend its services to annual conferences and local churches all along the line, it was said recently by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the division. This extension of service was shown more particularly at the following points: emphasis on Methodist youth; training of leaders in camping; improvement and extension of

service in audio-visual resources for church school workers; reviving a plan for Bible conferences; better service in regard to music which was assigned to the division by the 1952 General Conference.

Dr. Schisler declared that it is the business of the Division of the Local Church to make Christian education a vital, life-transforming force in the Church and to improve and extend the service of church schools in every part of the Church. This is being done in co-operation with the conference boards of education.

Among the evidences of progress during the past few years, are:

More church school teachers participated in leadership education enterprises last year than ever before in the history of the Church.

The membership of Methodist church schools has increased more than 1,200,000 since 1940.

More local churches have erected buildings for educational services than in any like period in the history of the Church.

More adults are attending church schools.

There has been developed a greater interest in and an awareness of the home as an educational agency.

There is a new spirit among church school superintendents.

The church school continues to provide by far the most fruitful opportunity for missionary education.

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FLOOD IN JAPAN KILLS 673, CAUSES \$67,000,000 LOSS

Six hundred seventy-three dead, 1,651 injured, 515 missing and \$67,000,000 of damage was the report that came out of flooded Kyushu island during July of this year. More than 72 inches of rain fell during June on the island and 27.64 inches fell in four days in the Fukuoka area.

Other statistics show that 5,582 persons have lost their homes completely; 42,404 have suffered loss of some portion of their homes; 168,771 homes had water over the floors; 1,260,441 persons have been affected by the high waters caused by torrential rains. Estimates of crop loss indicate more than 20% of the total crop damage.

Immediate needs have included food, medicine, vitamins, disinfectants and blankets. These supplies are being sent

from all over Japan by various groups, including Christian organizations. Even after immediate needs are met, the need of clothing for the cool weather soon to come, food to take the place of the flooded gardens and fields, and lumber and building materials will be needed, says Church World Service.

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METHODISTS TOUR ALASKA MISSIONS

Mission stations at America's northernmost outpost, Alaska, were viewed firsthand by a party of 140 Methodists from all parts of the country on the **Christian Advocate** Methodist Vacation Cruise, Aug. 15-Sept. 5.

Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary of the Division of National Missions, Methodist Board of Missions, and Rev. P. Gordon Gould, superintendent of Methodist work in Alaska, served as tour leaders along with Grant J. Verhulst, managing editor of the **Christian Advocate**. Bishop J. Ralph Magee, Chicago, Ill., conducted worship services on Sunday and daily devotions.

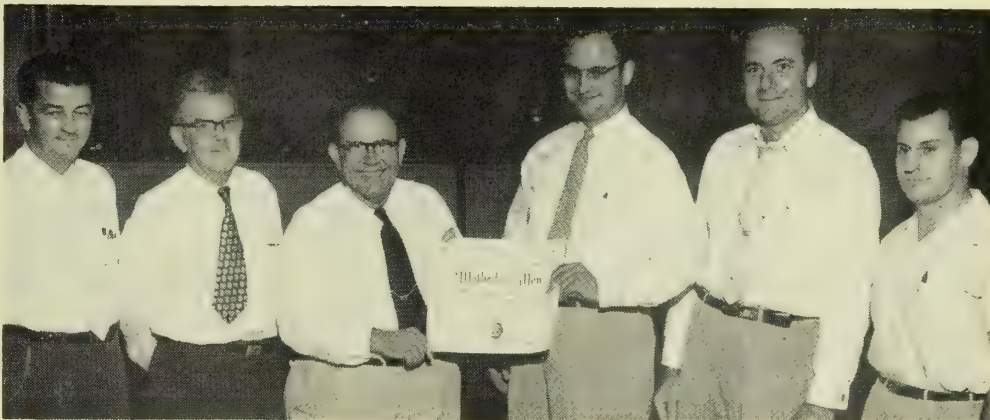
The party left Chicago Aug. 14 and sailed aboard the **S. S. Barno** from Seattle, Wash., Aug. 20. First stop in Alaska was Ketchikan, where the visitors attended services at the Methodist church there. They visited the territorial capital a Juneau where, as at other stops, the local Methodists entertained them with a reception.

At Seward the vacation tour saw the Jesse Lee Home, orphanage conducted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service for homeless Alaskan children. Mr. Gould, Methodist leader of Alaska, was brought up at the Jesse Lee Home, then located in Unalaska. A trip into the interior via Alaska Railway gave the Methodists a sight of Kenai Peninsula where the denomination conducts a mobile ministry among the homesteaders. From Anchorage the party returned via Valdez and Sitka, the old Russian capital. Here church services were held on Sunday.

The first such tour was conducted in 1951. Those making the 1953 Alaska trip included Durbin Wilson of Gastonia.

Twenty-five other states were represented in the tour.

DR. J. L. STOKES, II will be inaugurated as president of Pfeiffer College in ceremonies set for 10:30 a.m. October 12.



At the regular September meeting recently Front Street church, Burlington, Methodist Men's Fellowship was presented its charter by Conference Lay Leader W. Jasper Smith of Bethel, who was also the featured speaker for the occasion. With 90 charter members, the group has averaged 75 in attendance at the monthly meetings. The scene here on charter night shows: left to right, George Forehand, treasurer; Dr. W. L. Clegg, pastor; Mr. Smith; James F. Rogers, president; Ed Craven, vice president; and Cicero Groome, secretary. (Photo by Westbrook Studios)

W. N. C. Conference Reports 9,792 Subscriptions to N. C. Christian Advocate

Churches of the Western North Carolina Conference report 9,792 subscriptions for the Conference year just ending. Many churches, as shown by the asterisk by their names, are sending the Advocate to every family. Charges which are credited with no subscriptions are not listed in this report. Unassigned subscriptions would bring the total to over 10,000. The balance of our circulation, which averages 25,500, is in the North Carolina Conference, a report of which will be carried at the end of the Conference year. The report for the Western North Carolina Conference follows:

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... News in Brief . Personalities ...

DR. AND MRS. JOSEPH H. ARM-BRUST of Main Street church, Reidsville, have returned from a vacation trip to Delhi, New York, where their son Joseph H. Armbrust, Jr., was musical director and organist for a boy's summer camp.

ROBERDELL METHODISTS invite all former pastors and members to attend homecoming services at the church Sunday, September 27, beginning at 11 a.m. Rev. F. B. Brandenburg, former pastor, will preach. Lunch will be served, and an afternoon service will be held.

WARD STREET CHURCH, High Point, will observe homecoming Sunday, September 27. Rev. E. M. Jones, a former pastor, will be a guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service. All former pastors and their families are invited to be guests of the congregation at a picnic lunch to be served on the church lawn.

REV. JAMES A. THOMPSON of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Lima, Ohio, recently preached at Main Street church, Reidsville. Converted at Main Street church 33 years ago, Mr. Thompson has traveled extensively as a chaplain during World War I and II. He is a graduate of High Point College. He was a delegate to the Amsterdam Convention.

CENTER CHURCH on the Summerfield charge held a memorial service Sunday, September 6, in connection with homecoming. That afternoon, pulpit furnishings, a brass cross, candlesticks and windows were dedicated. A new electric organ has also been installed. Morehead church on the same charge held homecoming services Sunday, September 20, with Rev. W. T. Albright of Greensboro as the speaker.

A MEETING HOUSE in memory of Dr. Elbert Russell, former dean of the Duke University Divinity School, will be erected on Alexander Avenue, midway between East and West campus of Duke University. Sponsored by the Durham Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, the building is expected to cost around \$20,000. Donations from friends of Dr. Russell will be appreciated and gifts should be made to the Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends, Inc.

DUKE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY School opened for the 1953-54 academic year September 17 with formal exercises. Dean James Cannon presided at the exercises in York Chapel, Divinity School Building. Dr. W. Arthur Kale, professor of practical theology in the Divinity School spoke on "Reservoirs of Power for the Parson." This year's over-all enrollment of some 250 divinity school students is approximately the same as that of last year, Dean Cannon said.

PINK HILL CHARGE in the New Bern District recently voted to divide the work and set up two pastoral appointments for the coming year. The pastor, Rev. Dan Boone, reports that the budgets of the two appointments will be about 2½ times the combined budget of three years ago. Each of the five churches has been completely renovated at a cost of several thousand dollars. A new parsonage has been built at Pink Hill during the past four years and a parsonage will be built in the near future between Woodington and Webb's chapel which will form a new appointment.



REV. JAMES W. FOWLER, Jr., above, pastor of First church, Forest City, has been elected superintendent of the Methodist Church's southeastern assembly at Lake Junaluska. He succeeds Dr. H. G. Allen, who resigned to return to the ministry after holding the post since 1950. Born in Monroe, in 1910, Mr. Fowler has been pastor of the Forest City church since 1949. He received his ministerial training at Duke University, Durham, and Emory University, Atlanta.

REV. WALTER N. VERNON of the Methodist Board of Education headquarters has been selected by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. for a special assignment in Africa. He and three other audio-visual specialists will conduct demonstrations and training institutes at 20 mission stations under the auspices of the Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee of the council's Division of Foreign Missions.

MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, during the past four years has received 140 members, paid \$109,736 to all causes, contributed \$800 for mission specials, built and paid for a \$30,000 educational building, paid \$800 on the United College Appeal, \$300 to the Lake Junaluska Assembly expansion program and achieved many other important goals both material and spiritual. Rev. F. E. Howard is pastor.

COMMITMENT DAY REPORT

The following Commitment Day report for the Western North Carolina Conference is submitted by Rev. Fletcher E. Howard, Conference director of Commitment Day:

District	Charges Observing	Cards Signed
Asheville	19	931
Charlotte	30	2,275
Gaston'a	28	2,463
Greensboro	37	2,921
Marion	20	1,566
Salisbury	29	3,337
Statesville	25	1,895
Thomasville	35	3,667
Waynesville	14	877
Winston-Salem	27	1,745
Total	264	21,677

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the North Carolina Conference will hold its pre-conference meeting Monday, September 28, at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, with the session beginning at 11 a.m.

THOMAS B. CLAY, SR., lay leader in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, was the speaker recently at the Mayodan Methodist Church. Mr. Clay discussed his recent tour of the Alaska Mission.

MISS EULA FAYE KENNEDY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Kennedy of High Point and the Rev. Edwin Atwater Hackney, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Judson Hackney of Charlotte were married September 5, at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, with the father of the bridegroom officiating.

MISS MARGARET CALBECK, former rural worker in Yancey County, and J. Philip Neal will be united in marriage at an open church ceremony on Sunday, October 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville. Rev. D. B. Alderman and Rev. James Allred will officiate. Mr. Neal is associated with the Vaughan Corporation, Spruce Pine. After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home on White Oak Road, Burnsville, Rt. 2.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS of the North Carolina Conference, according to Chairman Daniel Lane, has received several communications from ministers requesting additional years of credit for retirement compensation. "In fairness to all we are requesting that ministers who have such claims file in writing with the committee their claims with all the salient facts before the date the Conference meets in Durham," Mr. Lane writes.

WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, dedicated the new Education building Sunday morning, September 20. This building which represents the latest and best in Christian education, will likely serve as a pattern for years to come. The total cost of this well-appointed building with its beautiful furnishings, was \$436,000.00. On Sunday, September 13, the congregation cleared all indebtedness on the building. Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor, led in the ritualistic ceremony, assisted by Rev. R. Harold Hipps, associate pastor, and Dr. Raymond A. Smith, chairman of the Commission on Education. The building was occupied about a year ago.

MISS ANNE COUSINS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newbill W. Cousins, Enfield, is among the 32 young men and women from all parts of the United States who trained July 20-August 28 at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., as "US-2's," short-term missionaries of The Methodist Church. A 1953 graduate of Greensboro College with an A. B. degree in religion, Miss Cousins belonged to the Honor Society, Religious Education Club, International Relations Club, and North Carolina Methodist Student Movement. She has been a Bible school teacher and attended Methodist Youth Fellowship and Methodist Student Movement conferences. In 1952 she was a member of the New York Work Camp conducted by the Methodist Board of Missions. As a US-2, Miss Cousins will work at Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla., a Woman's Division of Christian Service institution serving Americans of Spanish-speaking ancestry.

Asheville Church Concludes Youth Week; Training Schools Announced

THE EMPHASIS IS ON YOUTH

The program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship can be improved. It has been done by a number of churches this year. First church, Waynesville, St. Paul's, Asheville, and others have had wholesome results. The director of youth work at Trinity gives an interesting story of how it was done with one youth group. These experiences seem to be pointing the way to a pattern of procedure which might well be used by every charge in the conference.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK TRINITY, ASHEVILLE

Advance Planning and Visitation

"Drop these cards in the mail on your way, please. If we get two out this week and four next week they are bound to come if just to see what's going on!"—"How are the posters coming? Let's try to get them out to the churches early." "Come on, Dale. Let's go price the paint." "Don't forget that visitation begins this week!" Snatches of such conversation could be heard for several weeks before the BIG week—Youth Activities Week.

In planning such a week publicity is a must so the committee of young people assigned to the job worked long and hard coming up with original ideas which they hoped would stimulate the imaginations of other young people not quite as active in the MYF. Posters, cards, folders, visitation—all were used and paid off in attendance.

Work Program

Finally August 24 came and when the hands of the clock ticked off 4:29 young people began arriving ready to start work on the project. The group had decided the redecoration of the Recreation Room would be a help not only to the MYF but to the church as a whole. So armed with ladders, brushes, mops, brooms, buckets and most important, a willing spirit, they set to work. The boys tackled the man-sized job of painting while the girls cleaned, washed windows, took inventory of the recreational equipment on hand and all the other jobs that came up.

Food and Fellowship

Along about 6:00 the noises in the kitchen began to sound mighty good to the hungry workers. The ever faithful WSCS and a couple of Sunday School classes had offered to help in the feeding of the famished crew. At 6:16 the line formed and the food was passed through the window to eager hands. Voices were raised in a singing blessing and then the fellowship of eating together began.

An hour really isn't much time to allow for supper and recreation but that hour was packed to the brim with singing and folk games. The last few minutes was a time of quiet inspirational singing before the Trail of Silence was followed into the beauty of the sanctuary for worship.

Devotional Messages

Wayne Shelton, a senior in Divinity School at Duke, brought the messages of the week to the young people in an earnest, personal and sincere way. Wayne's messages stimulated much thought and material for the discussion groups which followed the worship service. Such pertinent questions as "What is right and wrong? does my religion show?—is salva-

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tion old-timey?—caused fruitful discussion and exchange of ideas.

Discussion Groups

The entire group was divided into four discussion groups, Older Youth, Senior, Intermediates, and Teacher-Counselors. The fourth group was planned and designed for the workers in the Youth Division with such leaders as Mrs. Carl H. King, Miss Clara Ross, recently D.C.E. at one of the Methodist churches in Norfolk, Va., and several outstanding lay-leaders in youth work from nearby churches. The other groups had active workers with youth as their leaders and evidently much was accomplished for when the bell rang to end discussion it was rather hard to get them out. We learned as a result of this not to get too panicky over meeting the schedule. As long as the time was being used in learning more about effective Christian living the schedule was the least of our worries.

Meditation Period

For many, the climax of the day was the period of meditation held in the sanctuary. Quiet organ music stilled and hushed the activity stimulated in the discussions. The word of God read forth in the stillness rekindled the inspiration of the message. Worship settings seeking to lead the mind and heart to God created a spirit of oneness in Him. A closing prayer gathered the days events and thoughts to God and each breathed his own Amen.

Evaluating the Week

The last day of Youth Activities Week was a pretty special day. The results of the work could be seen in a clean, freshly painted room. Crepe paper streamed across the ceiling making a green and white canopy over the tables down which strutted pipe-cleaner people re-enacting the summer events centered around the church as stepping stones to the MYF we seek to build. A Master of Ceremonies led the fun. Toasts and singing added a gay happy note while folk games took care of any energy left over from a week filled with work, play and worship.

Closing Dedication Service

Abbreviated discussion sessions were held to tie up loose ends of questions not even yet fully answered. Then in reverence and humility a dedication service was held. After the last prayer had been prayed and the last person had walked quietly out, the sanctuary still gleamed brightly from the glow of candles lighted by every person, youth and adult, symbolizing re-dedication of his life to the Master.—Mary Esther Brown, Director of Youth Work.

CONCERNING TRAINING SCHOOLS

Hendersonville Training School

The Methodist churches of Henderson County met at First church, Hendersonville, Sunday night, September 13, for a three teacher training school. The follow-

ing courses were given: Teaching Children by Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Atlanta; The Methodist Youth Fellowship by Mrs. E. H. Saville; and New Testament—Content and Values by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Durham. More than a hundred and fifty people attended the first session and a fine interest was maintained throughout the week. Pastors of the participating charges were F. W. Paschal, R. W. Walters, Earl Hansell, R. W. Richardson, T. H. Wood, L. C. Stevens, S. B. Moss, and H. A. Pruyn.

Hickory Area School

The first training school of the new conference year will be held at First church, Hickory, with three courses on The Use of the Bible with Children by Mrs. W. R. Reed; Senior-Older Youth work by Mrs. E. H. Saville and the Life of Jesus by Dr. B. G. Childs. Pastors of the participating charges are J. Elwood Carroll, C. W. Russell, William Hoyle, J. L. Love, L. C. Cornwell and Cecil Heckard.

North Wilksboro School

Methodist churches of the North Wilkesboro area will meet at First church, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. for the opening session of their school. Courses will be offered on Teaching Children by Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll; Understanding Ourselves by Mrs. E. H. Ould and How the Bible Came to Be by Reid Wall. Pastors of the participating churches are R. L. Young, J. W. Braxton, W. W. Blanton, L. B. Laye, C. J. Caudle and J. L. A. Bumgarner.

Newton Area School

Beginning on Sunday night, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. the Methodist churches of the Newton area will hold their annual training school at First Methodist Church, Newton. Courses and instructors are Teaching Children by Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll, The Methodist Youth Fellowship by Mrs. E. H. Saville and Personal Christian Living by Dr. J. J. Rives. Pastors of the participating churches are W. A. Rollins, A. A. Kyles, A. W. Lynch, Van B. Harrison, O. L. Robinson and A. S. Gibbs.

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Board Makes Plans; Report on School of Missions; Seminars Announced

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

At an executive meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, held at Greensboro College September 1, during the sessions of the School of Missions, two new district officers were presented. They are Mrs. Preston Herndon, 318 Ashland Drive, Greensboro, promotion secretary of the Greensboro District; and Miss Laura N. Jones, RFD No. 2, Franklin, president of the Waynesville District.

A period of silent prayer was held for Mrs. T. V. Goode, promotion secretary, and Miss Una Edwards, treasurer, because of recent bereavements.

Four officers were elected to serve on a Deaconess board to be set up within the conference, which were Mrs. J. W. Harbison, president; Mrs. Rupert Crowell, vice president and chairman of the rural work program; Miss Lilian Walker, secretary of missionary service; and Mrs. Harry Hendrick, secretary of missionary personnel. Such a board has been a long felt need in the conference.

The president announced that a conflict with a conference of furloughed and candidate missionaries at Green Castle, Indiana, kept our conference from securing missionary speakers at its annual meeting at Lake Junaluska, and it was voted to move up the Western N. C. Conference at Lake Junaluska to an earlier date, preferably June 9-11, if it can be arranged. This will enable the conference to secure speakers from the Board of Missions and Woman's Division also.

The president announced coming events as follows: National Assembly of United Church Women at Atlantic City, N. J., October 5-8; Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, January 8, 1954; Regional Student Conference, December 28 to January 8; Woman's Division Assembly, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28, 1954; Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions at Lake Junaluska, July 6-14, 1954.

Mrs. Rupert Crowell presented the need for a rural worker at the Cherokee Indian Reservation and the board went on record as approving such a project. Mrs. H. B. Simpson reported that a drinking fountain had been installed at the Cherokee Methodist Center with funds not used a few years ago when children over the conference gave money to provide equipment for the children's department of the new Cherokee Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harry Hendrick reported that fourteen girls are requesting scholarships this year at Greensboro, High Point, Pfeiffer and Bennett Colleges, and Vashti School.

Mrs. J. W. Payne spoke briefly of the work of the Board of Missions and closed the meeting with prayer.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

At the executive meeting Mrs. H. G. Allen, secretary of missionary education and chairman of the Joint School of Missions and Christian Service, explained that because of the growth of the School—from 90 seven years ago to 442—there had come a suggestion from the women of the N. C. Conference that the time had come to have two schools. Action was taken at a business session later of the two conferences, and many officers of both conferences expressed regret that the fellowship each conference had enjoyed must be discontinued. However, Greensboro College

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could not easily take care of such a large group and it is an indication that the interest and growth in missionary education has been steady in both conferences, which is a cause for real rejoicing.

The total number attending the school this year, including the faculty, was 442. The Western N. C. Conference had an enrollment of 189, with 158 receiving credit. Many were day students coming from High Point, Winston-Salem and the surrounding rural area.

WINSTON-SALEM EXECUTIVE MEETING

With the exception of one subdistrict chairman, the Winston-Salem District executive board had a full representation at its quarterly luncheon meeting at Winston-Salem September 8. Conference officers within the district were also present. The reports indicated steady progress in the work, with a gain of 90 new members during the last quarter.

Educational Seminars on a subdistrict level were scheduled as follows: Elkin, Tuesday, October 20, at Yadkinville; Mount Airy, Wednesday, October 21, at Franklin Heights; Walnut Cove, Thursday, October 22, at Crews; Winston-Salem, Friday, October 23, probably at Ardmore. All meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m., and subjects will be presented as follows: Spanish Speaking Americans, Mrs. J. W. Clay; Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Mrs. Sam Beck; Jeremiah, Mrs. A. L. Smith; Alcohol—the Christian's Responsibility, Mrs. L. V. Scott.

The Treasure Chest and "Blue Bird" plan were explained by Mrs. J. W. Clay as a means of promoting a "Widening Fellowship," one of the quadrennial goals.

Mrs. L. V. Scott reported one of the best training schools for Negroes at Hanes Institute with help coming from many sources. Twenty societies and thirteen Guilds gave scholarships for this school.

The group voted to give \$30 toward the purchase of a film outlining the new commissions in youth work, and gifts of money and "showers" were reported as being given to Miss Jean Lewis who recently sailed as a L.A.-3 and to Miss Maxine Reeves who is beginning her college work in preparation for full-time service.

Miss Patricia Rothrock of Mount Airy, a deaconess on leave who has had training at Scarritt College and who is at present youth director of the Winston-Salem District, was elected Scarritt representative to work with Mrs. Mark Goforth, conference chairman.

The president, Mrs. A. B. Macon, presided over the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

The Thomasville District has scheduled educational seminars as follows: Davidson County, September 16, at Shiloh church; Davie County at Coolemees, September 8; Randolph County at Central church, Asheboro, September 9. A playlet "Mrs. New Gets on the Ball" was given at each meeting by Mrs. Curtis Koontz, Mrs. George Coble, Mrs. B. C. Young, Jr.,

and Mrs. Earlie Everhart. The studies were presented as follows: The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, by Mrs. C. L. White, Jr.; Jeremiah, Mrs. Emily E. Raper, Jr.; Spanish Speaking Americans in the U.S.A. by Mrs. E. A. Lamb; Alcohol and Christian Responsibility by Miss Virginia Jarrett. Children's studies were presented by Mrs. D. L. Stubbs.

Departmental Workshops were also included in the program.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT WOMEN VISIT BETHLEHEM CENTER

Thirty-five women from ten churches in the Greensboro District, with the secretary of supply work, Mrs. W. A. Albright, spent an afternoon recently at the Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem. This visit was a revelation to the women attending, giving to them a better understanding of the importance of supply work. The group carried supplies valued at \$50.00.

Rev. Morton Kurtz, executive secretary, says: "Last year a tremendous tide of supplies reached the Council office in Durham, requiring storage in several local churches. This backlog of supplies enabled us to get through the 1953 season nicely. With the exception of books, however, (of which we still have plenty) the stock is pretty well gone. This means we must call on our friends for additional supplies before next May. Here are some of the things most needed: balls, bats, baseball gloves, horseshoes, games, jump ropes, brooms, rakes, toilet kits, flashlights, long extension cord with plug and sockets, records, films and filmstrips. Supplies should be sent to the N. C. Council of Churches office, 6637 College Station, Durham, or to "Ministry to Migrants," c/o Olive Branch Baptist Church, Elizabeth City and the First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, if you are near either one. "Contributions are more than ever needed."

Needs will be greater next year as it is expected another new area in Tyrrell County will be added. This is a most worthy service we can give to a long neglected people all over our county—the Migrants.

The daughter of our conference president, Mary Louise Harbison, worked during the summer with Migrants and can testify to the worthiness of this work. In the Hendersonville area that are eight migrant camps now in operation, and is being used by about 85 Mexican workers and approximately 25 children. There are the only migrant workers in the 41 camps in the state who are not American Negroes.

Mr. Kurtz also calls attention to the need for good used clothing and shoes for the CWS-CROP clothing project, which the Council of Churches is co-sponsoring. Contact the Council or the CROP office, have the same address, for full details.

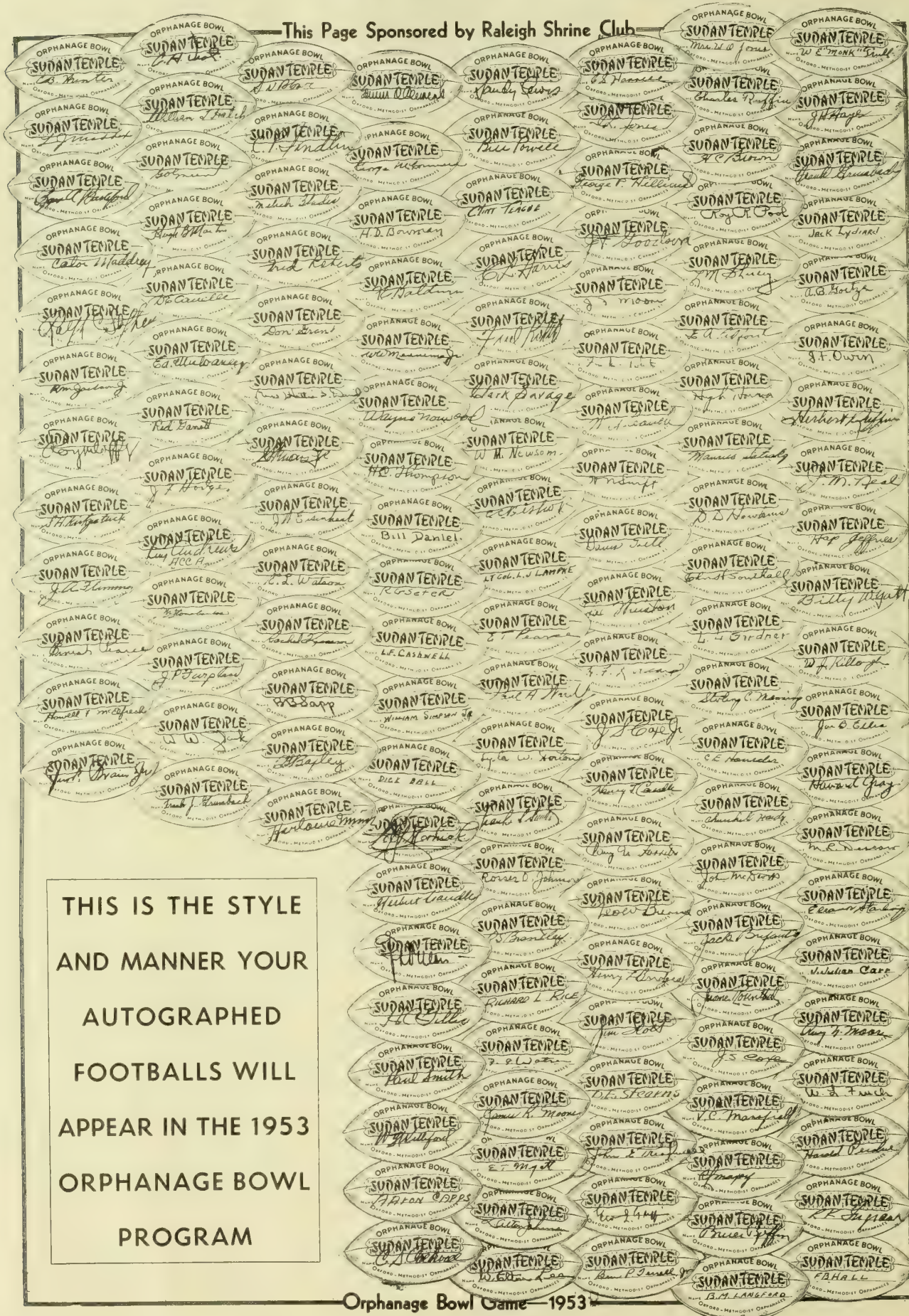
RELIEF PACKAGES FOR KOREA

So many inquiries came in for information concerning sending relief packages to Korea that your editor wrote Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, administrative secretary of the Board of Missions for up-to-date information. Dr. Brumbaugh says: "The only way we can send packages to specific addresses of our workers in Korea is via international post. These are much the same as the last list sent with the exception that several are on furlough."

"Large collections of clothing, blankets, etc., can be sent to Korea only through Church World Service. In such a case we lose control of the distribution, though we know that it goes to the needy under Christian auspices."

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To all Nobles and Methodists interested in the operation and advancement of Oxford Orphanage and Methodist Orphanage.

A statement by Herbert Ruffin, General Chairman of the Orphanage Bowl Game

The Sixth Annual Orphanage Bowl Game will be played between Oxford Orphanage and Methodist Orphanage on Saturday, October 24th at 8:00 P.M. in Riddick Stadium, Raleigh, North Carolina. You are all aware that the proceeds of this game are equally divided among these two great Institutions and all of the money is used in the advancement of Physical Education in both Orphanages.

This year our beloved Potentate was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of North Carolina, and when we accomplish our objective we hope he will still be a Grand Lodge servant. On such an occasion it will also be a real privilege for him to realize that his own Sudan Temple had earmarked or appropriated a sizable sum of money whereby a gymnasium or the equipping of a gymnasium had been made possible for the children of our own beloved Oxford Orphanage.

On the opposite page is a reproduction of many autographed footballs, which represents autographed football pages that will be printed in our Orphanage Bowl Game Football Program. There are literally hundreds, even thousands of Nobles and Methodist laymen who have cards to secure autographed footballs to be printed in this attractive Souvenir Program. It only costs you one dollar to autograph a football and the entire proceeds of the promotion goes to your own Oxford Orphanage and Methodist Orphanage.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday School Lesson for September 27

THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIANS

By Charles M. Laymon
Philemon 8-21

Operation Big Switch is news again. From the stench and servitude of prison camps young men are turning in the direction of home and loved ones.

Passing through the gate above which is written the words, WELCOME FREEDOM GATE, the haggard but happy youths give thanks that they are free to live as human beings once more. They know, as many of us do not, what it means to be deprived of the dignities which freedom brings.

Associated Press photographer, Frank Noel, in referring to his imprisonment days, said, "At first they denied us religion in any form. Then, after a while, a few of us would get off to one side and read a few snatches from one of the GI Bibles some of the men had brought along." Later they allowed Chaplain Davis to preach and insisted that in his praying, along with Jesus he should call upon Red China Dictator Mao Tze-tung and Joseph Stali ..

Centuries ago a runaway slave was converted to Christ in a Roman prayer service where the Apostle Paul was preaching. The slave felt that the slave, Onesimus, should be returned to Philemon, his owner. To make his return meaningful to both the slave and his master, he wrote a letter from which the Scripture passage for today's lesson is taken.

Paul's Letter to Philemon is a great document of freedom. It asserts that in Christ men come to know that they are brothers. Onesimus, it says, is being returned "no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother" (v. 16).

Paul was taking a risk in returning Onesimus. His owner, Philemon, had every right according to Roman custom to kill the slave for his crime. But the apostle was counting on the owner's Christian conscience to treat the slave lovingly. He wrote: "Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say" (v. 21). And he did!

The men whom Operation Big Switch is returning to America have every right to be received in love. Naturally their families and friends will surround them with affection. But the Christian conscience of the nation must remember likewise to keep alive on their behalf the spirit which makes for brotherhood and freedom.

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Announcements

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE TO MEET

A pre-conference meeting of the Commission on World Service and Finance will be held Friday, October 9, 1953, at 10:00 a.m., in the Joseph G. Brown Chapel of Edenton Street church, Raleigh. All causes will be heard. We hope that every agency of the conference that is interested in an appointment will be represented.

Gurney P. Hood, Chairman

Our Readers Say . . .

INDIFFERENCE IN THE PULPIT

Dear Editor:

I wish that every Methodist preacher could read, and would take to heart, the guest editorial by Rev. Walter Thompson in the Advocate of September 10. The editorial was entitled "THE LUXURY OF INDIFFERENCE." Indifference is what most people run up against when they try to persuade others to join in a moral fight, but nowhere is this indifference more pronounced than among those in the pulpits. It is indeed a difficult matter to get preachers aroused over liquor, for instance, to the extent that they will take it to their congregations in a constructive way. Unless the preacher is willing to do this, we folk out in the congregation are likely to say: "What's the use of us sticking out our necks when the preacher, whose business it is to lead when moral and spiritual matters are at issue, isn't willing to chance it himself."

I venture it as opinion that I believe can be substantiated, that there is not a single town or city in this state where legal liquor, beer and wine would be flourishing today except for the fact that the pulpit does not concern itself about it. Of course, the pastor may have a little to say occasionally against liquor, but when it comes to going all-out and taking a real stand, he apparently often would like first to consult his district superintendent to learn how it will affect his appointment at the next conference. How many preachers have started a program within their own charge to determine if the official board and teaching staff at least are free from the taint of liquor? And how many churches have a Temperance Committee that meets even once a year, much less do anything in the interim? Can any one doubt that the church people are the ones who are buying and using liquor in large measure when the Greensboro liquor board announces that approximately 200,000 bottles of hard liquor are being sold locally each month.

Yes, indifference is on every hand, but the pulpit seems to have an overdose. The Methodist Church will continue to lose its influence morally and spiritually until the pulpit becomes alive again. Once upon a time it was that way, as Mr. Thompson so clearly stated in his last paragraph when he said: "The voice of our church was once loud and clear and influential in the affairs of men."

It could be that way again, but I don't think it will be until those in the pulpits remember that the old biblical characters that they extoll each week are not re-

corded because of their belief in Jesus Christ, but because they had the courage to tell others about those beliefs even at the risk of their own lives. Possibly the reason Daniel wasn't eaten when he was thrown into the den of lions was because the lions couldn't digest backbone. It takes no courage today to talk religion from a pulpit, thanks to those with backbone who have preceded us, but it does take courage when the pastor talks about moral issues when it is known some of his influential members disapprove. However, we do need those who are willing to do it.

Greensboro

Eugene A. Hood

In Memoriam

MISS ELNA GLENWOOD COVINGTON

ROCKINGHAM—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Rockingham, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and beloved member, Elna Glenwood Covington, who entered into life eternal on May 28, 1953.

We are mindful that today the presence of those we love may fill our cup with joy, and tomorrow sore bereavement may cast us into the valley of sorrow.

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy. That a copy of this tribute be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society, and a copy each sent to the family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication. —Mrs. Sue Covington, Mrs. W. A. Biggs, Mrs. Alice Capps.

ARCHIE E. MAY

DRAPER—We the members of the Official Board of the Draper Methodist Church, wish to express our deep sense of loss in the passing of our beloved member Archie E. May, on April 17, 1953.

He was very active in civic affairs in our Community.

He became a member of our church in 1943 and since that time has done much towards its growth and advancement. He served on our board of stewards and did much for the finances of our church.

His patience in suffering and his courage were an inspiration to all who knew him and should draw us closer to God.—T. Dixon Adams, pastor.

DR. GEORGE P. DILLARD

DRAPER—We, the members of the Official Board of the Draper Methodist Church, wish to express our deep sense of loss in the passing of our beloved member, Dr. George P. Dillard, November, 1952.

He was a great asset to our community, serving wherever and whenever he could.

He had been a member of our church since 1918 and served us well as trustee and steward. He did a great deal in helping to build our new church building.

We shall always remember him for his service to our community and church.—T. Dixon Adams, pastor.

MRS. ADAH JONES EDMUNDSON

STANTONSBURG—We the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Stantonburg Methodist Church, wish to express our deep sympathy in the passing of our friend and neighbor, sister Adah Jones Edmundson, on July 31, 1953.

She was one of our dear members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Quietly and willingly she served her Master and church. For the past five years ill health forced her to remain at home most of the time. While we miss her presence, we know her memory will live on. May we be permitted to say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In expressing our sympathy, we offer these resolutions: First, that we submit to our heavenly Father's will that we keep alive in our hearts the memory of her life, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our Society.—Ruth T. Speight, Maude Johnson, Mary G. Hales, Com.

MRS. JANICE HIGH JORNYGAN

STANTONSBURG—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stantonburg Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. Janice High Jornyan, wife of Bruce Jornyan, who passed away on June 30, 1953.

Her loving devotion to her family, and courage, in spite of frail health, proved an inspiration to all who knew her. In appreciation of her beautiful life, we offer these resolutions:

First: That we keep in our hearts the memory of her loyalty.

Second: That our love and sympathy be extended to her family.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our minutes, a copy sent to her family, and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.—Ruth T. Speight, Sarah E. Tyson, Annie B. Vick, Com.

MRS. J. N. BRYAN

NEW HILL—We the members of the W.S.C.S. of Ebenezer Methodist Church desire to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. J. N. Bryan, our oldest member, who passed away suddenly to her eternal home on June 26, 1953.

She was more than a faithful member, she was a Christian who learned to lean on her God, never doubting, living a consecrated life, doing her best each day.

She was loyal to her family, having led her four daughters and son to know her God and see them good Christians and citizens. She was loyal to her neighbors, her church and to God.

Be it resolved:

First: We extend our most sincere sympathy to the members of her family and pray God's blessing upon them, realizing our loss is Heaven's gain.

Second: That we always keep in our minds the memory of her loyalty and service.

Third: That a copy be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a page memorial for her be kept in our minutes.—Mrs. J. R. Mathews, Mrs. Hal Baldwin, Mrs. R. E. Truelove.

LAWRENCE F. LANE

ROCKY MOUNT—One of the sad things in life is the millions of unnamed people who are gone and forgotten. As the poet, Thomas Gray, wrote, "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air," so countless thousands of people leave not their "footprints in the sands of time."

Conversely, it gives us a thrill to know of people who have lived nobly and have made their mark and have left their world a better place because they have lived in it. Such people command our tribute, and their memory will not perish from the earth.

One whose memory still lives in the hearts of the people he loved and served is Lawrence F. Lane. Lawrence Lane was Sunday School superintendent of the Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., for 35 years with the exception of one year. He took this office in 1916 and was superintendent the day he died, September 8, 1951. He was a thoroughgoing Christian gentleman, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. His devotion to his home and church bespeaks his fine character. He has held many offices in the church and Sunday school, being at times a member of the board of stewards, the board of education and the elders council.

Lawrence Lane was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge No. 13946 and was district manager in this lodge until his death. In recognition of his fine record and in memory of him we would voice the familiar quotation "He is gone, but not forgotten."—Board of Education

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

By Gaither P. Warfield

With grateful hearts Christians around the world will gather at the Lord's table on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 4. It is good that we shall do this. No hour in our memory is more appropriate for such a universal commemoration of Christ's death. In many lands no national announcement can be made of this event.

It is providential that our last General Conference continued the custom of taking an offering on World-Wide Communion Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. As we thank God and remember what He did for us, it is Christ-like to share our blessings with others. One half of all the gifts collected will go to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Surely no apology is needed for this cause. For thirteen years this agency of our Church has been the Good Samaritan of Methodism helping needy people in 45 countries of the world.

Feeding Our Needy Brethren

Today M.C.O.R. is helping to feed hundreds of war orphans in South Korea, giving a daily ration to refugee Korean pastors and their families, supplementing the inadequate diet of thousands of students in Methodist hotels in India and providing numerous food parcels for our hungry brethren in the East Zone of Germany. Tons of used clothing are going every month to some parts of the world and are distributed by experienced and responsible Christian workers. Guidance and support are being given to many of the refugee millions who still remain in temporary camps or are crowded in the slums of great cities.

In recent years M.C.O.R. has increasingly sought ways to help people to help themselves. Surely a world which has become so adept at destruction can be equally efficient in finding means for reconstruction. Christians believe this is the best relief and so, for example, in South Korea there are sewing enterprises which enable war widows to support themselves. A far reaching program has been created to fit suitable limbs to the 20,000 amputees and train them for independent lives. Considerable loan funds have been set up so that any reliable adult who needs a stake for a new venture will have the opportunity. Refugees in every land are assisted in their migration so that their experience and abilities may enable them to create a useful future.

Our Men in the Armed Services

One fourth of the offering for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service will go to our Methodist Commission on Chaplains. This agency of our church, which is responsible for the procurement, endorsement and general oversight of the Methodist ministers who serve as chaplains, has had a commendable record during World War and faces a vast responsibility at this time. Three and one-half million Americans are now in our armed forces. A significant number of these look to the Methodist chaplain for their spiritual leadership. Frequently he is the only symbol of God's love and power to men who are in the front line trenches, on a hospital bed or the deck of a ship. This Methodist minister at a difficult task deserves our constant interest and generous support.

Those of us who have served in the armed forces and all who have lived near military installations realize the tremendous responsibilities and unique opportunities that come to nearby churches. Our own Methodist young men and women looking for an open door of friendship

have too often found in the past a dark and closed church. The Methodist Committee on Camp Activities was created by our Council of Bishops to change this situation and now it seeks to provide adequate facilities and suitable programs for our members in the armed services.

It is estimated that nearly two million of those serving in the military forces of

our country are unchurched. Is this not one of the great evangelistic opportunities of our day? Can you think of a group more important to the future destiny of our land? Indeed it would be wise for Methodists to generously support these two agencies of our church whose sole source of income is the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.



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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

BELOVED

I cannot be beside you in your grief
Time, distance does not permit my presence there.

But I can join my heart close to your heart
And lift your sorrow to my Lord in prayer.

And I can kneel beside you as you pray
For soul meets soul before the Father's throne;

Ascending ever there, to meet the love He pours

On all who call on Him, on all who mourn.

And I can share with you the anguish deep
The poignant loss for loved ones now no longer here.

But, oh I know the wonder of His healing love

For perfect faith can banish doubt and fear.

Oft times we wonder why—and seek to fill

Our minds and hearts that do not understand,

But we have only but to listen to His voice

To know that all is safe within His hands.

My Lord who planned the ocean's mighty depth

Who placed the stars in heaven to His plan;

Whose tender heart stooped low to give His Son

In love, can surely understand.

He knows our sorrow and His love can fill
All empty void and silent brooding space.

All solitude left voiceless by the voice that stilled

For God is love, He gives amazing grace.

I know no greater joy than this
To take my Saviour as my Lord and Friend

To lean upon His everlasting word;
"My child, I will be with you to the end."

And so altho I cannot see you now
And help you in your sorrow, face to face,

I can in humble reverence kneel
And seek with you His love in trusting faith.

Raleigh Frances L. Jones

"One of the obvious qualities of the first Christians was their exultant confidence in the presence of evil . . . It was this stubborn truculence of theirs which exasperated the Roman magistrates, infuriated the mobs, and yet which again and again drew men and women to their side, even though they were aware that this adherence meant savage torture and sudden death. These Christians proclaimed victory. In Jesus of Nazareth, the Creator of all things had intervened in the human story, decisively altering its course, turning it from tragedy to joy, and in a mighty duel had rescued humanity from its most deadly enemies. Christ had conquered sin and death, and principalities and powers."—Gordon Rupp in **PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS** (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press)

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH

Perhaps no subject has been so much discussed as the high cost of living. But what about the higher value of living, which is a more important matter than the cost?

What we get for our money is of more importance than what we pay for it. Sooner or later we pay out all we have. If I have spent \$10,000 this year and saved \$3,000, I may say to myself that I am ahead of this game. But when the game of life is called by the Divine Umpire, all my money will be gone whether I have spent it or saved it. Hence the financial cost of living is secondary to the values received.

Let us think then about what we are getting for what we are spending. Money in itself is neither righteous nor unrighteous. But when the love of money becomes covetous greed, it becomes "the Mammon of unrighteousness," for it drives men to further and further excesses.

The added curse of covetousness is that it makes men so concerned with material things that they neglect the true values of life. Just as World War II was closing, the Rev. Charles Kean wrote a book in which he said, "The welfare of wealth, in one form or another, has become the dominant consideration of our contemporary order."

Consider that statement. It applies to men on all economic levels. If men really put human values above money values, there would be no danger of World War III. What do we think motivates the Soviet Union in her attitudes toward China and Korea? The welfare of the Chinese and Koreans or the desire for markets and power? We are pretty sure it is the latter, are we not?

The only way to win the contest against the Communists is to convince the world that we are not merely seeking the welfare of possessions. Yes, and the only way to win over the worries and fears which threaten our own peace of mind is to put the welfare of personality above the welfare of our possessions.

I know we cannot completely separate the two. I realize that property values are part of our human values. Nevertheless we have to give one or the other the priority. That is why Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and Mammon."

The Master recognized that money has its place in life. He would have his followers keep it in its place. And its proper place is as a servant of life, not a master. The higher test of a person is not how much money he makes, but how much he makes of his money. By being faithful in the use of money, we train ourselves for the true riches. So the Gospel says.

And now what are the true riches? They are those which do not deceive. When we go into the market to buy, we must have a sense of values or we shall be taken in. Likewise in life, we must have a sense of true values or we shall spend our money for that which is not bread and our labor for that which satisfieth not.

True riches stand the test of time. They give us as much satisfaction after they have been gotten as they promised to give when we were pursuing them. They do

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

Our gracious heavenly Father, who has been so merciful to us, help us to be merciful one toward another—kind, generous, forgiving, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. May we realize that only as we forgive can we be forgiven and only as we love can we be loved. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

not tarnish by use nor worry their possessors by fear of loss.

True riches make a man worth more than the estate which he leaves. "What was he worth?" we ask when a man's will is probated. The answer is usually given in terms of money.

The true answer is in terms of service. What was he worth to the world? Whom did he help? What lives did he enrich? In the Hall of Fame of Famous Americans there have now been placed some eighty busts of our nation's greatest. Not one of them was chosen merely for his monetary wealth. They were selected for the significance of their contribution to society.

"You Can't Take It With You" was the title of a long-run Broadway play. It pointed the futility of feverishly living for the things which must be left behind at death. But true riches are those which so enter into the enrichment of character that when the spirit leaves its temple of clay they can be taken along.

Yes, the cost of living is high. But there can be a **value** of living which is worth more than it costs. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Highlights of the Western N. C. Conference

The fifteenth session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, held at Wesley Memorial church, High Point, September 23-27, in many respects will go down in the records as one of the most outstanding in the history of the Conference.

For one thing, the attendance was outstanding throughout the five-day meeting that began each morning at nine o'clock with a devotional and continued throughout the day and evening—except for time out for lunch and supper—with reports, conference business, great preaching and stirring inspirational messages. Upward of 1,100 ministers and laymen registered and hundreds of others came on for one or more days to swell the attendance to what must have been an all-time high. At times the large sanctuary could not accommodate the crowds. Most preachers and laymen were present for the sessions, including Saturday morning's meeting which ordinarily is poorly attended.

Again, the program, on the whole, was outstanding. There were times, of course, when the proceedings dragged a bit, but most of the time speeches were interesting, reports were brief and to the point and the sessions moved along in an unusually fine manner. Bishop Costen J. Harrell steered each program with good judgment and rare skill. He gave each person and each cause a sympathetic hearing. He presided with sagacious fairness and gracious impartiality. His wise leadership plus the careful work prepared in advance by boards and committees enabled the entire proceedings to move along on schedule. So it was necessary to hold only a brief session Saturday afternoon to wind up the business.

Brotherhood Prevails

Thirdly, the spirit of brotherhood was outstanding. There were times when

matters were debated freely and frankly. There were occasions when controversial issues were discussed. But they were always done so in good Christian spirit. When it looked like the unity might be strained, both sides compromised in small matters for the good of the brotherhood. The feeling of brotherhood in the Western North Carolina Conference is deep flowing, perhaps unsurpassed anywhere.

But it was an independent Conference. Nobody had to smother his convictions. The Conference, in the spirit of independence, debated one phase of the report of the Commission on World Service for an hour, rejected the Commission's recommendation bearing on the salaries of district superintendents, then came back to accept completely the Commission's original recommendations. Even the discussion seemed to strengthen the brotherhood, to knit the spirit of oneness tighter.

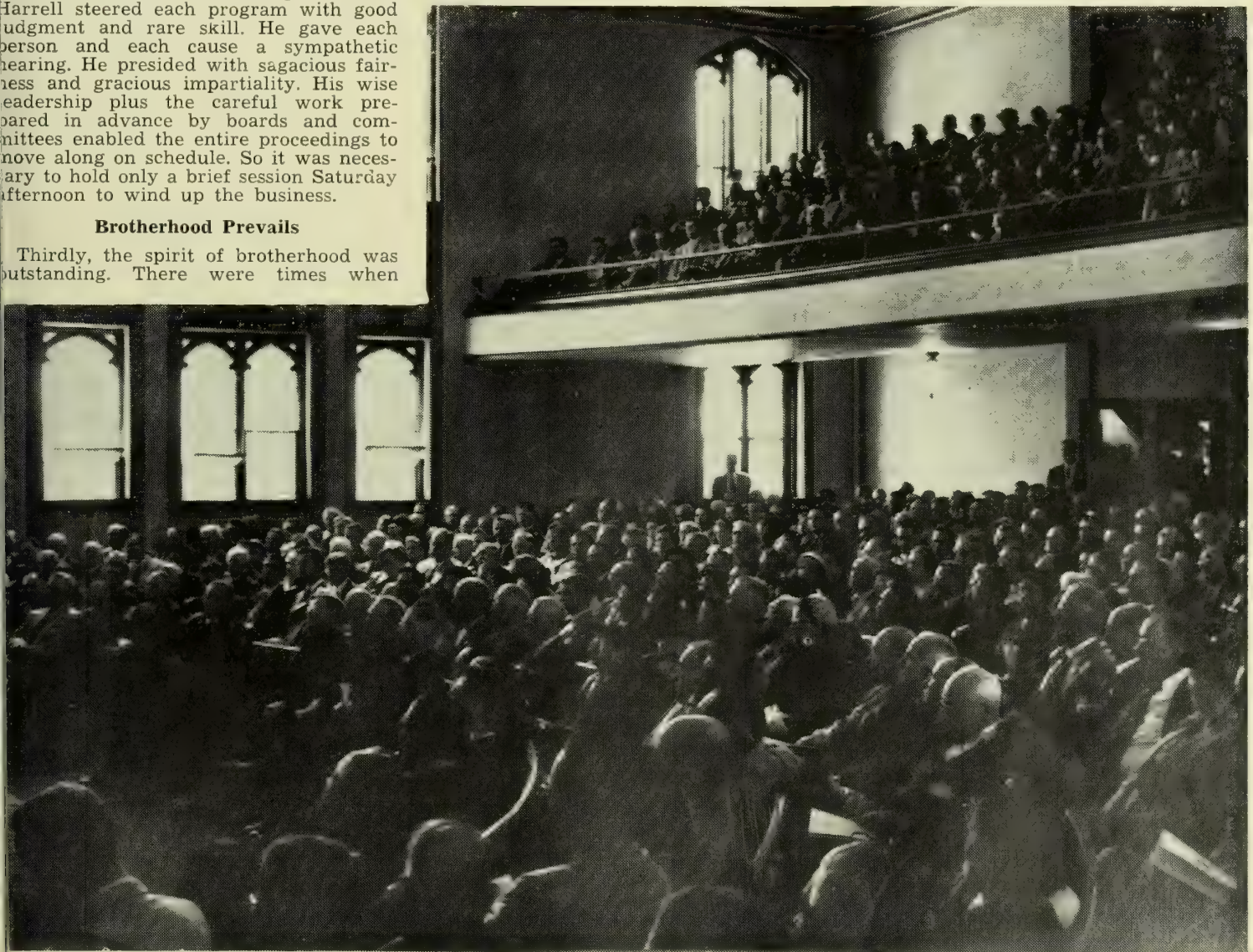
Many Accomplishments Noted

It was a Conference denoting outstanding accomplishments. During the year the churches received 17,297 new members—8,339 on profession of faith, 2,712 from other denominations and 6,246 by letter—

compared to 14,922 received by all methods last year. A grand total of \$9,511,691 was raised for all purposes, compared to \$8,262,358 the previous year. Giving showed gains all down the line. All in all, Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference during the year, according to statistics, were more active in evangelism, in missions, in local church building projects and in other phases of the church's program than they have ever been.

Wesley Memorial church, the host pastors, Revs. W. J. Miller and E. M. Avett, the staff and officials and members as well as all Methodists of High Point and vicinity went all-out to make the stay of their guests pleasant and profitable.

Entertaining the Western North Carolina Conference is a big and overwhelming task. Yet many of the big churches do not look at it that way. For example, meeting places are secured for the next three years. When Chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee Embree H. Blackard raised the question on Friday he did so by inviting the Conference to hold its 1954 session in the church he serves—Central church, Asheville. The Conference accepted. Then



Large crowds overflowed Wesley Memorial church at almost every session.
(Cut courtesy of High Point Enterprise)

came an invitation from Pastor C. P. Lowles and Conference Treasurer Herbert M. Wayne to hold the 1955 session at Dilworth, Charlotte. This invitation was also accepted. Pastor Mark Depp of Centenary church, Winston-Salem, without formally giving an invitation, assured the ministers and delegates they could meet in that church in 1956.

The Conference Gets Underway

Following the meeting of boards, committees and commissions on Tuesday afternoon and the meeting of the Conference Historical Society that evening with an address by Dr. F. Fagan Thompson of Birmingham, Ala., on "Singing Methodism," the Conference got underway Wednesday morning with the Memorial service and the Holy Communion.

Ministers who died during the year include Robert Lee Bass, George Roland Brown, III, Stephen Nelson Bumgardner, Lemuel Wilson Colson, Jesse Pearson Hipps, William Arnold Lambeth, Percy Elliot Lindley, Joseph Dunn Morris, William Lander Sherrill, Leonidas Lazelle Smith, Rufus Benjamin Templeton, John Dudley William and Odies Bartlett Williams. Wives or widows of preachers who passed away during the year include Mrs. W. M. Biles, Mrs. H. K. Boyer, Mrs. T. V. Crouse, Mrs. W. E. Hauss, Mrs. G. A. B. Holderby, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. N. R. Richardson, Mrs. M. B. Stokes and Mrs. S. W. Taylor.

The Memorial address was delivered by Dr. Eugene C. Few of Greensboro who, using the topic "For Memorials of Them," pointed out that life for our honored dead was life for and with and in Christ. "For them," he said, "death is not an end—it is only a new beginning." Death is not the master of the house; he is only the porter at the King's lodge, appointed to open the gate and let the King's guests into the realm of eternal day."

The impressive Communion service was administered by Bishop Harrell and the ten district superintendents.

That afternoon the Conference was formally organized and Conference Secretary Charles D. White recommended and the conference elected the following assistants: C. W. Bates, R. P. Gibbs, W. T. Medlin, Jr., J. J. Powell, L. R. Spencer, and J. A. Lowder.

Many Recommended

The Board of Ministerial Training began its recommendations for men to be received on trial or advanced. Since all classes were so large, the Board did not conclude its work until late in the Conference.

The following, totaling 38, upon recommendation of the Board, were admitted on trial: Jack D. Alber, Alvin Gray Amick, Lawrence E. Barden, Carl Benjamin Barr, Jr., Grady Ross Barringer, Lander Lowell Bear, Grayson Floyd Bottoms, Kelly Clarence Brendle, David Morrell Cowart, Richard Joseph Crowder, Lewis Hardie Dodson, Lewis H. Evans, Jr., James Chalmus Grose, Jr., Billie Allen Haire, Earle Ross Haire, Emmett Ernest Hiatt, Jr., Fred Adam Hill, Walter Edward Hudgins, Boyce Huffstetler, John Thomas King, Auburn William Lore, Paul Daniel Lowder, Max Kearns Lowdermilk, William Edgar Mewborn, John Kermit Miller, Benny Thomas Myers, Robert Lee Oakley, Charles Elbert Page, Arthur James Pearce, Edgar Fletcher Pepper, Jr., Ernest McDowell Reagan, Jr., Donald Edward Rollins, Wayne Gowan Shelton, John Robinson Sills, Ben Franklin Stamey, Thomas Barber Stockton, Dan Pressley Stowe, Russell Harold Strader.

The following were received into full connection on Saturday morning: Carlton Gaither Alspaugh, Jr., William Charles Anderson, Robert Neal Barefoot, Robert Parham Bunch, Arthur Lee Chamblee, Alonza R. Davis, Clarence Harley Dick-

son, Jr., Robert Allen Foster, Donald Killian Funderburk, James Samuel Gibbs, Jr., Raymus Franklin Hilliard, John William Hoyle, III, John Joseph Pershing Kincaid, Latchfor Bain Laye, John Richard Little, Glenn Reeves McCulley, Clyde Dwight Pyatt, Vernon Jerome Ramsey, Robert Worth Richardson, Charles Alfred Smith, George William Thompson, Joseph Meek Goode Warner, Milton Gordon Widenhouse, Miles Marion Workman, Hugh Claude Young, Jr., Russell Lowell Young, Jr.

A total of 49 were ordained deacon by Bishop Harrell on Friday evening. They are: John Raymond Dawkins, Earl Miles Hansel, William Charles Anderson, Arthur Lee Chamblee, Jr., Letchford Bain Laye, Robert Worth Richardson, George William Thompson, Robert Neal Barefoot, Robert Parham Bunch, Clarence Jack Caudill, John Holmes Christy, Jr., Alonzo Richard Davis, John Francis Few, Donald Killian Funderburk, Edwin Atwater Hackney, James Thomas Hall, William Thornton Hawkins, Kenneth Marshall Johnson, Ralph Earl Kayler, John Joseph Pershing Kincaid, Thomas Anderson Langford, Charles Franklin Pennigar, Joe Carlton Smith, Thomas Hoyle Swofford, Jr., Robert Lawrence Turnipseed, Hugh Claude Young, Jr., Russell Lowell Young, Jr., Jack D. Alber, Alvin Gray Amick, Lander Lowell Beal, Kelly Clarence Brendle, David Morrill Cowart, Richard Joseph Crowder, Lewis Henry Evans, Jr., Billie Allen Haire, Earle Ross Haire, Emmett Ernest Hiatt, Jr., Fred Adam Hill, Walter Edward Hudgins, Paul Daniel Lowder, Max Kearns Lowdermilk, John Kermit Miller, Benny Thomas Myers, Charles Elbert Page, Wayne Gowan Shelton, Ben Franklin Stamey, Thomas Barber Stockton, Dan Pressley Stowe, Joseph Blake Tyson.

On Sunday morning Bishop Harrell ordained 23 elders. The list follows: Carlton Gaither Alspaugh, Jr., Daniel Edwin



KEY FIGURES IN CONFERENCE MATTERS—BISHOP HARRELL AND THE TEN DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

Left to right, John Hoyle, Jr., Marion District; J. W. Fitzgerald, Asheville District; W. Jackson Huneycutt, Waynesville District; M. Teague Hipps, Thomasville District; C. W. Kirby, Gastonia District; Herman F. Duncan, Greensboro District; Bishop Harrell (sitting); J. C. Cornette, Salisbury District; Ralph H. Taylor, Statesville District; C. Excellence Rozzelle, Winston-Salem District; Frank Jordan, Charlotte District. Two of the district superintendents pictured above received new assignments at Conference—Mr. Hoyle and Dr. Rozzelle. Their successors are Rev. Garland Winkler and Dr. Kenneth Goodson. (Photo courtesy of High Point Enterprise)

Bailey, Eugene Joseph Bauer, Paul McRay Cassell, John Rogers Crew, Jr., William Camby Crummett, Clarence Harley Dickson, Jr., Robert Allen Foster, James Samuel Gibbs, Jr., Dorland Philip Grant, Raymond Jennings Hahn, John William Hoyle, III, Comer Young Ingram, Mrs. Maloie Bogle Lee, Glenn Reeves McCulley, Charles McKinley Maness, Jr., John Silas Oakley, Clyde Dwight Pyatt, Vernon Jerome Ramsey, George Cleveland Starr, Jr., Joseph Meeke Goode Warner, Milton Gordon Widenhouse, Miles Marion Workman.

Board of Missions

On Wednesday evening the Board of Missions was in charge with Rev. Walter J. Miller presiding. Speakers for the occasion were Dr. Ernest E. Tuck of the General Board of Missions, who discussed foreign Advance Specials; Dr. Carl D. Stewart, pastor of Leland Memorial Methodist Church, Havana, Cuba, who talked about Methodism in Cuba; Bishop Costen J. Harrell, who outlined Conference Advance Specials; and Rev. Horace R. McSwain, who presented the mission study book, "Heritage and Destiny."

The following proposals presented by Rev. Garland Winkler for the Board were adopted as the program for the ensuing year: World specials, support of churches in South America, Africa, India, Pakistan and the Philippines; national specials, including aid for a Christian college in Alaska and support for Negro Methodist churches within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference; conference-initiated specials, including aid for Methodist churches at Cullowhee, Saluda, Tryon and Cherokee; district specials, to be presented by the district superintendents.

During the Conference year 1952-53 the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference contributed \$382,689 for World Service and Conference Benevolences, \$27,497 in World Service Specials,

\$79,115 in General Advance Specials, \$48,408 in Conference Advance Specials, \$27,497 in Week of Dedication offerings and \$15,836 to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. The Woman's Society of Christian Service contributed \$182,087 for missionary causes.

Other recommendations adopted by the Conference include: Sunday, November 8, to be recognized as World Outlook Sunday; greater emphasis upon tithing and stewardship; and emphasis upon Fourth Sunday World Service giving.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism observed its anniversary Thursday morning with Rev. J. C. Madison in charge. Reporting great gains during the year just closing through the evangelistic missions, the Board recommended and the Conference adopted the following: Evangelistic rallies to be held in Asheboro, Waynesville, Gastonia, Hickory and Winston-Salem in late February and early March; the proper organization in each local church of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism; that each church outline a year's program of evangelism; that a religious census be made in each community; that pastors organize membership classes for children; that each church have at least one week of visitation evangelism; that each church have at least one week of special preaching services; that emphasis be laid on the Church Attendance Crusade set for 1954; and that wherever practicable spiritual life missions be held. Rev. R. M. Hardee presented the report.

Featured speaker for the Board was Bishop Roy H. Short, presiding bishop of the Nashville Area, who centered his message around the task of holding the thousands of new members who have been won during the United Evangelistic Mission. "That they may never be lost from the fold" was the text from which he spoke. "Losses," declared Bishop Short,

"is one of the tragedies of Methodism." He called upon the churches to use or expect to lose these new members. He urged his hearers to teach and to care for the souls of the newly won and to integrate them into the life of the church.

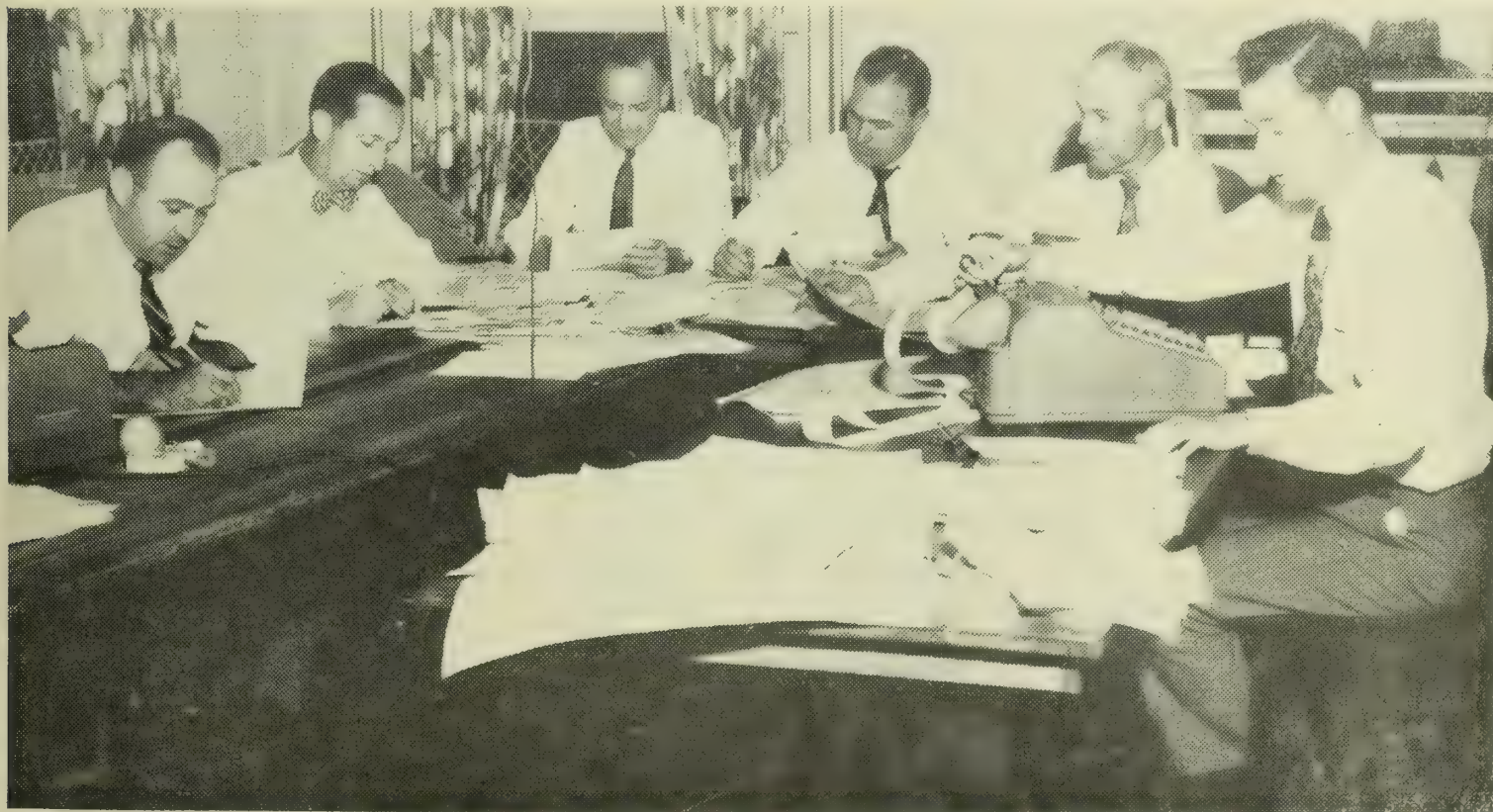
The Committee on World Peace also gave its report at the morning session Thursday and presented Dr. Charles F. Boss, executive secretary of the Methodist Peace Commission, for the address. Dr. Boss urged churches to lay the foundation for world peace, stating that the churches had made efforts toward giving technical assistance to underdeveloped nations before governments had begun the task.

World Peace

The Committee, in its report, urged an expanded program of technical assistance both on the part of the United Nations and the United States, that the church expand its program of technical assistance through its missionary agencies, and endorsed a program that would bring a just peace without appeasement in the Korean situation. The Committee deplored the tendency of the United States to use relief agencies primarily as a means of fighting the "Cold War," rather than an expression of our love and concern for our fellowman in desperate needs of the essentials of life."

The report of the Methodist Board of Publication, Inc., presented by Dr. H. G. Allen, revealed that the North Carolina Christian Advocate has a weekly circulation of 25,700 and that the Advocate goes into one out of six homes in the Western North Carolina Conference and one out of three in the North Carolina Conference. Holt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, spoke in behalf of the Advocate, urging that it be received in every Methodist home.

A. R. White, representing the Methodist Publishing House, presented a check for \$8,449 as the Conference's share of the



Some of the hardest workers at the Conference were the statisticians. Here they are shown on the job. They are, left to right, E. Paul Hamilton of Candler, Conference statistician; Paul Cassell of Asheville, Miles A. McLean of Asheville, John A. Lowder of Weaverville, W. S. Smith of Archdale and W. Grady Burgin of Jefferson. (Cut courtesy of Greensboro Record)

profits of the Publishing House, this sum to be added to the Conference Claimants Fund. It was announced that during the new year retired ministers of the Conference will receive \$50 for each year of service, plus gifts from the Duke Endowment and the Cole Fund that will add another \$4, bringing the total to the highest of any Conference in Methodism.

At the morning session the following ministers were given the retired relation: J. H. Armbrust, Y. D. Poole, J. L. Ingram, M. W. Heckard, D. D. Broome and G. W. Fink. C. F. Tate, who has been in the retired relation, to the effective relation.

Board of Hospitals and Homes

On Thursday evening the Board of Hospitals and Homes presented the program with Rev. J. S. Hiatt presiding. Dr. Harry Dewitte Henry was the main speaker for the occasion, using as his theme "Sunrise and Sunset." Dr. Henry, a prominent Methodist pastor who was forced to give up his work on account of health, is a radio commentator and has several programs of an inspirational character over a Hickory station. "The happiest satisfaction to which man is aware," he declared, "comes when he knowingly does the will of God." He paid tribute to the outstanding work being done by the Children's Home, the Methodist Home and the Hugh Chatham memorial Hospital, all supported by the Conference.

Rev. B. Reid Wall, presenting the report for the Board, revealed that during the year Hugh Chatham hospital treated 8,932 patients and had an operating budget of \$243,145. During the year an addition to the main building was dedicated. Churches contributed \$22,994 to Golden Cross funds, enabling the hospital to serve 188 patients through this fund.

Annual enrollment in the Children's Home was 475, with an average daily enrollment of 415. The Home has 25 brick buildings, 20 of which have been given by friends. In the 45 years of its operations more than 2,000 are alumni of the Home. During the year the churches of the Conference contributed \$247,507 for the support of the Home.

The Methodist Home in Charlotte now has 160 members, representing every worthwhile occupation. Added improvements over the past 18 months total \$500,240. Contributions during the year totaled \$195,660, with \$110,116 of this amount coming from the churches. Charitable services during the year amounted to \$93,824. The Home needs \$306,000 to complete payment on the building and improvement program.

Brewer Speaks

The Commission on Town and Country had its program Friday morning with Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, as speaker. Dr. Brewer pointed out that Methodism in the Conference is strongest in the urban Piedmont section, but that it is making its strongest gains in the mountain areas. The Commission has recently published a booklet entitled "Studies in Western North Carolina Methodism," which gives some significant trends and needs.

The Board of Temperance, in its report, noted with alarm the recent Army order which permits the sale of liquor at officers' and non-commissioned officers' messes, and upon recommendation of the Board, the Conference condemned this act and voted to appeal to the Secretary of Defense and President Eisenhower to rescind the order.

Dr. Lemuel Fenn, pastor of First Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla., urged

advocates of the dry cause to remember that the majority who drink are good people, that followers of Christ must assume responsibility for the social well-being of their fellowman, that they must adopt a constructive approach toward the problem of alcohol.

Lay Activities

The Board of Lay Activities also presented its program Friday morning with Conference Lay Leader Paul R. Ervin in charge and Dr. A. Dudley Ward, executive secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of The Methodist Church, as speaker. Dr. Ward called for better understanding in the field of social and economic relations and for greater participation in these matters by the church.

The Board recommended, and the Conference adopted, the following objectives for the new year: Continued emphasis upon stewardship of life and possessions, continued participation in evangelism by the laymen, lay support of new churches, wide observance of Laymen's Day, Sunday, October 18, organization of more Methodist Men's Clubs, lay support of all the causes of the church.

On Friday evening the Board of Education held its anniversary with Dr. W. Arthur Kale presiding. Speakers were Miss Clarice Bowman, professor at High Point College, who discussed the forthcoming youth emphasis in Methodism; and Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, who recounted experiences with Austrian and German Methodists during last summer when he was counselor for a youth caravan sponsored by the North Carolina Conference.

In its report the Board revealed that during the year 505 Vacation Schools were held with 31,662 enrolled, that 655 intermediates were enrolled at Camp Tekoa, that 663 youth attended youth assemblies and that many schools and workshops were held for adults. Church School membership is now 198,198 with an average attendance of 107,570. During the year the churches contributed \$3,570

to Methodist Student Day, \$9,486 to Church School Rally Day, \$12,728 to the Methodist Youth Fund, \$5,871 to Race Relations Sunday, \$97,795 to Methodist colleges, and \$4,587 to the Wesley Foundation. A total of 3,883 received credit in training schools during the year and 41 churches in the Conference have full-time directors of Christian education.

The Conference Budget

The chief business on Saturday was the adoption of the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance and presented by Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., chairman. The following amounts were adopted for the new year: World Service, \$200,557; Conference Benevolences, \$132,210. Appropriations adopted were: Christian Education, college section, \$30,000; Christian Education, local church section, \$27,000; church extension, \$12,000; Conference missions, \$40,000; lay activities, \$700; inter-conference commission on student religious work, \$13,260; Board of Temperance, \$4,500; Board of Evangelism, \$100; N. C. Council of Churches, \$1,500; Board of Ministerial Training, \$600; Committee on World Peace, \$550; Commission on Christian Vocations, \$1,000; Commission on Town and Country Work, \$1,000. Minimum salary schedule was set as follows: effective conference members, \$3,000; fulltime supply pastors, \$2,600; fulltime supplies, \$2,400.

On Saturday evening around 3,000 young people gathered at High Point College for the annual youth night. Dr. Paul Hardin, Jr., former pastor of Wesley Memorial church, High Point, and now pastor of First church, Birmingham, Ala., was the speaker, using as his theme "Hitch Your Wagon to the Stars." Dr. Hardin emphasized that some things, such as immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, anger, malice and slander, pull one down, but that there are spiritual stars to which one can hitch his life. His text was from Paul's words: "Set your affections on things that are above, not on things on the earth."

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NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS



Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson (left) is the new superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, succeeding Dr. C. Exelle Rozzelle who is head of the Bible Department at High Point College. Dr. Goodson, for the past five years, has been pastor of First church, High Point. Rev. Garland Winkler is the new superintendent of the Marion District, succeeding Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., who has served the district for the past six years. Mr. Winkler has completed a four year pastorate at Trinity church, Kannapolis.

Western North Carolina Conference Appointments, 1953-54

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent J. W. Fitzgerald

Acton I. P. Rutledge

Asheville: Abernethy E. H. Nease, Jr.

Asbury Memorial M. A. McLean

Biltmore L. P. Barnett

Central E. H. Blackard

Associate J. T. Hall

Emma-Riverview Earl Hansell (AS)

French Broad W. O. Goode (RS)

Groce T. A. Groce (RS)

Associate B. R. Fitzgerald

Haywood Street E. M. Jones

Oakley M. E. Harbin

St. Paul J. R. Bogle

Trinity J. H. Brendall, Jr.

Bald Creek J. N. Shankle

Balfour L. C. Stevens

Bell D. P. Grant

Bethesda-Tabernacle . . . J. S. Higgins

Black Mountain T. L. McDonald

Brevard W. D. Corriher

Brevard Circuit N. V. McGlamery

Associate J. D. Elliott (S)

Burnsville D. B. Alderman

Candler E. R. Freeman

East Flat Rock T. H. Wood (AS)

Ecusta W. A. Kerr, Jr.

Edneyville R. W. Richardson

Elkwood-Sardis J. R. Dawkins (AS)

Fairview E. C. Gover (S)

Fletcher S. B. Moss

Francis Asbury J. R. Little

Hendersonville F. W. Paschall

Hot Springs W. A. Rich (S)

Associate J. A. Green (AS)

Ivy F. E. Blalock (AS)

Laurel Hill-Davis Chapel . W. C. Clark (AS)

Leicester To be supplied

Marshall R. N. Barefoot

Mills River R. W. Walters

Montmorenci R. P. Waugh

Newdale J. R. Petree

Oak Hill C. V. Hall (AS)

Piney Mountain-Pisgah . . T. M. Mason (AS)

Reeves-Brown's View . . . G. E. Keeler (S)

Saluda M. M. Armstrong (AS)

Sandy W. N. Blanton, Jr.

Skyland-Avery's Creek . . T. D. Holcombe (S)

Swannanoa C. W. Bates

Swannanoa Circuit M. M. Workman

Tryon Harold A. Pruyn

Weaverville J. A. Lowder

Weaverville Circuit J. E. B. Houser

District Director of N. C. Christian Advocate, R. P. Waugh.

District Missionary Secretary, S. B. Moss.

District Director of Evangelism, M. E. Harbin.

District Director Bible Society, J. A. Lowder.

District Director Temperance Advance, M. A. McLean.

District Director Golden Cross, J. H. Brendall, Jr.

Chaplain Western N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, N. C. Q. C., E. J. Bauer.

Chaplain U. S. Army, Swannanoa Q. C., W. F. Beadle.

Chaplain Veteran's Administration, Francis Asbury, Q. C., James A. Burris.

Chaplain, Veterans Administration, Asheville: Central Q. C., W. F. Keeler.

Professor, Baker University, Fletcher Q. C., George M. Schreyer.

Professor, Brevard College, Brevard Q. C., C. E. Roy.

President, Brevard College, Brevard Q. C., R. H. Stamey.

Student, Duke Divinity School, Weaverville Q. C., Ernest M. Reagan.

Missionary to Japan, Asheville, Central Q. C., D. L. Swain.

Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Weaverville Q. C., L. A. Harper, Jr.

Retired: Z. V. Arthur, Homer Casto, A. B.

Dennis, D. L. Earnhardt, W. O. Goode, T. A. Groce, G. D. Herman, J. N. Snow, M. B. Stokes, C. M. White.

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District Superintendent Frank Jordan

Ansonville D. D. Sain

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Bethlehem I. L. Sharpe

Camp Ground Gene H. Little (AS)

Charlotte:

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Big Spring R. C. Goforth

Calvary L. R. Spencer

Central Avenue C. C. Benton

Chadwick A. G. Lackey

Cole Memorial C. B. Newton

Commonwealth J. L. Pittard

Dilworth C. P. Bowles

Duncan Memorial C. C. Murray

First Lee F. Tuttle

Associate Glen R. McCulley

Gillespie L. D. Gillespie (RS)

Hawthorne Lane Joseph Owen

Kilgo J. C. Grose

Memorial J. E. Rink

Morris Field H. R. Cornelius

Mouzon O. L. Easter

Myers Park C. C. Herbert, Jr.

Purcell A. F. Phibbs

St. James W. G. McFarland

St. John's W. C. Leonard

St. Luke's J. M. G. Warner

St. Paul's A. B. Pearce

South Charlotte R. P. Crawley

Spencer Memorial C. M. McKinney

Wesley Heights A. J. Clemmer, Jr.

Davidson J. D. Murray

Fairview C. D. Pyatt

Harrison O. N. Hutchinson, Jr.

Hebron T. A. Langford

Hickory Grove R. P. Gibbs

Homestead H. L. Blackwelder

Huntersville H. D. Sims (S)

Indian Trail-Stallings . . A. B. Bruton

Lilesville A. A. Wilson

Marshville C. M. Smith

Matthews J. R. Hamilton

Mineral Springs D. W. Charlton, Jr.

Monroe:

Benton Heights P. V. Ridenhour (S)

Central A. J. Cox

North Monroe H. O. Huss

Moore's Chapel J. D. Harris

Morven K. R. Moore

Mt. Zion F. W. Kiker

New Hope-Bethel J. T. Ingram

Peachland R. M. Alber (AS)

Pineville T. A. Summey, Jr.

Pleasant Grove J. H. Cooke

Polkton G. W. Rudisill

Prospect H. W. Bell

Smyrna D. W. Charlton, Jr.

Thrft N. C. Williams

Trinity G. W. Bumgarner

Unionville William R. Ormand (AS)

Wadesboro W. L. Lanier

Waxhaw F. W. D. Bangle

Weddington H. R. Wilkinson (S)

Wingate K. A. Horn

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District Secretary of Bible Society, F. W. D. Bangle.

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District Director of North Carolina Christian Advocate, J. R. Hamilton.

District Director of Golden Cross, O. L. Easter.

Dean, Duke Divinity School, Myers Park Q. C., James Cannon III.

Treasurer, Eugene M. Cole Foundation, Kilgo Q. C., E. O. Cole (RS).

Superintendent and Minister of the Methodist

Home, Dilworth Q. C., Reid Wall.

President, Lees-McRae College, Charlotte: Dilworth Q. C., Fletcher Nelson.

Professor, Duke Divinity School, Charlotte: First Q. C., Kenneth W. Clark.

Professor, Candler School of Theology, Charlotte: First Q. C., G. Ray Jordan.

Professor, Candler School of Theology, Ansonville Q. C., Earl D. C. Brewer.

Professor, Willamette University, Waxhaw Q. C., N. A. Huffman.

Managing Editor, Motive Magazine, Board of Education, Davidson Q. C., K. H. Koestline, Jr.

Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Charlotte: First Q. C., J. L. Swinson.

Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Charlotte: St. John's Q. C., Henry C. Duncan.

Student, Yale Divinity School, Charlotte: Wesley Heights Q. C., Paul W. Yount, Jr.

Student, Garrett Biblical Institute, Charlotte: Duncan Memorial Q. C., J. E. Caldwell.

Student, Duke Divinity School, Charlotte: First Q. C., E. A. Hackney.

Student, Duke Divinity School, Belmont Park Q. C., E. K. Gibson.

Student, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Hawthorne Lane Q. C., J. B. Tyson.

Student, Asbury College, Charlotte: St. Paul Q. C., Arthur J. Pearce.

Retired: O. P. Ader, J. A. Baldwin, C. G. Chappell, E. O. Cole, W. B. Davis, F. O. Dryman, J. O. Ervin, R. P. Fikes, J. A. Fry, W. J. Hackney, J. E. Hipp, T. J. Huggins, J. W. Moore, N. S. Ogburn, R. L. Owenby, J. R. Short, S. A. Stewart, L. D. Thompson, J. R. Warren, B. A. York.

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Belmont: Ebenezer J. S. Gibbs

First C. B. Ross

Park Street Harley Williams

Belwood Circuit W. H. Yokeley

Bethlehem-Bess Chapel . . J. L. Johnson, Jr.

Bessemer City J. M. Odell Memorial . . C. C. Washam

Bethesda-West Cramerton . . I. A. Stephens

Big Hill To be supplied

Boger City J. L. Rayle

Beulah Lander L. Beal

Casar Circuit J. W. Lasley

Cherryville: First W. R. Kelly

Cleveland Circuit J. G. Allred (AS)

Clover Hill Lander L. Beal

Concord-Mary's Grove . . . R. W. Blanchard

Cramer Memorial W. B. A. Culp

Crouse Circuit W. C. Crummett

Dallas: First C. J. Huneycutt

El Bethel Boyce Huffstetler

Fallston-St. Paul J. J. Shepard

Gastonia: Bradley Memorial . . Harold Simpson

Faith W. T. Medlin, Jr.

Main Street Wilson O. Weldon

Maylo W. A. Rock, Jr.

Myrtle J. R. Crew, Jr.

Smyre C. E. Williams

Trinity R. J. Barnwell

West End R. M. Hardee

Kings Mountain: Central . . P. L. Shore, Jr.

Grace C. L. Grant

Lawndale Circuit J. A. Fitzgerald

Lincoln Circuit W. E. Rufty

Lincolnton: First C. G. Hefner

Rhyme Heights S. W. Johnson

Lowell-South Point B. W. Lefler

Lowesville Circuit R. S. Cody

May's Chapel John T. King

Maiden: First G. G. Adams, Jr.

McAdenville Clyde L. Collins

Mount Holly: First Charles D. White

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CHANGES IN STAFF ANNOUNCED

The Rev. Curtis R. Gatlin who has served as our conference director of youth work for the past four years has been granted a leave of absence for one year to study in New York City. He left for New York the second week in September. He plans to return to our staff next fall.

Wallace Kirby of Roxboro, a senior in the Duke Divinity School, has been secured to serve in Mr. Gatlin's place on a part-time basis this year. Mr. Gatlin will retain his title as conference director of youth work and Mr. Kirby will be given the title acting director of youth work.

We feel that we are very fortunate in being able to secure Wallace to take Curt's place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Teague Kirby, and a member of Long Memorial church. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He served 15 months with the United States Navy during World War II. He is presently a senior in the Duke Divinity School. For the past two years he has served on the Duke Endowment, one as assistant minister in three rural churches near Greensboro, and the other as counselor at Camp Tekoa, Hendersonville. Wallace states that his interest is music, classical and operatic (he sings in the Duke Chapel Choir), his hobby is water-painting, and his sports are swimming and tennis.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, director of Christian education at Duke Memorial church, Durham, will join our staff as conference director of children's work the first of November. Local church teachers and workers with children welcome this addition to our staff after a lapse of two years since Mrs. Kitty (Cline) Cox left us. We are most fortunate in being able to secure Miss Johnson to serve our conference in this capacity.

BUILDING AT CAMP DON-LEE

T. J. Collier of Bayboro is directing the building of a caretaker's lodge at Camp Don-Lee. Work on this building began the first of September and will be completed within the next several months.

This lodge will consist of six rooms, bath, central hall with space heater, closets, fireplace, front and back porches. It will be built of cement blocks with cement asphalt tile floors. The window frames and sashes will be steel. The building will be similar in construction and appearance to the other buildings already erected. It will be located in the open field near the woods to the left of the entrance gate. The total construction cost is expected to run between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

This lodge will be a great addition to our camp. It will serve as a home for either a camp director or a caretaker according to the need. It will probably be used as administrative staff quarters next summer while awaiting permanent occupancy next fall.

CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Churches that failed to observe Church School Rally Day on Sunday, September 27, still have time for this observance before conference. Some churches are planning to have this observance on either the first or second Sundays in October. We hope every church in the conference will have a special program and take an

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offering for the Conference Board of Education. Offerings must be sent in promptly to be credited to this conference year. (Mail to Wayne G. Starnes, 1503 Carolina Ave., Durham). Program leaflets and offering envelopes are still available from this office.

LAST CALL FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS

A final appeal has been sent to the local church children's division superintendents who have not reported their vacation church school to do so at once. These reports must be sent in this week if they are to be included in this year's report. Pastors and children's division superintendents are urged to check on this at once to make sure that every school has been reported.

MYFUND YEAR CLOSES

Contributions to the Methodist Youth Fund for the year 1952-53 will be accepted

through Sunday, October 4. The books will be closed for audit on the 7th. Money received after that time will be carried over to the next year.

YOUTH EMPHASIS

Bishop Paul N. Garber has appointed a special conference youth emphasis committee to serve throughout this quadrennium to plan and direct the youth emphasis in our conference. This committee held its first meeting at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, on Tuesday, September 29. Mr. A. Argyle Knight of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, was present as a resource person to guide the committee in the planning.

Bishop Garber has designated Saturday night, October 31, as Youth Emphasis Night of the Annual Conference, which will be in session at Duke Memorial church, Durham. The speaker for this night will be Rev. Jameson Jones, of Nashville, Tennessee, immediate past president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth Fellowship. Another feature of the program will be a drama entitled "Where Are the Other Three" to be presented by the MYF of St. Paul church, Goldsboro.

Teachers and adult counselors of youth are being invited to Durham on Saturday, October 31, for a workshop session on the Youth Emphasis beginning at 3:00 p.m. and to remain for the Youth Emphasis session of the Annual Conference that night. It is hoped that a large number of adult workers with youth will be able to come to Durham for this training.



Ground breaking at Camp Don-Lee

L. R. Foreman of Elizabeth City, president of the board of trustees of Camp Don-Lee, Inc., is shown above lifting the first shovel of dirt as work begins on the erection of the caretaker's lodge at Camp Don-Lee. Pictured right to left are: F. L. Blount of Bethel and Greenville, a member of the board of trustees; Mr. Foreman, Rev. C. P. Morris of Durham, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education and business Manager of Camp Don-Lee; and Master Joel Morris, son of C. P. Morris. T. J. Collier of Bayboro, who is directing this construction, was not present when this picture was made.

Miss Chandler Writes on Student Center; News from Abroad; Nye, Parker Appointed

THE METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

"We believe at the Methodist Student Center that emphasis should be placed on spiritual life," Miss Mamie Chandler told members of the N. C. and W. N. C. Conference WSCS attending the School of Missions and Christian Service at Greensboro College last month.

Miss Chandler, director of the Wesley Foundation at East Carolina College, Greenville, talked on "How We Bring Before Our Students the Cause of Christian Service, and How We Get Them to Hear the Call to Full Time Christian Service." "The Methodist Student Center is a Christian home away from home," she said. "Many students come to the center

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is in all activities of the center," Miss Chandler said, "and throughout the year we seek to help the students to give themselves to God, then they will seek to serve Him." The theme for the current year is "The Church For You Doth Wait."

WFMW IN BOLIVIA

The National Federation of Methodist Women in Bolivia held its annual Assembly in La Paz, according to information received from Miss Bessie Beck, correspondent for the World Federation of Methodist Women in that country. The more than 50 delegates who attended represented the five different organizations of Methodist women in Bolivia: Cochabamba, Ancoraimes, the Aymara church in La Paz, the Central Methodist Church, and the church in Obrajes.

"Advancement and progress are the key-words significant of these various groups," Miss Beck writes. "In ten years, from 1942-52, the Methodist women of Bolivia have accomplished much in their societies, working together in the development of local, national, and international organizations together with the women in other parts of Latin American. "We may be proud of the advancement of the woman's work in Bolivia. On visiting their meetings, whether conducted in the Spanish or in the Amara language, one is impressed by the devotion, sincerity, and spiritual development of the participants. Then one sees them work, and realizes their consecration to the cause, as they devote hours of their precious time in the making of articles which are sold for the advancement of the work in their local churches, as well as in those of other communities.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

The most interesting news that has come lately is the report of the organization of the first Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Dyak women of Sarawak, Borneo, under the leadership of Mrs. Thomas Harris, Miss Louise Robinson, executive secretary, China, Malaysia, and Burma, WDCS, reports in the September issue of The Methodist Woman. These primitive people along the Rejang River are turning to Christianity in large numbers, Miss Robinson says.

Women in The Methodist Church are moving ahead slowly but surely. The WSCS of the Malaya Annual Conference made history early in January when Asian women were elected to all places of leadership excepting two. For the first time Trinity College in Singapore has two women on the Board of Trustees—Mrs. Homer Cheng and Miss Mabel Nowlin. There were four women as regular delegates to the second meeting of the Central Conference of Southeast Asia meeting in Singapore last April—a small number, but larger than at the first meeting. This conference includes Malaya, Burma, Sumatra, and Sarawak in Borneo.

After long waiting in Penang, Malaya, Misses Gusta Robinett and Jessie Walcott have arrived in Medan, Sumatra. A new

missionary residence for them is already under way. For some years there have been no missionaries of the WDCS in Sumatra, which is a part of the new Indonesian Republic. Their work will be largely among Chinese people.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT WSG

The annual meeting of the Fayetteville District Wesleyan Service Guilds will convene at First church, Siler City, October 11, at 2:30 p.m.

TWO CORRECTIONS OF ADDRESSES

Information has been received concerning the change in addresses of two of the seven district chairmen of the research committee. These chairmen and their new mailing addresses are: Mrs. T. R. Smith, Rt. 4, Henderson, Raleigh District; and Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Carolina Beach, Wilmington District.



Miss Alta Nye

Miss Alta Nye, above, a native of Twin Bridges, Montana, assumed her duties last month as a rural worker on the Milton charge in Caswell County.

Miss Nye holds an A.B. degree from the College of Emporia, Kansas, and an M.A. from Scarritt College for Christian Workers. She majored in social science and town and country work at the latter college. Miss Nye was formerly employed as pastor's assistant in the Methodist Blackfeet Mission, Browning, Montana.

The rural work in Caswell County is sponsored by the North Carolina Conference WSCS. Rev. W. F. Meacham is pastor of the Milton charge.

for counseling and help." among the varied features of the program of the center are the Sunday evening and Monday evening vespers, the fall and spring retreats, discussions on "What It Means to Be a Christian," programs of evangelism, commissions in areas of special interest, visitation to nearby churches to conduct worship, and recreation. A group of students comprising the Wesley Foundation Council works with Miss Chandler in directing the activities of the Wesley Foundation program.

A chapel has been furnished at the center, the altar of which was given as a memorial for a former student at ECC, who met an untimely death two years ago. Bibles and other devotional materials are always found in the chapel.

"All during the year the spirit of prayer



Miss Elsie Parker

Miss Elsie Parker, above, has received an appointment from the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a missionary to Brazil, where she will assist in organizing a school of social work at Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro.

Miss Parker, a native of Thornton, Iowa, holds an A.B. degree from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa; an M. S. from the School of Applied Sciences, Western University, Cleveland, Ohio; and has completed one year of study on her Ph. D. at the School of Social Administration, University of Chicago. At the time of her appointment of the WDCS, Miss Parker was employed as director of the Division of Child Welfare, State Department of Welfare, Raleigh, and was serving as Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds. She is also a former secretary of the Raleigh District WSG. Currently Miss Parker is engaged in a three months specialized training course at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Elizabeth McManus of Hamlet is also under recent appointment as a missionary from the North Carolina Conference WSCS. Following a period of specialized training, Miss McManus will sail for India, where she will serve as an educational worker.

Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, also of Hamlet, has recently returned to Korea, where she has served as a missionary for a number of years.

Board Meets; Home Has Five New Trustees; Charlotte Church Gives \$6,400.55

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Annual Conference is in session this week at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point. This Conference is not only well attended but is making rapid progress with important matters coming before it. The church's spacious sanctuary and the balcony above do not furnish sufficient room for all the delegates to be seated. Many of them stand along the wall in the back part of the sanctuary. As some go away, others fill in the space they left. Those who cannot readily be seated within the bar of the Conference can find a mighty good substitute place to visit in the book room. Our Publishing house has a very fine array of books, new books, preacher books, together with a lot of other books that prove to be interesting and helpful to the reader. The various boards and committees of the Conference are busily engaged in discussing the matters they will present to the Conference for approval.

A CHANGED SITUATION

Some few years ago it was alarming to note that there were so many pastoral charges without pastors to serve them. The incoming groups of new preachers would not nearly supply the charges clamoring for pastors, young pastors. This demand has been supplied to a marked extent as evidence indicates that the call to preach has been heard by more and possibly better trained young ministers. During the Conference session yesterday it was noted that thirty-eight promising young men were admitted on trial into the Methodist ministry.

OUR BOARD MEETS

Our board of trustees met on September 16 and transacted a lot of business in the hour and a half it was in session. All the officers then functioning were re-elected and charged with a number of important matters to carry along through the ensuing year. Among other matters, Gorrell R. Stinson, of the architectural firm of Macklin and Stinson, presented a master plan for future enlargement of the work our organization is set to do. The board authorized the construction of two fire-proof buildings, one to house girls and the other to accommodate boys. It was also decided that an accommodating pavilion be constructed so as to better serve our friends as they will visit us from time to time with their lunches or their weiner roastings. A visit was made to the new swimming pool and evidence was assuring that this needed project will be entirely completed before another swimming time comes around.

HELPFUL SERVICE

The following quotations are taken from letters so far received from the new members of our board in answer to our inquiry as to the way they would have their names listed on our letter-head:

"I have been honored by being elected to membership on your Board of Trustees for a term of six years. If I can be of service to you, it will be an honor to serve on this board." C. Stimpson, Jr.

"I want to tell you how honored I feel to be elected to the membership of your Board of Trustees for the next six years. I shall make every endeavor to serve the Children's Home, not only faithfully but also in the most constructive manner possible during this time. I look forward

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with great pleasure in serving with the outstanding men who have been selected and those who are now members of your board." Tom A. Finch.

"To me, there is not a greater institution in our church than our Home. I feel it a great honor to even have my name mentioned in connection with the Home, and shall do everything in my power to fulfill the responsibility which I shall be called upon to do." Herbert D. Garmon.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Five new members of our board were elected and have since been confirmed by our Western North Carolina Annual Conference as follows: Bowman Gray of Winston-Salem; C. Stimpson, Jr., of Statesville; Tom A. Finch of Thomasville; J. D. Ross, Jr., of Asheboro; and Rev. H. D. Garmon of Norwood. These fine fellows will join the other fifteen members of our board in the direction of the services to be rendered parentless children coming from within the bounds of our Conference. The Children's Home has been very fortunate in the selection of its governing board of trustees. It appears that the incoming new members will compare favorably with those who have been directing our affairs so well for a long time.

MONEY MATTERS

We have appeared before our Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and have recommended that the present plan for securing funds be continued for another year. The fear we had at the beginning of the present conference year that our income would be very seriously curtailed seems not to be manifest. While the money matters for this

conference year are not yet tabulated, it is evident our family of boys and girls will not be penalized when it comes to having enough money to buy the commodities they need. It is in evidence that at the close of August of this year our income had been reduced in the amount of \$10,008 as compared to a similar time last conference year. Doubtless additional lossage will apply to the September income, but even so, it does not appear that we will have to go in the red to get along. It has proven true that a number of our fine congregations have overpaid their asking and some of them very much overpaying their askings. To them and to all other congregations we extend our heartiest thanks.

A GOOD CATCH

The picture herewith presented is that of Linda Troutt, eleven years old and doing well in the sixth grade. Linda is a girl who has made her way along here by being dependable and anxious to do well any assignment that has been made for her. This pleasing member of our family is sponsored by the Fellowship Bible Class of Central, Monroe, Oscar W. Broome being the correspondent.

AN ALL-TIME HIGH

During the Conference sessions held at First church, Charlotte, last year Mr. T. W. Aldred, one of the hosts of the Conference, stated that he had been selected as The Children's Home promoter for the ensuing year and that he felt certain that his congregation would raise more money than was ever raised before in any congregation in the Western North Carolina Conference. This promise has been fulfilled. Note what Friend Aldred says: "A few days ago Mr. White, our treasurer, mailed you a check for \$613.64 covering our August fifth Sunday offering, an all-time record for our Sunday school. My records show that we have forwarded you during the present conference year \$6,400.55. I think the words of the Psalmist are appropriate: 'The Lord has blessed us, whereof we are glad.'"

BORING DOWN

This summer we rented fourteen acres of good loamy land from our good friend, John W. Alspaugh. On this land we had a good crop of tomatoes and it appears that we will have a good crop of sweet potatoes. Our truck farmer, Mr. Boose, has just delivered to us the roots of a potato vine on which are located fifteen potatoes of one size or another. There are three potatoes that grew down into the loamy soil for some fifteen inches, evidently trying to find some moisture. At any rate, there is a lot of potatoes on the vine that has been delivered to us. The sweet potatoes will serve as a good instance of where there is a will there is a way.

OUR SINGING CLASS

It will be recounted that during the past year we did not have any arrangements for developing a good chorus class. This year it appears that we will be more fortunate in that we will have a good director. Even so, it will require quite a bit of practicing to secure a harmonious singing group. While we will be enabled to make a few trips, it is not thought that it would be advisable to be away too much of our Sunday time. Every time the bus goes out on Sunday a group here at home is inconvenienced in getting to and from the church. However, we shall hope to visit a few of our congregations as soon as we can.

A World That God Would Approve

By Charles M. Laymon

Isaiah 42:5-9, Revelations 21:1-5, 10 24

The Kinsey book, "Sexual Behavior in the Human Female," has created a stir in American life. Whether it will turn out to be a storm or a squall remains to be seen. Doctors, lawyers, psychologists and ministers have been drawn into the fray. Leading magazines carried articles this month, most of them reportorial in character, on the publication.

The study purports to be objective and scientific. As such, its emphasis is biological and psychological. In addition, it has pronounced sociological overtones. This makes it a concern of morals and religion. Its suggestion that the Judeo-Christian moral code on sex experience is out of line with the biological and psychological nature of man hits us dead center. We question seriously this interpretation of the findings.

All of this confronts us with the theme of our lesson. What kind of world could God approve? The question at hand is broader than sex, although it includes it certainly. The entire range of experience—economics, politics, international relations, disease, war, peace, home life, crime,

and human suffering—is involved.

As a background for such a broad subject, the biblical passages in today's lesson tell the story of God's creation of the world, his attempts to develop and improve it, and the sending of his Son to it. They conclude with the picture of a new heaven and a new earth as envisioned by the seer in Revelation. The Scriptures say that God is working toward a goal in the creation and guidance of his world.

The Wesley Quarterly defines this goal aptly when it states: "Christians believe that God could approve the kind of world which is founded on changeless moral principles." This means that life is to be lived according to a divine pattern, and we find this pattern in Christ. Man should not sell out to passing styles in moral behavior.

There is a close connection between this idea and the world-wide communion service which most Protestant churches will observe on this day. Communion at the Lord's Table has an outreach toward moral perfection that challenges us all. We are present to forgive and be forgiven and to make new resolves to work for the kind of world God can approve.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

(Continued from page six)

Bishop Harrell Speaks

Bishop Harrell in the Conference sermon Sunday morning used as his topic "Our Divine Redeemer." When Jesus asked the question "Whom do you say I am?" the speaker said there were two possible answers. Jesus can be considered as only a man or as the Son of God. To believe the second may be difficult, but it is true. "The truth of the divine Christ is not tested in theological schools, but in time, in life, in living," he declared. The simple testing of time and history, he continued, has shown the divine Christ outlasting all who would deny him. "Other men have their day and cease to be, but he is here today," he said. "He walks through all the centuries. He walks today. One who does this is more than man," he concluded.

Conference Treasurer Herbert M. Wayne reported that receipts during the past year totaled \$1,754,743 and disbursements \$1,626,669, leaving a balance in the various funds of \$128,074. United College Appeal funds received amounted to \$281,311.

The Conference passed a resolution supporting Bishop Bromley Oxnam in his stand for combatting false rumors against Protestant ministers and stated that Protestantism is the strongest bulwark against communism. It also passed resolutions calling for a ruling on the meaning of the term "consult" with reference to the appointment of preachers and favoring a rotating plan for boards, committees and commissions similar to the plan adopted in 1952 by the General Conference for general boards.

The Conference Love Feast, an annual affair, was held Sunday morning with Rev. E. M. Avett in charge.

Forceful messages were brought on Thursday and Friday afternoons during the preaching hour by Rev. Harold M. Robinson of Thomasville and Rev. A. J. Cox of Monroe. Devotional speakers at nine o'clock each morning were Rev.

Julian Lindsey of Greensboro and Rev. Cecil G. Hefner of Lincolnton.

Many events were held in connection with the Conference. Dinners were held by Asbury College, Emory University, Brevard College, High Point College, Duke University, the Rural Fellowship, the Board of Lay Activities, the chaplains and the ministers wives. A tea was held for the ladies attending the Conference in the home of Mrs. Walter J. Miller and High Point College held open house on Thursday afternoon.

Moving dates for pastors receiving new assignments were set for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7.

GUIDE FOR SETTING UP CHURCH BUDGET

- (1) World Service and Conference Benevolences (get from District Stewards).
- (2) Inter-denominational Co-operation Fund (get from District Stewards).
- (3) Other Ministerial Support:
 - (a) Episcopal Fund: an amount equal to 2% of pastor's salary for the current year.
 - (b) District Superintendents' Fund: an amount equal to 4½% of pastor's salary for the preceding year.
 - (c) Conference Claimants: an amount equal to 17¼% of pastor's salary for the preceding year.
- (4) Minimum Salary Fund: 4% of local church expense for previous year. (Items 44, 45, and 47 of pastor's report.)
- (5) College Sustaining Fund: 3¼% of local church expense for previous year. (Items 44, 45, and 47 of pastor's report.)
- (6) Children's Home: 10% of pastor's salary for preceding year, plus voluntary addition.



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 Judy.
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 Rockwood Q. C., J. B. Golden.
 Student, Candler School of Theology, Cullow-
 hee Q. C., R. T. Houts, Jr.
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Announcements

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors receiving new assignments are requested to send their change of address to the Advocate immediately. State old and new address.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING TO MEET

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications for the North Carolina Conference will meet at St. Paul's church, Goldsboro, October 12 at 9:30 a.m.

All young men seeking admission on trial into the Conference and those who are in the courses of study for the first and second year are asked to meet with the Board.—J. A. Russell, Chairman.

CHANGES IN CHARGE BOUNDARIES

Asheville District

Authorize the organization of a new church in Asheville, Beverly Hill Section, to be called Groce.

Take Sardis from the Emma-Sardis charge and place with Elkwood, the charge to be called Elkwood-Sardis.

Take Riverview from Elkwood and place with Emma, the charge to be called Emma-Riverview.

Take Horse Shoe and Etowah and combine with Selica and Rosman to form a charge to be called Brevard Circuit. Discontinue Lake Toxaway and attach membership and church property to Rosman, Brevard Circuit Quarterly Conference, thus absorbing the Rosman and Horse Shoe-Etowah charges.

Charlotte District

Take New Hope from the Prospect Charge and place with Benton Heights to form the Benton Heights Charge.

Take Antioch from the Hebron Charge and place with Weddington to form the Weddington Charge.

Take Smyrna from the Hebron Charge to form the Smyrna Charge.

Discontinue Center Church on the North Monroe Charge.

Establish South Charlotte Charge in South Charlotte.

Place Grace (new congregation) on Morven Charge.

Gastonia District

Take Snow Hill Methodist Church from the Lowesville Circuit and make it a station church.

Take Bess Chapel and Bethlehem from the Cherryville Circuit and form a new two-point charge to be known as Bess Chapel-Bethlehem Charge.

Take Beulah Methodist Church from the Cherryville Circuit and make it a station.

Take Friendship Methodist Church from the Fallston Circuit, and St. Paul's Methodist Church from the Cherryville Circuit and form a two-point charge to be known as the Fallston-St. Paul.

Take Lawndale, Palm Tree, and Double Shoals from the Fallston Charge and create a new charge to be known as the Lawndale Charge.

Take Polkville Methodist Church and Rehobeth Methodist Church from the Polkville Circuit and establish a two-point charge to be called Polkville-Rehobeth Charge.

Take Casar from the Polkville Circuit, Kistner's Union and Pleasant Hill from the Cleveland Circuit and create a new three-point charge to be known as the Casar Charge.

Divide the Maiden Charge and set up two

station churches, one to be known as May's Chapel Methodist Church, and the other to be known as the First Methodist Church, Maiden.

Take Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant, Mount Moriah, and New Home from the Cleveland Circuit, and Mount Harmony and Lee's Chapel from the Polkville Circuit and let these churches constitute the Cleveland Circuit.

Take Big Hill Methodist Church from the Fallston Circuit and make it a station church.

Take Clover Hill from the Polkville Circuit and make it a station church.

Take Bethea Methodist Church of Bessemer City and put it with J. M. Odell Memorial Methodist Church of Bessemer City, thus forming a two-point charge to be known as the J. M. Odell Memorial Methodist Charge.

Change the name of Dallas Methodist Church to the First Methodist Church, Dallas.

Greensboro District

Take St. Andrews Church from Guilford Circuit and add it to Groometown charge.

Take Eagle Falls Church from Reidsville Circuit and add it to Mount Hermon-Meadow View Charge.

Marion District

From Sunshine Charge take Pisgah and Centennial, and from Gilkey Charge take Mount Hebron to form a new charge to be called Mount Hebron.

Add to Murphy's Chapel the re-activated churches, Arney's Chapel and Fairview.

Take Gilboa Church from Table Rock Charge and place with the Morganton Circuit.

Take Sunshine Church from Bostic Charge and place on Sunshine Charge.

Take Caroleen Church from Henrietta charge and Alexander Church from Avondale and form a charge to be known as Caroleen-Alexander.

Take Henrietta Church and place with Avondale, to be known as Avondale-Henrietta.

Salisbury District

Take Shiloh Church from the Granite Quarry Charge and constitute a station to be called Shiloh.

Take Mt. Tabor, Bethel and Providence churches from the Granite Quarry charge and constitute a charge to be called Providence.

Statesville District

Divide the Claremont-Shiloh Charge, in order to form two stations, one station to be known as Claremont and the other as Shiloh.

Divide the Taylorsville Charge, now consisting of three churches, as follows: Constitute Taylorsville a station; take Carson's Chapel and attach to the Pisgah Charge, and place Marvin on the Statesville Circuit.

Thomasville District

Take Spring Hill from Thomasville Circuit and make new charge, to be called Spring Hill.

Take Mount Zion from Asheboro Circuit and place with West Side. This charge will be thus: West Side, Mt. Shepherd, Piney Grove, Mount Zion, to be called West Side.

Take Fairview from Mount Vernon and make new charge a station, to be called Fairview.

Waynesville District

Take Snow Hill and Iotla from the Franklin Circuit and form a new charge, to be called Snow Hill-Iotla. Authorize the reorganization of Riverview and place with Snow Hill-Iotla.

Take Hampton Memorial, Ranger, Reed's Chapel and Tomotla from West Murphy Circuit and place with the Murphy Circuit.

Winston-Salem District

Take Ebenezer from Elkin Circuit, and Long Town from Jonesville, and create a new charge to be called Ebenezer-Long Town.

REV. EDWARD HILL DAVIS DIES AT GREEN HILL PLACE

Rev. Edward Hill Davis, 93, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died September 14 at historic Green Hill Place near Louisburg where he had made his home for the past twenty years. Funeral services were held September 15 at the Louisburg Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Clegg, and a former pastor, Rev. Forrest D. Hedden of Raleigh. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

Born July 3, 1860, the son of Matthew S. and Louise Hill Davis, Mr. Davis received his first instruction from his father, who was a prominent educator and at one time president of Louisburg College. He was graduated from Trinity College, now Duke University, in 1880. He studied law at the University of North Carolina, later working in law under Judge Charles Cooke.

He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1886 when Methodism in the state was under one conference. His first assignment was High Point to what is now Wesley Memorial church. Other pastorates were at Chapel Hill, Goldsboro, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Clinton, Franklinton, Zebulon, Wendell, Louisburg and other churches. Following his retirement, he came to Green Hill Place, site of the first Methodist Conference held in North Carolina. He restored the old Methodist shrine which has attracted thousands of Methodists from all over the world. Interested in the history of the Louisburg area, he was author of a volume entitled "Historical Sketches of Franklin County." Active since his retirement, he has served on the faculty of Louisburg College and preached on many occasions.

In 1891 Mr. Davis married Miss Mattie Dodanead who died in 1932.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Alberta Davis of Louisburg, Miss Laura Davis of Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. V. D. Sale of High Point; one son, George Davis of Louisburg; three sisters, Mrs. Ivy Allen, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton and Miss Mabel Davis, all of Warrenton; one brother, Mr. Stuart Davis of Louisburg; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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World Wide Communion - World Wide Need

"A hungry man is not interested in the Four Freedoms so much as in four sandwiches."

This arresting sentence came glowing from the lips of former Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. representative at the United Nations as he addressed an audience of 15,000 Service Club men on World Relief in Madison Square Garden, New York. It vividly and compellingly reminded all present of the global tragedy surrounding our Continent of plenty and gave a directive for action if American hopes, ideals and even our democracy are to triumph.

Someone with a poignant knowledge of the Far East transposed the sentence to read, "A starving child cannot be interested in the Four Gospels when he obviously needs four spoonfuls of rice."

Those who think the millions given by governments should suffice should heed the words of Mr. John Foster Dulles spoken when he was Secretary of State-designate to the National Council of Churches meeting in Denver.

"Let our people, as private persons, more abundantly dispense aid and comfort to those who are materially less fortunate. In this matter, as in others, we have come to feel too much that the task is only governmental. The total quantity of food and clothing given by Christian agencies since the end of World War II approaches 1000 million pounds.

"What has been done illustrates the immense possibilities of private effort. The good to others, and the goodwill of others, could and would be multiplied many fold if our people realized more fully that Government grants are never a substitute for private charity."

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief during the thirteen years of its organized life, has distributed over \$12,000,000 given by the church people of American Methodism.

It has gone to alleviate the appalling needs of men, women and children, without discrimination of race, creed or color and has been channeled in its use by the missionaries of the church, Church World Service and the World Council of Churches. This unceasing stream of beneficence has gone to tortured, uprooted people everywhere, bringing the touch of life, cheer, warmth, health and courage. Over vast areas it has changed hopelessness and despair to a faith that someone does care and that there can be a brighter future and not one of utter futility.

The observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday on October 4 will bring a consciousness of the universality and solidarity of Christians and of our inescapable responsibility to make an offering to assist in meeting urgent human need. Together with the Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains and Camp Activities will share in the gifts.

Great demands for help frequently come swiftly and unexpectedly and the committee must have resources to meet an immediate need.

Three countries this past year suffered tremendously from unusually severe and devastating hurricanes and storms and immediate action was taken. Holland was sent \$50,000 when acute distress came to that industrious land in the havoc wrought by an invasion of stormy ocean waters unprecedented in history. Fiji received \$2,000 when a tornado destroyed scores of churches and hundreds of homes in that island mission land where 80% of the

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Vice Chairman of the

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief

native race are members of The Methodist Church. Assistance was given to Japan when record raging floods brought widespread desolation. The expressions of gratitude which come back would have made glad the heart of every contributor.

All can rejoice in the truce which has silenced the guns of war, but the frightful task of restoring that battle-desolated land so that the gallant people can live, still faces the world. Korea has been scorched again and again. The poverty and squalor are almost terrifying. American casualties have been heavy but Korean losses have been ten times as many. President Eisenhower has suggested a fund of \$200,000,000 to bring back Korean soil to productivity. In coming months the need can easily exceed even the needs of the past.

Today, tonight and tomorrow, boys and

girls and older people by the hundreds of thousands will be weak from hunger. The greatest need of these lands is food. Every minute of every day one person in India dies of tuberculosis. The 500,000 Methodists in India and Pakistan have been given new heart by the support of MCOR and the need is still acute beyond description.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees are pouring into Hong Kong from the Chinese mainland. The normal population of about 600,000 has trebled. Nearly all these people have lost everything. A monthly grant is helping to meet cases of the utmost destitution and now MCOR is called upon to help a new venture in the establishing of a Wesley Village which is approved by the local government. It promises much in human service in the future.

When you are participating in the Lord's Supper on World-Wide Communion Sunday may these great needs come so close to you and everyone with you that their response in a gift may be worthy of a true servant of Jesus Christ.

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METHODISM CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL IN A UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

On Sunday, October 11, the centennial of University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, will be observed. Bishop William Walter Peele of Laurinburg will preach the sermon at the eleven o'clock worship service. At the evening service at 7:30 o'clock Dr. Fletcher Green, head of the History Department of the University of North Carolina, will give a digest of the history of the church; greetings will be received from former pastors, Wesley Foundation workers and Conference officials; officials of the church will be presented; the choir will sing and a brief program of music on the new three-manual organ will be given. Following the evening service an informal reception will be held in the church parlors. Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor, will be in charge of the day's events. See story "Methodism at 'the Cross-Road of the State'", pages 4, 5. (Photo by Sam Boone, Chapel Hill).

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THIS I ASK

Not more of light, O God, I ask,
But eyes to see what is;
Not sweeter songs, but power to hear
The present melodies.

Not more of strength, but how to use
The power that I possess;
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress.

Not more of joy, but power to feel
Its kindred presence near,
To give to others all I have
Of courage and of cheer.

Help me all fears to dominate,
All holy joys to know,
To be the friend I wish to be,
To speak the truth I know.
—Author Unknown.

A NARROW WINDOW

A narrow window may let in the light,
A tiny star dispel the gloom of night,
A little deed a mighty wrong set right.

A rose, abloom, may make a desert fair,
A single cloud may darken all the air,
A spark may kindle ruin and despair.

A smile, and there may be an end to strife;
A look of love, and hate may sheathe the knife;
A word—ah, it may be the word of life!
—Florence Earle Coates in
Watchman Examiner.

No ray of sunlight is ever lost, but the green which it awakes into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith.—Albert Schweitzer

We have become so timid that we let the market place decide the issue. We are frightened to death to be the pioneers our fathers were, taking this Gospel of ours into new relationships. We are frightened lest we make Jesus too relevant somewhere, and we hold back until others move and then timidly follow afar off. The Word of God becomes a mere echo instead of a trumpet call. This is the thing we must fear.—Gerald Kennedy in **Here Is My Method** (Revell)

Let us learn to give God time. God needs time with us. If we only give Him time—that is, time in the daily fellowship with Himself, for Him to exercise the full influence of His presence on us, and time, day by day, in the course of our being kept waiting, for faith to prove its reality and to fill our whole being—He Himself will lead us from faith to vision; we shall see the glory of God. Let no delay shake our faith. Of faith it holds good: first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. Each believing prayer brings a step nearer the final victory.—Andrew Murray in **The Treasury of Andrew Murray** (Revell).

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

We all want to succeed. The urge to amount to something is born in us. But what is it to succeed?

Certainly we can say first of all that success must be inspired by a good motive. Ambition, which is essential to zestful living, can be devilish as well as Godly. And when the desire to succeed is only the urge to self-advancement, it does play the devil. Healthy self-assertiveness loses itself in the welfare of larger groups.

The normal child merges its interests first with those of the family. The baby is born a bundle of egoistic desires. It wants what it wants when it wants it, and if unchecked may try to get its way at the expense of other members in the household. But the well-trained child ceases trying to win over the family and learns to win with the family.

Brother George is pleased when Helen makes A's in school, and Helen cheers when George makes the team. Of course, there may be occasional exceptions. But when a boy wants to win for the sake of the family rather than merely for himself, his ambition takes on a nobler cast.

The child enters into the life and interests of the school. If he trains for the football team, it makes a great difference whether he is out to be a star performer seeking glory for himself or whether he is a team player. The fellow that plays to the grandstand, however brilliant, does not become popular with those who know. The chief value of school and college athletics, in fact, of all school loyalties, is to expand the success patterns of youth to include interests beyond themselves.

Then, when George finishes his formal schooling, he sets out to get a job. In this he desires to succeed. He says, "I want to make something of myself." Surely that seems a worthy motive, but is it quite an adequate one?

Some years ago a middle aged Boston surgeon said to Dean Sperry of Harvard: "It has taken me half my life to find out that my task in life is not to make something of myself but to find a job that is worth doing and then lose myself in it."

Do we wish to succeed for the sake of ourselves? That is bad. Or do we wish to succeed for the sake of our family, our friends, our work?

Another mark of success is to survive defeats. A few years ago two men, Primo Carnera and Max Baer, were fighting for the heavyweight championship of the world. I don't go to prize fights, but this was told by a bishop, and bishops are supposed to be authorities on everything, including prize fights!

In the midst of the bout, each fighter swung at the other and missed. Both fell to the canvas, and the crowd witnessed the rather ridiculous spectacle of two fighters lying in the ring, facing each other. Before they could rise, Max Baer, who was given to bright remarks, grinned at Carnera and said, "The last one up is a sissy." The setting of that remark should not blind us to the truth of it.

How to pick oneself up from defeat when "one is too old to cry and when it hurts too much to laugh"—that is a very real test of success.

(Continued in next column)



Let Us Pray

Eternal and All-wise God, Thou who hast created the heavens and the earth and hast made man in Thine own image, make us aware of Thy lordship and Thy dominion. Awaken the divine within us and make us aware of our eternal kinship with Thee and with all mankind. Deepen our appreciation of the beauties in nature that surround us. But, above all, help us to see beauty in Christian character, nobility in Christian service and joy in Christian fellowship. Send heaven into our souls that it may overflow and spill over into our home and community and nation and world. Hasten the day when Thy kingdom shall come on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

But to survive victories is even harder. We have a common saying that nothing succeeds like success.

That seems true in the short view. But in the long perspective of history, we see that nothing fails like success. Worldly men cannot stand success. Only Godly men can survive victories.

Why is this? Because victors so often become too self-confident. We need God to show us the true goals of success and to keep us humble in pursuing them. That is why the Master said, "The meek shall inherit the earth." (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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The Nation Is a Mirror of the Individual

Congressman Charles B. Deane of North Carolina, recently returned from Caux, Switzerland, where he attended an assembly of Moral Rearmament, preached a one-sentence sermon which should receive wide publicity. Concerning conditions in the nation Mr. Deane said: "As I am so is my nation." Several pertinent observations are immediately suggested by these simple, incisive words.

For one thing, we usually picture moral conditions in the nation in terms of our own moral state.

Now, we do not mean to say that to the bad all things are bad and to the good all things are good. We do believe, however, that our conceptions are colored perceptibly by our personal philosophy, by our own standards of conduct. The Christian does not see his nation as totally bad or totally good. He sees both the good and the bad. But trying to live on a high moral plane, he assumes that millions of his fellow-men are setting their affection on things above the earth. Even though he is aware that many are violating high ethical standards, he feels that there is more good in the nation than evil, that in most of us is the strong and inherent desire to live by high Christian principles.

The Christian believes that the heart of this nation is still basically sound, the reports of the experts to the contrary notwithstanding. He is willing to admit, as Dr. Kinsey contends, that some men and women violate sex laws, that some husbands and wives are unfaithful. But he is not willing to concede that because a few break over all do, or that because some have let down their moral bars we might as well throw away all moral restraints. The Christian contends that there is a moral voice inside of us and above us, ever disturbing us when we do wrong, ever calling us onward and upward. He is sure that there is pardon and deliverance for the sinner. He sees his nation not only as it is but in terms of what it can become under God. He has hope for his nation because he knows what God through Christ can do for man. This is not wishful thinking. It is sober realism—Christian realism.

Again, these words suggest that what we are as individuals is a mirror of what the nation is. In a democracy the nation is no more than the sum total of its citizens. We shape America more than America shapes us. Its character is no stronger than the character of its people. It does matter how each of us

lives. Never has the individual counted for so much. Each is contributing either to the nation's glory or to its downfall. No person can afford to be neutral or morally irresponsible in these decisive days.

Too many of us, unfortunately, have tried to shift responsibility for the wellbeing of the nation to economic and political and military leaders. To be sure, they have their job. But now, as never before, the destiny of our nation is in the hands of ordinary citizens. Therefore, every person needs to keep reminding himself: "As I am so is my nation." When each of us begins to realize fully the significance of these words and begins seriously to act upon them as responsible Christian members of a free society the nation will be safe. Until that time, the acids of doubt and fear and decay will continue to eat away at the foundations.

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American Churchmen Give More for Overseas Needs

American church people so far this year have given 72% more food, clothing, medicines and other commodities through Church World Service, Protestant relief agency, than they gave during a corresponding period last year. Shipments totaling 13,000,000 pounds and representing a value of \$4,000,000 have already been made.

Don't let anyone convince you that overseas needs are not acute. In many parts of Europe and Asia millions of people are faced with rigorous hunger and privation. Multiplied millions never know what it is to have a full stomach. Still others cannot earn enough to buy the necessities of life. Existence for the majority of our fellow human beings at best is dreary, monotonous, filled with hardship and tribulation.

Methodists can be proud that their church is affiliated with Church World Service. They can be proud also that we have within our own denomination, in the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, an agency that seeks to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our unfortunate brothers overseas. Last Sunday most of us had an opportunity to contribute to this cause as a part of the observance of World Wide Communion Sunday. If you did not give on that occasion, there is still time, for human need continues unbroken in a world of tension and strife and disaster.

When you help the needy overseas you are joining hands with an increasing company of American churchmen whose sympathies transcend geographical boundaries.

Are You One of the 25 Per Cent Who Drinks?

Through the *Michigan Christian Advocate* we learn that a recent survey conducted by the sociology department of Hamline University reveals that 25 per cent of the Methodists of the Minnesota Conference uses intoxicating beverages.

Perhaps these figures come as no surprise to many Methodists. We have been told that around sixty per cent of the adults in this country imbibes to some extent. We have known from personal observation that many of our members are victims of this great evil, that among the 4,000,000 alcoholics in the nation some are unfortunately Methodists. Whether or not this percentage applies to North Carolina Methodists we cannot tell. We only know there are too many Methodists who are on good terms with John Barleycorn.

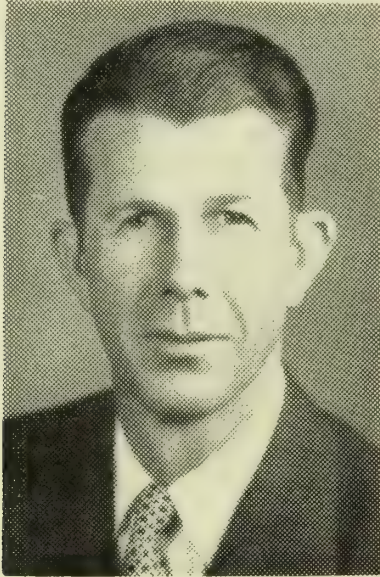
But we cannot dismiss these facts with a shrug of the shoulder; nor can we assume an attitude of apathy or despair. The fact that any of the people committed to our spiritual care indulges in a habit which causes more misery and heartache than any other evil presents to the church a tremendous challenge. We are bound to admit that the liquor interests have done the temperance teaching in our day. We have, of course, passed strong resolutions at Annual Conference sessions. The Methodist Church has not compromised its position. Yet many individual Methodists have. The fact that 25 per cent uses intoxicating beverages does not make it right. Even if 75 per cent used strong drink it would not be right.

Temperance education must begin in the home. Methodist parents should be urged not to use or serve intoxicants in the home. The Church School should teach the truth about alcohol. Every Methodist pulpit should cry out against this insidious monster. Right and truth are on our side. Reason and sound judgment are working in our behalf. The souls of multitudes are at stake. Why should we stand back in fear? With faith and courage we can reduce the percentage of drinkers drastically.

There was a time when Methodism was the conscience of the nation. Concerning the use of alcohol, may it become true once more. The place to begin is with self. Are you one of the 25 per cent who drinks? For your sake, for your family's sake, for society's sake, for Christ's sake, won't you covenant now to make it one less who drinks? Along this path there can be no regrets!

Methodism at "the Cross-Road of the State"

On a summer day in 1853 a few people gathered in a new church in Chapel Hill and dedicated it as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Largely through the efforts of Marion Frost, a student at the University of North Carolina, the building was made possible. He solicited the state and secured the "handsome sum of \$5000" with which the building was erected. Preaching had been done by Asbury and others at Chapel Hill but the Methodists there were members of Orange church, a mile away. This young



Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.
Pastor of University Methodist Church

student-preacher evidently was popular; by the demand of the Senior Class, he preached the Baccalaureate sermon the year of his graduation from the University.

The church grew through the years until a new building was needed. In June of 1889 the second home of the Methodists was dedicated. A fact of peculiar interest was that Bishop Duncan had been engaged to preach the Baccalaureate sermon for the University. In the evening he was invited to preach in the new Methodist church. The bishop preached and moved the congregation so noticeably that a suggestion was made they take an offering for the indebtedness on the church. The ushers waited on the congregation and a sufficient amount of money was paid to meet the indebtedness and the dedication was held that evening. The first superintendent of the Sunday School in the new building was Walter M. Curtis, a student, who became a minister in the Western North Carolina Conference and is now one of its honored superannuates. The passing years saw improvements made in the building and increases in membership.

Providence seems to match men and circumstances. In 1913 Rev. Walter Patten was appointed pastor of the Chapel Hill church. A class of 150 or more University students, taught by Dr. C. L. Raper, was crowded into a small classroom. Every corner was utilized as a space for Sunday School classes. This pioneering preacher inspired the quarterly conference on November 9, 1915, when he reported, "... There is an imperative need for a Sunday School building. If our local church will unite in its interest and efforts, this building can be secured."

The First World War came. The student body of the University was greatly reduced, building was restricted, energy was drained off into other projects. However, people learned that big financial undertakings were possible. With the return of the students in 1920 the need was placed before the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. With prophetic insight, President H. W. Chase warned the official board of the Chapel Hill Methodist Church, "within a few years there will be 1,000 Methodists on the Hill instead of the 434 at present."

Plans for a New Building

Already Rev. Euclid McWhorter, who had succeeded Dr. Patten as pastor, had abandoned the idea of an addition to the old building and the talk was of a building representative of Methodism in the great educational center of the South. An expenditure of \$150,000 was anticipated, to be raised as follows: from the two Boards of Missions \$20,000 each; the two Boards of Church Extension \$20,000 each; the local congregation \$20,000; and the alumni of the University \$50,000. At the conference of 1921, Dr. Patten was returned to the Chapel Hill church to carry through the plans. On January 6, 1925, L. R. Wilson, chairman of the board of stewards, turned the first dirt for the new building.

In 1926 the building was accepted from the contractors just in time for the meeting of the Durham District Conference held there on May 27 and 28. Up to that time it had been a matter of planning; now the Joint Commission elected by the two North Carolina Conferences of Methodism settled down to the task of paying for the church. Idleness was not experienced on the part of the local congregation, which numbered about 300, and which worked unceasingly to pay interest and reduce the principal a little and pay for a parsonage. It was enough to daunt the brave when the depression came on and the few courageous stewards who were daring enough to do so mortgaged their homes and all they had to secure the note. During this period Dr. M. T. Plyler, then presiding elder of the Durham District, was a tower of strength as a member of the Joint Commission. Others served with distinction and their names are honored by the Chapel Hill church.

The New Building Is Dedicated

Joy unbounded came to the local congregation and a sigh of relief to the conferences when, just prior to Christmas, 1934, Dr. M. T. Plyler, chairman of the Joint Commission, announced that an anonymous donor had given a check for \$50,000 with which to cancel the mortgage held by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. At last the building was ready for dedication. The dedication service was held on Sunday, April 7, 1935, during the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Jenkins, with Bishop Paul B. Kern preaching the dedicatory sermon. Thus North Carolina Methodism had refuted the first pessimistic prediction: that the church could never pay for the building they had built. (The second one, that the church would never be filled, remained for a later day.)

The friend who set the church free was James A. Gray, a graduate of Carolina in 1908. During his student days, Mr. Gray was a regular attendant of the church

services and Sunday School. This was the first benefaction of this great family, to be followed two years later by the gift of an organ to the church by Gordon and Bowman Gray. Thus a debt of gratitude to the church which had helped shape their formative years and had ministered to their souls was discharged.

Wesley Foundation Established

With the erection of the new church, and the facilities offered to student life,



Bishop W. W. Peele
Preacher for Centennial Celebration

and the growing student body, the General Board of Education offered the local congregation help in securing a Wesley Foundation director, providing the congregation would assume a share in paying the salary. Rev. J. G. Phillips was employed. Mr. Phillips served four years and was succeeded by Rev. Ralph Shumaker who served until 1931 when the depression cut the income so that the contributing boards were no longer able to continue their support. Student activities, as well as responsibility for the local congregation, were carried by the minister of the church, at times assisted by a graduate student, until 1944 when with the coming of Rev. H. G. Ruark as pastor, the work was re-established with the co-operation of the General Board of Education and the Boards of Education and Missions of the two conferences. The following have served as Directors of Wesley Foundation: Rev. Roy Everett, 1945-46; Rev. J. Robert Nelson, 1946-48; Rev. Brooks Patten, 1948-50; Rev. David Swain, 1950-52; and Rev. Joel Savell, 1952-. Much of the popularity and effectiveness of the Wesley Foundation at Chapel Hill is due to its directors.

This is essentially a student church. Students serve as stewards, as ushers, as choir members, as teachers in the Sunday School, and in almost every office. For their use, the building is always open, the lounges are heated in the winter and open at all times, and every facility is for their convenience. This year the Methodist students number more than 1,500, the largest denomination represented. This has been true every year since the turn of the century with the exception of two or three years following the Second

World War. The University Methodist Church has always been a "mission church" in that it received assistance from the conferences for its buildings and maintenance. The membership, numbering now 590, includes nearly 100 students; the church is in a small community; the maintenance of a building to seat 1,000 and offer the facilities for student life are expensive. Therefore, the time may never come when the church is entirely self-supporting. It must be remembered that the local congregation has contributed far heavier than most congregations in this state. Its membership feels the responsibility placed upon it to represent Methodism and to minister to the spiritual needs of your young men and women during four or more years of their life.

Great Leadership in the Pew

The University Methodist Church could never have been what it is without great leadership in the pew. Perhaps the outstanding person of the past generation was Miss Harriotte Cole who gave considerable money and leadership to the church. The present history cannot be written without the names of two patriarchs. The first, Clyde Eubanks, has served in every capacity open to a Methodist layman from janitor to "Honorary Steward for life." For fifty years his money and his unstinted service have flowed into the life of the church and he is known to thousands of graduates of Carolina. In a large sense, he is the symbol of Chapel Hill Methodism. The second great character is Dr. L. R. Wilson, considered by many people the greatest man of Chapel Hill and one of the state's great men. Wisdom and foresight, coupled with great leadership ability and a Christ-life humility, combine in this good man who towers in the life of the congregation like the majestic steeple on the church which is a monument to him and Walter Patten more than any other men. It is generally believed that there has been no constructive enterprise in the University of North Carolina within the last fifty years that Dr. Wilson has not had a share in and so it is to be expected that he would have had a prominent part in the conception and projection of a

great building for his own denomination at Chapel Hill.

Some things in the life of this church are noteworthy. A large percent of the leaders in the political and educational life of our state have felt the influence of this town and this church. Thousands of loyal laymen in our churches attribute some honor to the share this church had in shaping their lives. Two of the greatest benefactors church education has had in this state were educated at the University: James A. Gray and Julian S. Carr, who was a son of this church. Hundreds of students have been members during their student days. Through this church and its Wesley Foundation, many ministers and other religious workers have been graduated. From the strong Woman's Society, which has been always outstanding in its leadership, three conference officers have been contributed: Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, who for a long time headed

the department of children's work; Mrs. Walter Patten, secretary for the Societies; and at present Mrs. J. A. Warren, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Here we are at the end of the century, a long way from the little church on Rosemary built at the cost of \$5000 to a magnificent colonial building valued at \$1,000,000, topped by a steeple which dominates the town of Chapel Hill and reaches a pointing finger toward God. It is the church of North Carolina Methodism—your church for your sons and daughters. It is a testimony to the fact that the spiritual transcends all else. The hundreds of worshippers who make up the congregation of University Methodist Church, more than half of whom are students and visitors, vindicate the faith of those who dreamed and built a church, second to none, at the "cross-road of the State."



WESLEY FOUNDATION LEADERS AT UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH

Seated: Gene Hannah, Dave Johnson, Harold White, Dot McNeely, Baxter McIntyre, Joel Savell. Standing: Elizabeth Hamilton, Charles Shelton, Charles Darden, Joe Converse, Norma Baldwin, Robert Rhodes, Wayne Thompson.

THE KINSEY REPORT

By W. W. Reid

If one were to make a "survey" of a section of the American people, asking "Did you ever steal?" I fear the machine-punched answers would be rather disconcerting. They might even make a good case for the old assertion that Americans are a nation of thieves, and bandits, and international racketeers. Not only so, but there are probably morons in our midst who would conclude from such well-publicized tabulations that stealing is part of "the American way of life" and go out to join the procession. "Why miss anything?"

"Did you ever steal?" The answer that any one of us makes depends on definition, on conscience, on propensity to lie or to boast, perhaps on recognition and interpretation of our own acts. Not many of us have stolen \$100,000 or another man's wife. But perhaps, in childhood, we "borrowed" and never returned a book, an umbrella, or some attractive trinket that we knew was not ours. If the bank-

thief and the book-thief both answer "yes" to the question, it counts the same on the perforated card. The man who lies or boasts about theft may check off, statistically, the man with the super-sensitive conscience or with no conscience.

There is the case of the woman accused of "raising three thieving parasites" because her minister-sons did not labor physically for a living. And what man who has profiteered at the expense of a whole nation will say, "yes, I stole!" Definitions and conscience don't show up on adding machines. . . .

It is for similar reasons that I hesitate to draw too many conclusions from the Kinsey reports on the sex behavior of my fellow Americans. For many generations this has been a hush-hush topic in school and church and in general society; our children have grown up in almost total ignorance of sound sex information. (Why we blame it on the Victorians I don't know: we can trace the ignorance

back to early days of the Jewish-Christian religions. "In sin did my mother conceive me," sang the Psalmist.)

Because of hush-hush and ignorance, sex has been an area of life in which men have boasted of "conquests" made or not made, have lied about their conduct, have been unaware of the meaning of their acts. Any medical man or psychiatrist can tell you how difficult it is to get the truth in this field; that many ignorant or guilt-plagued people accuse themselves falsely of all manner of dereliction. Why any "scientific questioner" should imagine he could overcome lies and boasting and ignorance by a check-list and by "looking the interrogated in the eye," it is difficult to say.

I think there is real question, too, as to what can be concluded about all Americans (in both reports) by questioning only one person in each 12,500 of the population—or about .00008%. Also, these were the people willing to be interviewed on the subject—including, presumably, the garrulous, the extroverts, the exhibitionists, those who got pleasure from talking on the topic. What about their opposite-natured?

My greatest fear, however, is that too

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New Church Begins in New Bern; Rural Group Plans Meet; Plans for Retirement Home

NEW BERN ORGANIZES THIRD METHODIST CHURCH

A third Methodist church was organized in New Bern on Sunday morning, September 1, with 44 Charter members received by baptism, vows, or transfer. Rev. B. G. Petty, pastor, presided at the charter membership service, and Rev. H. K. King, district superintendent, preached the sermon and conducted the constituting church conference. The organizing quarterly conference was held the following night, September 14. The new church chose the name "Trinity Methodist Church," and the principal officers elected are as follows: charge lay leader, W. T. Moore; chairman, board of trustees, J. W. Smith; church school superintendent, Joseph Grimes; chairman of ushers, R. H. Sasser; district steward, W. J. Werve; delegate to Annual Conference, I. V. Stephens. Twelve stewards, three trustees, a church treasurer, and the four commission chairmen, were also elected.

The services at present are being held in a large hall on the second floor of the Neuse Manor, through the courtesy of the owners, Stalling Brothers, Inc. This is in Trent Park, the center of the rapidly growing area throughout West New Bern, between Highways 17 and 70. The congregation has plans for the early purchase of a lot and the construction of a first unit of their church plant. Sunday, October 4, has been set as the next Membership Sunday, and it is expected that eight or ten additional persons will be received at that time.

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METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP SETS MEETING FOR OCTOBER 28

The Methodist Rural Fellowship will hold a convention at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28 and 29, according to an announcement issued by Dr. H. E. Stotts, president.

The convention will be held concurrently with the Annual National Convocation on the Town and Country Church which meets in St. Paul October 27-29. MRF members from all over the United States will attend this important meeting, which is open to the whole membership.

Reorganization and expansion of this national group of Methodists who are

interested in the contribution the rural church can make to the vigorous advance of the whole church are the major items on the agenda, which also includes the annual MRF banquet and the usual "get together for fun and fellowship." A proposal for reorganization on a regional basis will be offered. This proposal calls for regional MRF units in geographical areas which conform generally to jurisdictional boundaries of the church, excepting the Central Jurisdiction. Members of the Central Jurisdiction within a given region will participate in the regional organization. If adopted, the delegates from the various regions will meet separately for organization and election of officers.

The convention will also consider the expansion program designed to reach a

membership of 10,000 in 1954. This program is aimed at securing the participation of laymen and the women of the church.

The convention will begin at 3:00 p.m. on October 28. The regional meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. On October 29 the executive board, which will include the new regional officers, will meet following adjournment of the convocation at noon.

The National Convocation on the Town and Country Church is an annual meeting sponsored by the Department of Town and Country Work of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The program is planned in co-operation with the superintendent of Town and Country Work of the denominational Boards of Missions. This year's convocation features the theme "On the Redemption of Rural Life." The program includes rural life leaders of national renown such as Dr. Rockwell C. Smith, Dr. Shirley E. Green, Dr. Baker Brownell, and Dr. William W. Biddle.

ALLENS HONORED



Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Allen were honored recently when residents of Lake Junaluska entertained in the home of Admiral and Mrs. W. N. Thomas. The affair was a farewell party in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Allen's service during the three years Dr. Allen was superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly. Dr. W. F. Quillian (left), in presenting a lovely silver fruit bowl to the Allens, said: "Dr.

Allen has been aggressive and persistent in promoting the total program of the Assembly and has also been wise, discreet, fearless, energetic and co-operative. He has brought to the Assembly great conferences and speakers known far and wide for their consecration." Under Dr. Allen's leadership extensive improvements and additions have been made to the Junaluska property.

PROPOSED UNIT FOR AGING METHODISTS

The proposed first unit of the Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., to be located on a beautiful 37 acre tract on Erwin Road, Durham, and not far from Duke Hospital. This first unit, known as the central unit, will provide dormitory space for forty persons, kitchen, dining room, power plant, offices, reception room, hobby room, post office, library, storage space, infirmary, staff quarters and other facilities. To be thoroughly modern in design, the building will be fireproof. Dr. H. I. Glass is executive director of the



Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., and the project is sponsored by the North Carolina Conference with the Board of

Hospitals and Homes in charge of the program that seeks to provide a home for aging Methodists.

New Church Dedicated; Pfeiffer Sets Inaugural Rites; Relief Agency Makes Gifts

DEDICATORY RITES HELD FOR JONES SPRING CHURCH

Jones Spring church, Rt. No. 1, Ellerbe, was dedicated on Sunday, October 4, at 11 a.m. Dr. A. J. Walton, professor in the Duke Divinity School, Durham, delivered the dedicatory sermon and led the act of dedication. W. H. "Bud" Rummage, building committee chairman and trustee, presented the church, free of debt, for dedication. Rev. J. K. Bostick, pastor, was in charge of the service.

The new building replaces a wooden structure built about 1907. Prior to 1907 the church was known as Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church and was located about four miles from the present site on the Derby-Hoffman road. For some time the church was then known as McQueen's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, but the name was changed to Jones Spring church because of the spring located nearby. Jones Spring was at one time a resort area and the place where the new church stands was a hitching post.

In 1943 the pastor reported to the fourth quarterly conference that the people had begun to plan for a new church. However, it was not until 1949 that a new site was selected and approved. The following were elected to the building committee: W. H. "Bud" Rummage, chairman; Lee McBride, L. J. McQueen, C. S. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rankin, William "Doc" Rankin, J. W. Rankin, and M. L. Carpenter, who was replaced by M. E. Lomax when the former moved away. Actual construction was begun in November 1950. Much of the material was donated by members and friends. A great saving was made possible by free labor donated by the members. About \$16,000 was raised through contributions. The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference gave \$750 and the Duke Endowment granted \$2000 to help complete the building. The first service in the new church was the annual homecoming service on October 7, 1951.

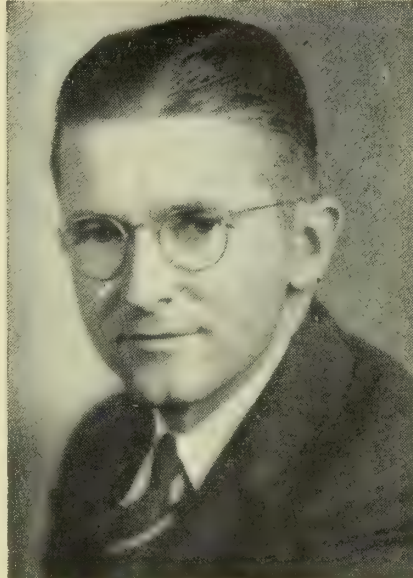
Rev. W. J. Neese, now pastor of the

Jonesboro Heights church, Sanford, was pastor of the church from 1947 to 1952. It was during this time that most of the work was done on the church.

The brick veneer building is modern and complete in every detail. The sanctuary features the centered pulpit arrangements with the choir on the left. The pulpit furniture, chancel rail, choir screen, and pews are finished in light oak. There are four class rooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a social room.

Many former members and friends of the church attended the services.

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Dr. John Lemack Stokes, II

PFEIFFER TO INAUGURATE STOKES OCTOBER 11

Dr. John Lemacks Stokes II, will be inaugurated president of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, in ceremonies planned for

October 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Presiding at the impressive rites will be Board Chairman Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver and speakers will be Dr. John O. Cross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, Board of Education, The Methodist Church, and Dr. Stokes. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, bishop of the Charlotte Area, will lead the act of dedication and have the prayer of consecration. Mrs. H. C. Black, secretary of the Pfeiffer board of trustees, will present Dr. Stokes for formal installation.

Two brothers of Dr. Stokes will also participate in the services. They are: Dr. James C. Stokes, pastor of Main Street church, Reidsville, who will lead the prayer for the vision of God, and Dr. Mack B. Stokes, professor in the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, who will give the benediction. Dr. Carl H. King of Salisbury will lead the prayer, the Scripture lesson will be read by Miss Mary F. Floyd, director of religious life at Pfeiffer, and special music will be rendered by the college choir and Wilbur T. Scrivnor, the college's director of music.

The public is invited to the inaugural ceremonies. Following the formal inauguration, the inaugural luncheon will be held with Mrs. M. L. Robinson, Pfeiffer trustee, presiding. On this occasion greetings will be brought by representatives of the Woman's Division, the Pfeiffer family, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the faculty, the student body and various Methodist and other colleges.

Prior to his assuming the presidency of Pfeiffer, Dr. Stokes was associated with the Methodist Board of Education with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. He has also served pastors in South Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference.

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METHODISTS GIVE \$205,165 FOR 3-MONTHS RELIEF

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has voted a three-months appropriation of \$205,165 for the relief of human suffering in various lands "without regard to race, color, or creed."

Among the countries to which these funds will be sent—principally for food, clothing, medicine, and the care of orphaned children—are Austria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Malaya, Burma, Borneo, Sumatra, India, and Pakistan. In most cases, the direct relief will be administered by Methodist missionaries or by representatives of interdenominational agencies. About one-fourth of the total amount will be given through Church World Service (of which MCOR is a part) for its services to European refugees in the U.S.A., and in its overseas "material relief" programs in Europe and Asia.

In addition to this three-months appropriation, the Committee has approved requests for other funds to the total of \$300,000 and these will be given as money is received from the 40,000 Methodist churches across the continent. The Committee expects to have a proportional share in the providing of homes and jobs for many of the 214,000 refugees who are to be admitted into the United States before December 31, 1956. Recent emergency allocations of funds by MCOR included gifts for food, medicine, and clothing to flood victims in Holland, earthquake victims in Greece, flood victims in Japan's Kyushu Island, and to Korea.



Jones Spring Church on the Ellerbe Charge

Retired Pastor Dies; to Aid German Needy; Pension Board Holds Meeting

REV. JAMES ROBERT HUTTON PASSES IN GREENSBORO

Rev. James Robert Hutton, 86, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, September 29, following a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted the following day by Revs. Herman F. Duncan, R. A. Hunter, Frank Smathers, and J. E. McSwain. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro.

A native of Guilford County, Mr. Hutton served in the former Methodist Protestant Church for 45 years before he retired in 1937. He was married in 1888 to Miss Josephine Coble of Guilford County and to this union were born twelve children, nine of whom survive, as follows: James Lawrence of San Bernardino, Cal., and Frank P., Fred P., George, Charles C. and Joseph W. Hutton, all of Greensboro; three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Hutton of Greensboro and Henderson, Mrs. W. A. Crews of Greensboro and Mrs. B. T. Castellow of Cuthbert, Ga.

Mrs. Hutton died in 1935 and he married the former Maxine Whitaker Moser, who, along with the following stepchildren, survive: two stepdaughters, Miss Nancy Moser of Greensboro and Mrs. W. L. Beck of Seagrove; two stepsons, Paul Moser of Greensboro and H. A. Moser of Cary.

Other survivors include one brother, W. P. Hutton of Greensboro; one sister, Mrs. E. L. Sides of Greensboro and Charlotte; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were members of the Eskridge Bible Class of College Place church, Greensboro, where Mr. Hutton was active.

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METHODISTS APPROVE CLOTHES DRIVE FOR GERMANY

President Eisenhower's plea that Americans contribute, through voluntary agencies, warm clothing and footwear for the people of East Germany, has been seconded by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, official agency of The Methodist Church. Bishop Frederick B. Newell, of New York, is chairman of the Commission; and Dr. Gaither P. Warfield is director.

"The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is currently sending relief shipments to Germany," says Dr. Warfield. "A considerable amount of this material—clothing, food, medicines—reaches the needy in the East Germany sector. It will be understood, of course, that we cannot guarantee that any given package or shipment will reach that area, or that any particular person can be assisted.

"We hope that Methodists, individually and through local churches, will continue to contribute clothing and other material aid through Church World Service, which is the agent of all Protestantism in this ministry. Some of the supplies will go to Germany, and some of this will reach East Germans in one way or another, but we cannot guarantee any particular package or any particular amount for the people behind the iron curtain there. We will all do all we can—within the realm of safety.

"There still continues a great need for clothing in all areas of Germany, elsewhere in Europe, in Korea, and in the Near East. We hope that all Methodists

will search their closets and send to Church World Service for use wherever there is need such clothing as they can spare."

Church World Service centers to which MCOR asks Methodists and others to send warm clothing are located at: New Windsor, Md.; Nappanee, Indiana; 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y.; 10901 Russett Street, Oakland, California; 3146 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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BOARD OF PENSIONS MEETS IN ST. LOUIS

The Board of Pensions of The Methodist Church, at its annual meeting in St. Louis Sept. 16, elected a new member, heard encouraging reports of rising annuity rates for retired ministers, and took action to provide additional benefits under the reserve pension fund.

George N. McDonald, St. Louis business

executive, was elected to fill a vacancy left on the board by the death last year of C. A. Tolin. W. P. Sharpe, another St. Louisan on the board, was named to succeed Mr. Tolin on the committee on pension legislation.

The meeting marked the first time Dr. Charles L. Calkin, executive secretary of the board's Illinois corporation, had reported in that capacity. Donald McKee, new treasurer of the Illinois corporation, also gave his first annual report.

Dr. Calkins' report indicated that in the territory supervised by the Illinois corporation 39 annual conferences are now operating the reserve pension program, with 6,281 ministers participating. In 12 other conferences, campaigns to launch the movement are either in progress or have been approved.

Dr. A. T. McIlwain, executive secretary of the Missouri corporation at St. Louis, reported that "the amount distributed, while not yet adequate, has increased approximately 300 per cent since 1940"—from \$9 per service year to the present average of \$35 per service year.

The new Green Valley church on the Green Valley charge in the Marion District was dedicated July 26 with Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., superintendent of the Marion District, leading the dedicatory rites, and with Dr. J. S. Hiatt of Elkin bringing the message. Under construction for more than two years, the new \$12,000 building has ten memorial windows. Rev. L. P. Heafner was pastor of the church at the time of dedication, and was in charge of the program.



A NEW METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NEAR FORT BRAGG



Rev. Barney L. Davidson (right), pastor of the Northmount charge, Fayetteville, is shown presenting to Larry Carr, newly elected Church School superintendent, a list containing the names and addresses of over 100 persons who are interested in and expect to support a new Methodist church at Spring Lake, a community with 5,000 population adjoining Fort Bragg, large military base near Fayetteville. Others in the picture are supporting the new venture. Sponsored by the North-

mount charge which consists of Johnson Memorial and Wesley Heights (the latter being Fayetteville's youngest Methodist church which voted recently to observe the seventh anniversary by sponsoring a new church), the new congregation numbered 60 on the first Sunday it met. A survey was conducted Sunday, September 27, with the Northmount members assisting. The Northmount charge expects to be self-supporting next conference year.

.. News in Brief Personalities ..

REV. AND MRS. JAMES C. P. BROWN announce the birth of a son, James Russell, at Alamance County Hospital, Burlington, September 25. Mr. Brown is pastor at Saxapahaw.

PHYLIS ANN STROUD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Stroud of Pink Hill, was recently awarded a six months Sunday School attendance pin when 8 months old. Phylis Ann belongs to the Pink Hill Methodist Church School.

REV. AND MRS. R. P. WAUGH of Pleasant Garden announce the birth of a daughter, Gloria Sprinkle, on Sept. 16. Mrs. Waugh is the former Grace Sprinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sprinkle of Pfafftown.

MT. SYLVAN CHURCH on the Roxboro Road, Durham, will observe homecoming Sunday, October 11. Rev. E. E. Branstetter, pastor, will speak and the choir will render special music. A picnic dinner will be served in the cabin. All former pastors and friends are invited.

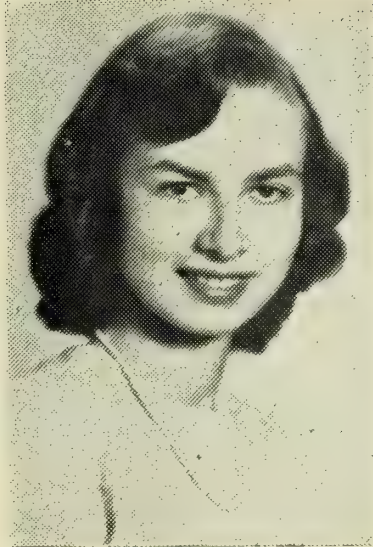
REV. S. J. STARNES of Fuquay Springs is recovering now at his home following a recent operation which he underwent at Duke Hospital, Durham. During his illness laymen of the church are planning the worship services. On Sunday, September 20, Rev. D. D. Holt of Greensboro was the preacher at homecoming services.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, Reidsville, congregation rejoices in the face lifting of the entire church plant. The building has been redecorated, new carpets laid in the sanctuary and church school building and much new equipment installed. About \$18,000 was spent on the project.

MISS RUTH DINKINS, Valdosta, Ga., native and a graduate of Valdosta State College, is the new youth director of Dilworth church, Charlotte. Miss Dinkins, who made an outstanding record in college, also received her M.R.E. degree from Candler School of Theology last August.

DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, last year raised \$175,146, with \$99,870 going for causes outside the local congregation and \$39,245 spent on local items. Of this amount, \$58,442 was contributed to Methodist colleges, \$17,086 to missions; \$8,448 to the Methodist Home and \$1,800 to the Children's Home. The church received 205 new members and lost 104, for a net gain of 101. Total membership now is 2,150.

THE NEW BERN DISTRICT missionary institutes have been announced by District Missionary Secretary Russell S. Harrison as follows: October 7, Centenary church, New Bern; October 8, First church, Morehead City; October 9, Queen Street church, Kingston; October 12, St. Paul church, Goldsboro. To run from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., the institutes will include a report on Jurisdictional youth and missions conference by Mary Stevenson Britt, reports on new churches by Revs. Edwin Earnhardt, Jimmy Miller, and W. D. Caviness, and inspirational addresses by Revs. Leon Russell and M. W. Lawrence. Those invited are pastors, members of the official board, members of commissions on missions, presidents and secretaries of missionary education of the Woman's Society, counselors and chairmen of Christian outreach of the AYF, and other interested persons.



MISS MARGARET SELF, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Self of Siler City, assumed her duties September 21 as educational director of Centenary church, Smithfield. Miss Self was graduated from Duke University last June where she was on the Dean's list, sang in the Woman's Glee Club and the Chapel choir, and was active in Methodist campus activities. She has also been active in youth work in her local church and in the North Carolina Conference.

THE FALL SUBDISTRICT meetings of the Raleigh District WSCS have been announced by Mrs. M. M. Person, district president. Dates and places of the meetings include Central, October 14, Pleasant Grove church; Northern, October 15, Harris Chapel Church, and Southern, October 20, Erwin. All meetings begin at 10 a.m.

THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL for Wayne County will be held at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, October 5-8. For all Methodist churches in Wayne County, the school will have as faculty Mrs. O. D. Nelson of Greensboro, Miss Elsie Ellen Moore of Charlotte, Miss Sarah Richardson of Raleigh, Rev. F. Roderick Dail of Gibson and Dr. E. Clinton Gardner of North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Rev. W. D. Caviness of Goldsboro is chairman of the board of managers, Miss Mary Hester Hunt of Goldsboro is dean and Rev. C. M. Mitchell of Pikeville is secretary-treasurer.

WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH on the Pfeiffer charge was host to the students and faculty of Pfeiffer College on September 21 at 6:00 p.m. After a short devotional period and welcome by the pastor, Rev. Jack C. Smith, students, faculty and church members were served a delicious meal in picnic style on the lawn of the church. This is part of the program to help the students to become better acquainted with the members of the church and to let them know that they have a part in community life. The food and fellowship were enjoyed by all and of those present expressed a desire to have a campus community supper at the beginning of each school year. The members of the church are also furnishing transportation for the students who desire to attend worship services on Sunday morning. Approximately 300 attended the fellowship supper.

"UPPER ROOM AWARD" for Christian leadership during 1953 will go to Dr. Jesse M. Bader of the National Council of Churches, New York.

TABERNACLE CHURCH on the Maysville charge will have homecoming Sunday, October 18 with 11 'clock worship services and a picnic lunch on the church grounds. Members, former pastors and friends are cordially invited to join in the program of the day.

DR. HAWES P. CLARKE, pastor of Calvary Church, Arlington, Va., succeeds the late Dr. Walter C. Buckner as a member of the Judicial Council, Methodism's "Supreme Court," it was announced Sept. 17 by Judge Marvin A. Childers, San Antonio, Texas, Council president.

BELGRADE CHURCH, Maysville charge, cordially invites members, former pastors and friends of the church to join in observance of homecoming Sunday, October 25. Rev. T. W. Lee, a former pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock and a picnic lunch will be shared on the church grounds.

THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS of the Western North Carolina Conference owns a house in Asheville, N. C., for the use of any retired minister or widow of a minister who may need a house. The house will be repaired to make it livable. Any claimant on the Board who is interested may write to Rev. J. H. Armbrust, Star Route 2, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

THE LILLIE DUKE BIBLE CLASS of Duke Memorial church, Durham, gathered recently in the recreation room of the church for the class picnic, annual event sponsored by the teacher, Mrs. C. W. Peppler, who died during the year. Following the picnic, the class held its regular meeting with the retiring president, Mrs. E. W. Dunham, in charge. Mrs. J. P. Breedlove gave the devotions. The group established a memorial fund for Mrs. Peppler, to be used to redecorate and furnish the class room. New officers elected are: president, Mrs. J. P. Breedlove; vice president, Mrs. M. J. Paschall, Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Wyatt Dixon; treasurer, Mrs. Telfor Lawrence, Jr. Mrs. A. H. Borland is the new teacher. Eighty members were present for the occasion.

"TEACHING TEACHERS TO TEACH" was the theme of the leadership training school for the Crusading Subdistrict of the Rocky Mount District held September 23-25 in the Enfield Methodist Church. The following charges were represented: Battleboro, Whitakers, Enfield, West Halifax and Scotland Neck. This was the first training school held in this area in several years and was such a big success that plans have already been started for another such school next year. Rev. C. W. Barbee of Enfield served as director of the school. Mrs. J. D. Aycock of Scotland Neck was dean, Rev. J. D. Aycock of Scotland Neck, secretary, and Rev. E. H. Measamer of Whitakers, treasurer. Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of Durham taught the course on "Teaching Children"; Rev. Tom A. Collins of Raleigh gave a course on "Teaching Youth"; and John M. Meares of Raleigh taught "Helping Adults Learn." There were 90 enrolled in the school who attended at least one of the three night sessions. The average attendance each night was 60, and there were 42 attending all sessions of the school.

CONFERENCE COUNCIL OF CHILDREN'S WORKERS

FOR THE N. C. AND W. N. C. CONFERENCES

On October 16-17 at Pfeiffer College the Conference Council of Children's Workers will convene to plan ways of meeting the religious needs of children in the conference during the next twelve months.

At this time Miss Mary Edna Lloyd will bring inspiring messages to the workers. She will meet with groups to help them plan for their fall work. She will bring to the workers enrichment materials both for them and their children.

THE SCHEDULE

Friday afternoon, beginning with
registration at 3:00, and
closing at 3:30 on
Saturday afternoon.



Miss Mary Edna Lloyd

THE COST

Three Dollars
for each person, with bed linens
and towels furnished. Please
write Miss Leona Morgan,
Box 828, Salisbury, if
you plan to attend.

Miss Lloyd is the Editor of Children's Publications for The Methodist Church. She is the author of Religious Nurture in Nursery Class and Home; Jesus, The Little New Baby, and My Book for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. Although Miss Lloyd is an editor and an author, she works with children each Sunday morning, and teaches in Laboratory schools throughout the nation.

WHO IS INVITED?

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Seminars in Greensboro, Statesville, Gastonia and Salisbury Districts; October Events Set

CHANGE IN EDITOR'S ADDRESS

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EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR—GREENSBORO DISTRICT

The Greensboro District is holding its educational seminar on a subdistrict level and has scheduled the meetings as follows:

Main Street, Reidsville, October 8; West Market Street, Greensboro, October 15; Main Street, High Point, October 29. All meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and will be under the direction of Mrs. O. W. Westmoreland, secretary of missionary education.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Statesville District educational seminar, held at Taylorsville, September 15, drew 145 women. Mrs. Fred Price, district president, welcomed the group, the pastor, Rev. H. I. Ridenhour, led the morning worship, and Mrs. R. G. Belk, secretary of missionary education, presided.

A skit giving suggestions for program planning was presented by Mrs. Robert G. Tuttle and other district officers. Plans and materials for presenting the approved studies for 1953-54 were presented as follows: Spanish Speaking Americans, Mrs. N. F. Howard; Alcohol, the Christian's Concern, Mrs. L. V. Scott; The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Mrs. R. G. Belk; Jeremiah, Mrs. R. L. Poston; Missionary materials for Youth, Mrs. Clarence Harwell; Missionary material for children, Mrs. Frank Barrier.

The closing worship service was led by Mrs. J. E. Dooley, district secretary of promotion.

GASTONIA DISTRICT SEMINARS

Educational seminars were held in the Gastonia District on the subdistrict level as follows: Cleveland at Sharon church on Wednesday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m.; Gaston at Lowell on Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.; Lincoln at Boger City on Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. E. W. Griffin, district secretary of missionary education, presided at each seminar. The meetings were well attended and most profitable.

After a brief devotional, Mrs. Griffin introduced Rev. Horace McSwain, conference missionary secretary, who made an inspiring talk on the missionary enterprise, citing the wonderful accomplishments of missionaries, working as they do under great difficulties and with so little salary or other support.

The study courses for the year were presented as follows: Jeremiah, Mrs. Gilmer Harris; Spanish Speaking Americans, Mrs. J. W. Payne; The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Mrs. Cleo Finger; Alcohol, a Christian's Concern, Mrs. H. R. Harrelson. The speakers urged

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that adequate preparation be made by those teaching the courses in local societies and that action follow the study. Mrs. Edward Ford, district secretary of youth work, and Mrs. W. C. Hammer, district secretary of children's work, urged that study courses be held for the youth and children. Mrs. H. C. Little, district vice president, spoke concerning the monthly programs of the Woman's Society, and urged the adaption of program material to meet local needs and the use of supplementary materials in the programs.

The meetings were closed with prayer by Mrs. J. W. Payne.

SALISBURY DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Salisbury District Seminar was held at First Methodist Church, Salisbury October 1. The theme was "Christian Discipleship Around the World" and the district officers presented the program materials in the form of a skit, "A Program Committee in Action."

The four studies were presented as follows: Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Rev. A. M. Faulkner, pastor of Forest Hill church; Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Mrs. R. E. Bisel, district promotion secretary; Jeremiah, Mrs. Geddie Strickland; Spanish Speaking People in the U.S.A., Miss Martha Ann Eury, secretary of youth work.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD—STATESVILLE DISTRICT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Statesville District held its annual meeting at the Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, September 25, with a large percentage of the Guilds represented. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a buffet dinner and Mrs. Ira C. Shelley of Greensboro, conference secretary of supply work, showed the slides which have recently been prepared showing the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Western North Carolina Conference and several foreign countries. Miss Annabel Thompson, conference Guild secretary, spoke on the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Abernethy Memorial Guild, Newton, received the attendance award for having seventy-five per cent of its membership present.

Special music was presented by Miss Martha Turnipseed, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Muse. Mrs. Robert S. Johnson is the district secretary, and presided over the meeting.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

The Week of Prayer and Self Denial is one of the outstanding events of our WSCS year and the date this year is October 25-31. All too many societies stress a "Day of Prayer," which is better than no observance at all, but the needs of the world are greater and more urgent than ever before, and it is hoped that sacrificial giving will have greater emphasis this year to meet these needs.

The World Outlook for October carries pictures illustrating these various needs, every one of which is a direct appeal. They are: 1. To enlarge the program of Alpine, Texas, for the Spanish speaking children; 2. Help lift the horizons of the people of the countryside in Latin America; 3. Aid the work among the Yuma Indians; 4. Give the Methodists of the Philippines more opportunities to spread the Good News; 5. Serve the people of India's villages in some of their needs; 6. Bring necessary equipment to the new work in Borneo; 7. Help in God's work of redemption in Africa.

These are specific types of rural work under the Woman's Division of Christian Service and go hand in hand with the current studies on Spanish Speaking People in the U.S.A. and The Life and Task of the Church Around the World. Begin now to plan some special observance for each day of that week and to give sacrificially to this work.

OCTOBER IMPORTANT MONTH

October is an important month in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In addition to the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, it is United Nations Month when the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is emphasized. From money given to this fund children all over the world will be given food and care.

It is Wesleyan Service Guild Month when special emphasis will be placed on this organization which gives direction to the energy and talents of thousands of gainfully employed women. In our own Conference Guilds hold their annual district meetings, which have become an important part of the year's work, during October.

Also during this month the World Outlook is launching a campaign for joint subscriptions to this useful and interesting magazine and The Methodist Woman. Methodist women generally think of The Methodist Woman as a handbook in their work and the World Outlook carrying the stories and other articles to supplement and emphasize the work outlined in The Methodist Woman. They go together and are so much a part of each other that we can hardly do with one and not the other. The World Outlook tells the missionary story of the entire Methodist Church—work supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and World Service funds alike. Another important feature of the World Outlook is that it supplements our mission studies and the articles appearing in it are used extensively in teaching the courses of study.

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MRS. ALLEN HAS NEW ADDRESS

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Book Reviews

WHY CHRIST WAS BAPTIZED IN INFANCY, by Rev. Charles Tinsley Thrift, 406 Bon Air Ave., Durham, N. C. 25 cents each; six copies, \$1.00.

A scholarly and convincing treatise on the subject of infant baptism by a minister who has given thorough study and research to the subject. Its reading would do much to close the wide gap which exists between the immersionist groups and the other branches of Christendom; its proof is so clear cut that I see how no immersionist could fail to be convinced of its logic and truth. Scholarship, both Gentile and Rabbinical, as well as the Holy Scriptures, are quoted freely to show that the baptism of infants was practiced in the Jewish church as an accompaniment to circumcision, and after Christ came and circumcision was abolished, infant baptism naturally was carried on in the Christian church. Likewise the testimony of the early church Fathers, some of whom knew the Apostle John, or were only one generation removed, are quoted to show that infant baptism prevailed in the Christian church from its very beginning. Origen, whose father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were Christians, and whose family were likely brought into the church by St. Mark himself is quoted as follows: "For this cause the church received from the apostles an order to give baptism even to infants."

Lifewise, Dr. John Lightfoot (1602-1675), an English divine and Hebrew scholar, educated at Cambridge, and in 1655 vice-chancellor of Cambridge, but whose fame rests chiefly on his great knowledge of rabbinical literature and Hebrew antiquities, has this to say on the subject: "The baptism of infants was a thing as well known in the church of the Jews, as ever it has been in the Christian church. I do not believe the people who flocked to John's baptism were so forgetful of their manner and custom of the nation, as not to bring their little children among them to be baptized. 'Dr. Wall says, 'The whole of the Jews, men, women and children, were in Moses' time baptized. After which the male children of proselytes that were entered with their parents, were, (as well as their parents) admitted by circumcision, baptism, and sacrifice.' Bro. Thrift logically concludes from such an array of factual scholarship that since the two went together, it was not necessary to mention both; and that therefore Christ was admitted to the Jewish church by circumcision and baptism when he was eight days old. Likewise, John the Baptist would have logically gone through the same two ceremonies. And since John's father, Zacharias, was a priest in the Jewish church, he would have attended to the consecration of John, by the anointing of oil, at the age of about thirty. Logically, also, John being the last of the Aaronic priesthood before Christ, gave to Christ at the age of thirty years, his consecration to the priesthood, using water instead of oil, since the old was giving way to the new and simpler forms."

I should like to see this important contribution to the subject of baptism in every home in America, but especially in every Methodist and Baptist home. It would give the Methodist a sound reason and basis for the faith that is in him, and I believe would soften the prejudice and opposition of the immersionist groups toward those who practice sprinkling. The Romish division within the church is enough; let's not have another within the ranks of Protestantism. Facts presented

by Bro. Thrift are enough to close up this breach to any open-minded person, or group of persons. Sunday School teachers, pastors, and other leaders in the church should see that this booklet is widely read in Methodism. I regard it as a MUST. Rutherford College Jas. H. Burrus

In Memoriam

MRS. MYRTLE KIRKMAN COWAN

GOLDSTON—We the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Goldston Methodist Church wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our most faithful members, Mrs. Myrtle Kirkman Cowan, who passed away in February 1953. She was the devoted wife of our pastor, Rev. E. G. Cowan.

Mrs. Cowan was vice-president of our Society and was always loyal and faithful, ready to serve anytime and anywhere. It was a happy privilege to know and to work with such a fine Christian character. Her willingness to serve will ever be remembered and will be an inspiration to those of us left to carry on the work she loved so much, and her life will be a challenge to us.

We request that a copy of this tribute be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to her family.—Goldston Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MRS. THOMAS S. SHUTT

GARYSBURG—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our most beloved and faithful members, Mrs. Thomas S. Shutt.

Her sudden passing on August 17, 1953, cast a pall of shock and sadness over us, but we know that she has left us only for a while and we shall meet her in the sunlight of tomorrow.

Whereas, we feel keenly our loss as she passes from our society and,

Whereas, we commend her Christian virtues and Godly service to our church and community as worthy of daily emulation; therefore, be it resolved

First: We bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's will.

Second: We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family, and pray that God will sustain them in their loss.

Third: We request that copies of these resolutions be put in the records of our society, sent to the family and to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Mrs. J. R. Edwards, Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, Mrs. Donald Hall, Committee.

SAMUEL W. RUARK

RALEIGH—When Samuel W. Ruark passed away August 2, 1953, the North Carolina Conference lost one of its most active young laymen. He was the lay leader of the Raleigh District, a member of the Official Board at Hayes Barton church, treasurer of the conference Board of Lay Activities, and a trustee of Greensboro College. He helped to organize the Hayes Barton church in Raleigh and had a leading part in its rapid growth and development.

One would expect a man "full of faith and good works" to come from a religious background such as he had. Both the families of his father and mother have been leaders in the church for generations. Then, too, he was greatly blessed in Hope, his wife. No man ever had a more self-sacrificing companion. Her devotion to him and the family has always been beautiful.

Notwithstanding all of Sam's accomplishments, I shall remember him as my friend. I never had a friend who was more loyal and sincere than he was. We did not always see eye to eye on every matter that came up. Any one who does his own thinking will have his own ideas, and Sam certainly did his own thinking. That was a mark of his strength. Several times I have gone to him with a problem of some kind, and after hearing me he would say, "My shoulders are younger than yours, let me carry that." I believe that he would have done anything in reason for me and so I shall remember him as a Christian gentleman and my friend. Hayes Barton church, the North Carolina Conference, and the city of Raleigh will miss him. But the fine things about Sam will abide with us as a benediction.—Harry C. Smith, pastor.

GEORGE F. ROSS

ASHEVILLE—Whereas, It has come to pass in the divine providence of this world that George F. Ross has been called to his heavenly home; and

Whereas, He has served faithfully for many years as an officer and member of the Official Board of the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church; and

Whereas, He has been held in high esteem by his board and by all the membership of the church for his loyal and effective service; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board go on record as officially recognizing the service Mr. Ross has rendered, and the leadership he has given as one-time Treasurer of the church, as Chairman of the Parsonage Building Committee, as Chairman of the Finance Committee for several years and as holder of other offices in the church and as a faithful member of the congregation.

Resolved, That we express our sincere regrets and keen sense of loss at his untimely passing.

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ross, the daughters, and other members of his family; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family, a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be placed in the permanent record of this church.—Official Board Asbury Methodist Church.

MRS. N. B. FINCH

SPRING HOPE—We, the members of the Gibson Memorial Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to one of our most beloved and faithful members whose long and beautiful earthly life came to a peaceful end on March 20, 1953, when Mrs. N. B. Finch slipped quietly through those phantom walls that separate this life from the next. She was a charter member of our church, an honorary member of the W.S.C.S., having served as treasurer for over 25 years. Although having reached the age of 91, declining years did not deter her spiritual zeal. Her gentle unassuming manner, genuine smile and sincerity were a benediction to all who knew her. Therefore, her home going saddened many far beyond the bounds of kinship. We mourn the loss of this good woman. May the memory of her loyal devotion to her church ever inspire us to dedicate ourselves anew to find greater opportunity for Christian service.—Annie Barbee Stallings.

LUGG ISSUES INTERESTING FINANCIAL REPORT

Methodists interested in knowing more about the financial and statistical condition of their denomination will find many facts and figures in the recently-issued 13th annual report of the treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

In this report, the treasurer, Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, accounts for the funds administered by the council and distributed to the various World Service boards and agencies of the church. His report also contains a comparative statement of receipts from the various conferences and episcopal areas.

A graphic part of the report is the benevolence study and statistical review of the past year, prepared by Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the department of statistics and survey.

Through charts and graphs the giving of Methodists is depicted and appropriate illustrations are used to show the way the World Service dollar is invested.

Among the charts and lists one finds a pie-chart showing the expenditure of the U. S. dollar, total giving for all purposes by Methodists in 1952, comparative trend in denominational giving, a list of churches ranking high in total or per capita giving to World Service and conference benevolences, and a list of annual conferences that paid their World Service apportionment in full or exceeded it.

Copies of the report may be ordered from the Council on World Service and Finance, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11, Ill., at 50 cents per copy.

THE KINSEY REPORT

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many people will take these statistics as "the norm of American life," and—believing they are missing something—seek to join "the crowd." That could do immeasurable damage to America. If one is to accept the reported prevalence of any sin as its justification, then all moral growth ends.

And, frankly, I don't like the eagerness with which the public is going after this "scientific study," nor the ballyhoo with which it is being put before them. I would be more comfortable if I thought the public was concerned from the point of science. I hope these books do not merely add to the already too large erotica that find sale in our book stores. If we may paraphrase:

What though the tabulators trudge

In slime—exposing vices hidden—

The Ten Commandments will not budge, Adultry still is sin forbidden.

Men God Can Use

By Charles M. Laymon

**Jeremiah 31: 31-34;
1 Peter 1: 13-16, 22-23**

When Harold E. Stassen announced that he was going to give the employees under his jurisdiction a battery of tests to determine their right to remain on the payroll, certain wags remarked, "The campus has come to Washington." Later when this former college president took his own three-hour test in less than an hour and a half and came up with the statement, "They are pretty stiff," he showed the whole matter was not a gag.

As it turned out, several hundred persons were dismissed from their positions because they did badly on the examinations. The experiment showed once more that a non-political screening process was useful in singling out the kind of men a governmental agency could use.

Today's lesson poses the question, "What kind of men can God use?" It does not suggest that a heavenly civil service examination should decide the issue, but it does place the emphasis upon such inner qualities as tests reveal.

In brief, it says that God can use men whose hearts are open to receive him (Jer. 31:33), whose motives are sincere (1 Peter 1:15), and who obey the truth (1 Peter 1:22).

We are not worthy of being used just because we conform to a pattern. The Jews in Jeremiah's day were attempting to do this and their pattern was the law. But the prophet saw that it was from the inner life that goodness sprang. God said to him, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts . . . and they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." (Jer. 31:33-34.)

Had the Jews taken Jeremiah's message seriously, pharisaism which stressed external good works might never have developed. In this case, Jesus would not have had to struggle against it during his ministry.

The Christian emphasis upon the new birth and the Methodist stress upon the burning heart are one with Jeremiah's insight that new life begins in the inner man. Here it is that we feel our love for God and here also we know the quickened conscience that sends us forth to be the kind of persons God can use.

Those in the service of the Mutual Security Agency who took the Stassen tests and passed are keeping their jobs because of the inner worth rather than because of political patronage. This is as it should be.

"WHAT ABOUT THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE?" is the title of an interesting review of the new translation by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Methodist church school publications. In the 16-page pamphlet, Dr. Bullock lists the 37 denominational sponsors of the RSV Bible, reviews events leading to its translation and his history of earlier versions, discusses criticism, and cites the opinions of numerous Methodist leaders. Free copies may be obtained by writing the Methodist Publishing House, Richmond 16, Va. Also available is an article, "Answering Criticism of the Revised Standard Version," by Dr. J. Philip Hyatt of the Vanderbilt University

School of Religion, one of the RSV translators. Single copies may be obtained from **The Pastor**, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn.

"EUROPEAN TRAVELS" was the subject of the chapel program at Greensboro College, Thursday morning, October 1. Four students showed slides and related some of their summer experiences on the continent. Of the group, Pat Long spoke of seeing Europe as a tourist; Edna Stokes and Carroll Butler, of their church caravanning experiences in Austria and Germany; and Jo Schwarz, of her impressions of Europe on a bicycle hostel tour.

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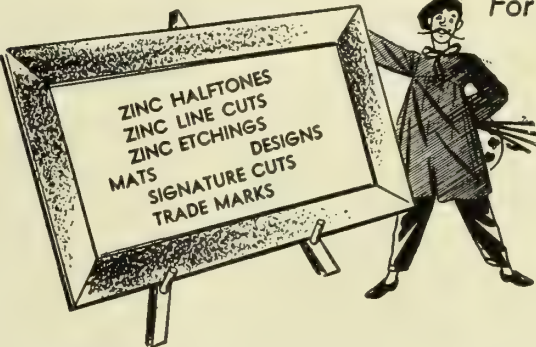
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WHEN THE DOORBELL RINGS

By Margaret M. James

"All right, Boots! I'll be right down!" Boots kept on barking until her mistress, Mrs. W. E. James, answered the doorbell. It was an important telegram.

Half an hour later, Boots began to bark again.

"What is it, Boots?"

"It's out here!" the dog tried to say, as she led Mrs. James to the back door to admit the gas meter man.

"Thank you, Little Doorbell!" Mrs. James whispered, and the little black-haired part-Spitz, part-Dachshund hung happily to her shoe laces.

Mrs. James wears a hearing aid, but cannot hear the doorbell in a room distant from the kitchen even when she has the aid adjusted. Mr. James, Boots' master, is stone deaf, so the little dog has to work extra hard to attract his attention when the doorbell rings or someone knocks when she is at home alone with him.

"One day I was sleeping on the living room sofa when Boots jumped up on my chest and licked my face," Mr. James relates. "And since she acted excited and immediately ran to the front door and appeared to be barking, I got up and went to the door. It was my brother-in-law."

"Before we had Boots," Mrs. James broke in, "none of our friends could get into our house. They simply couldn't make us hear the bell or their poundings. Now they can always get in if we are home at all—even if my husband is home alone with the dog. I don't know how we ever managed before we had Boots. I would like to train her to bark when the telephone rings, but we have a clock that chimes every fifteen minutes and she used to get the clock and the 'phone bells mixed up. Besides, the doorbell, has a special interest, for it nearly always results in some new and interesting person coming into the house and petting her."

Boots is indeed a smart dog. She somehow realizes that her master and mistress are hard of hearing and that when the doorbell rings it's entirely up to her to see that it is answered. Many dogs bark when a strange step is heard outside or when the bell rings, but Boots has taken on the extra duty of announcing each arrival personally and seeing to it that either her master or mistress goes to the door to see who is there.—Our Dumb Animals.

TEN RULES OF POLITENESS FOR CHILDREN

1. To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others.
2. Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters, and schoolmates as you are to strangers.
3. Look people fairly in the eyes when you speak to them or they speak to you.
4. Do not bluntly contradict anyone.
5. It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong.
6. Whispering, laughing, chewing gum, or eating at lectures, in school, or at places of amusement is rude and vulgar.
7. Be doubly careful to avoid any rudeness to strangers, such as calling out to them, laughter or making remarks about them. Do not stare at visitors.

8. In passing a pen, pencil, knife, or pointer hand the blunt end toward the one who receives it.

9. When a classmate is reciting, do not raise your hand until after he has finished.

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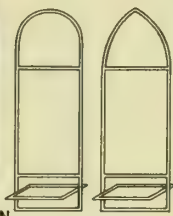
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The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications for the North Carolina Conference will meet at St. Paul's church, Goldsboro, October 12 at 9:30 a.m.

All young men seeking admission on trial into the Conference and those who are in the courses of study for the first and second year are asked to meet with the Board.—J. A. Russell, Chairman.

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS

By authority of Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Rev. J. S. Higgins is returned to Bethlehem Charge in the Greensboro District; and P. M. Cassell is returned to Bethesda-Tabernacle Charge in the Asheville District.

Herman F. Duncan, Dist. Supt.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The pastors and district stewards of the Statesville District will meet Tuesday, October 13, at 2 p.m. at Broad Street church, Statesville. Representatives of the various causes are invited.

Ralph Taylor, Dist. Supt.

STATISTICAL TABLES REQUESTED

All pastors in the North Carolina Conference are requested to send Table I of Report to Annual Conference to Rev. W. Carleton Wilson, statistician, Jackson, N. C., on or before October 14. Table II may be sent then, or at any time before the opening session of the Conference.

W. Carleton Wilson
Box 176
Jackson, N. C.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT SET-UP MEETING

The set-up meeting for the Thomasville District will be held Tuesday, October 13, at Memorial church, Thomasville. District trustees are requested to meet with the district superintendent at two p.m.

Ministers, with their district stewards, are urged to meet at 2:30 p.m.

The district committee on location and building will meet immediately after the district stewards' meeting. Those ministers of the district who are now engaged in a building project, or who anticipate building during the year, are asked to meet with this committee.

Persons representing the various causes of the church are welcome at the 2:30 p.m. meeting.

M. Teague Hipps, Dist. Supt.
H. Glen Lanier, Secretary

District Appointments

SALISBURY DISTRICT

First Round
J. C. Cornette, D. S.
Salisbury, N. C.

The District Stewards meeting, will be held October 13, 2:30 at First church, Salisbury.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1953

District Missionary institutes as follows: Central Concord, 7:30 p.m., October 27; First Salisbury, 7:30, October 28; Central Albemarle, 7:30, October 29.

	October
Roberta, 11	11
Rowan, 7:30	11
Harmony, 7:30	12
Epworth, 7:30	13
Westford, 7:30	14
Park Avenue, 7:30	15
China Grove, First, 7:30	16
China Grove, South, 7:30	17
Albemarle Ct. U. Chapel, 11	18
Concord: Ann St., 7:30	18
Bethpage—Shiloh, 7:30	19
Bethany, 7:30	20
Albemarle, Main St., 7:30	21
Yadkin Long St., 7:30	22
Bethel, 7:30	23
Pfeiffer, Richfield, 7:30	24
Providence, 7:30	25
Shiloh, 7:30	26
Midland, Pine Bluff, 7:30	30

	November
Concord Ct., Mt. Carmel, 11	1
North Kannapolis, 7:30	1
Mt. Pleasant, C. Spring, 7:30	2
Jackson Park, 7:30	2
Parkway, 7:30	4
Main St., Salisbury, 7:30	5
Mt. Mitchell, 7:30	6
Memorial, 7:30	7
New London, Mt. Tabor, 11	8
Norwood, Cedar Grove, 7:30	8
Kerr St., 7:30	9
Badin, New London, 7:30	10
Concord Central, 7:30	11
Albemarle, Central, 7:30	12
Norwood, 7:30	13
Rocky Hill, 7:30	15
Gold Hill, Rockwell, 7:30	16
Spencer, Central, 7:30	17
Mt. Olive, 7:30	18
Midway, 7:30	19
Trinity, 7:30	20
Stanfield, Loves Chap., 11	22
Landis, Unity, 7:30	22
Salem, 7:30	23
Albemarle First St., 7:30	24
Woodleaf, 7:30	25
Coburn Mem., 7:30	27
Friendship-Tab., O. Grove, 11	29
Forest Hill, 7:30	30

	December
Salisbury First, 7:30	2

Our Readers Say . . .

SHAVER RETURNS FOR OPERATION

Dear Editor:

For some time I have not written to the Advocate, but have enjoyed its weekly visits to Japan, though usually about five weeks late.

I am sailing on the N.Y.K. Hikawa Maru from Yokohama September 23 for the United States for the purpose of having cataracts removed from my eyes. I do not know yet where this will be done, but I will check first in Seattle, and then in Boise, Idaho. I might come south for the operations.

Mrs. Shaver and Phyllis June are remaining in Japan. Their address is 94 Niage Machi, Oita City, Japan. Mrs. Shaver is taking my place at the University of Oita besides being head of an orphanage in Beppu, and a kindergarten in Oita. This is in addition to her regular work.

My address while in the United States will be 1917 Linden, Caldwell, Idaho.

Best wishes to my many friends and readers of the Advocate in North Carolina.

Tokyo

I. L. Shaver

GET BACK TO PERSONAL

Dead Editor:

I have been a member of The Methodist Church practically all my life. Several years ago some one began tampering with the Apostles' Creed. It was not good enough the way our forefathers wrote it, and it gave me a pain every time I heard the modern version. Now they have gone

further and are using some of the most impersonal stuff that the devil could think up. It is "we believe this and we believe that—"

I think every person's belief is or should be a personal thing, "I believe." I do not know what my neighbor believes, so I cannot conscientiously say what we believe. It sounds more like mass production, which is not right. I was told that it was done for a change. If a change is needed, we still have the Nicene creed which could be used occasionally.

Every time the preacher starts that "We believe" stuff I get in a bad mood and do not enjoy the service any more. So please let's get back to something personal and get away from this impersonal nothing.

Manteo

R. E. White

CHARLOTTE CHURCH HAS MURALS OF CHURCH INSTITUTIONS

By Richard L. Ownbey

The Myers Park church, Charlotte, recently was presented with a beautiful set of photographic murals placed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Douglas on the walls of the Luther Snyder Bible class room. They are framed photographs, about 46 by 55 inches in size, of the leading educational and custodial institutions partly or wholly operated by the Western North Carolina Conference. They present lovely pictures of High Point College, Greensboro College, Duke University Chapel, Brevard College, the Methodist Home, the Children's Home, and the Lake Junaluska Assembly Grounds. Educational and highly decorative, they were secured by Mr. Douglas at an expenditure of much time and money. At a recent meeting of the official board, of which Mr. Douglas is an honored member, a resolution of thanks was adopted for a worthy contribution which is highly appreciated by all the members of the church. These murals speak with graphic eloquence of the great educational and charitable institutions of Methodism in North Carolina.

MARION DISTRICT STEWARDS' MEETING

The Marion District Stewards' meeting will be held Monday, October 12, at ten a.m. in First church, Marion.

J. G. Winkler, D. S.

OPPORTUNITIES

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The Catholics Gain a Member

By Joyce Vernon Drake, in The Lutheran
Bill and Kathy felt that their love was so
strong and true that it wasn't right for
religion to come between them

The official Catholic Directory reports the membership of the Roman Catholic Church to have increased 772,642 members during the past year.

Kathy was reared in a devout Protestant home. She knew the freedom taught by her church, yet understood its unswerving convictions in the fundamentals of faith. She had been taught to think for herself, with the basic principles of Christianity as her guide. She had a wide circle of friends, both boys and girls, and was a care-free, fun-loving girl. After college she had carved for herself a place in the career of her choice.

Then came Bill.

Bill fulfilled, to Kathy, the ideals the other boys had not quite reached. Bill measured up completely, according to Kathy, where other boys had just fallen short. He was a well-educated, securely started in his profession, honest, sincere, and (so Kathy said) handsome!

Bill began a campaign for Kathy that made her heart pound and her knees go weak. Bill and Kathy fell in love. But . . . Bill was a Catholic—and Kathy pondered.

Kathy's parents and pastor were consulted. They were sympathetically understanding, but lovingly and frankly pointed out the possibilities for unhappiness. There were no threats, no hints of reprisals, no demands. Kathy would always have the love and guidance of her church, and Bill would always have a welcome as her husband.

"We are both Christians," said Bill. "It will work out. I love Kathy."

"We are both tolerant and broad-minded," said Kathy. "I trust Bill."

Kathy's pastor suggested they talk with Bill's priest. Bill seemed a bit vague as to what attitude his church would take in a case like this. So Bill and Kathy went hopefully to Bill's priest.

The priest was kind but firm. He wasted no words. If Bill married outside his church he would be excommunicated. If he was married in the Catholic church, Kathy must promise to rear her children as Catholics. There was no halfway point. That was it. He invited Kathy to come to him for instruction, to learn more of Bill's church. When Kathy asked that Bill also come to her pastor, the priest refused.

Bill sat listening. He was uneasy and heartsick, but the thought that his priest might be wrong never entered his obedient heart.

Kathy and Bill broke their engagement.

Kathy languished and became ill.

Bill lost weight and his mind wandered from his work.

After a few months Bill again came to Kathy and her parents and her pastor. He could not live without Kathy. So they were married in Kathy's church by Kathy's pastor.

All seemingly went well for several months. Kathy was regular in attendance at her church. Bill sometimes came with her. But Bill was worried over his status in his church. He could not accept the teachings of Kathy's church, yet he was deprived of communion and other privileges in his own. He was an outsider. Each loved the other deeply, but in this matter of religion, which should have drawn them together, a wide gulf was opening.

Then the baby was coming. Subtle, almost unrecognizable pressure was put upon Kathy where she was most vulnerable. It was gradual and tactful, but ultimately final and unalterable: the baby would be considered illegitimate by Bill's family and Bill's church.

One sad day, with Kathy in tears, she and Bill stood before a Catholic priest to have the marriage "blessed." Bill was again in full favor with his church, and attended mass more regularly than before. Now his marriage was legal!

The baby was born. Bill never faltered in his love and kindness to Kathy, but the baby was baptized in Bill's church, presented by a proud father and a white-faced, tight-lipped young mother.

The baby was pronounced a child of the Roman Catholic Church. It was not mentioned that he was a child of a divided home.

This is the case history of one of the 772,642 new members of the Roman Catholic Church.

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DUKE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN IS CO-AUTHOR OF NEW BOOK ON DEATH AND DYING

A new book, "And Peace at the Last," by Duke Hospital's chaplain, discusses the problem of "the emotional acceptance of the experiences of dying and death."

Author of an unusual treatment of the problem is Dr. Russell L. Dicks, associate professor of pastoral care in the Duke University Divinity School and chaplain to Duke Hospital.

Convinced by 20 years of ministry to the dying that "the human creature is capable of a heroic death," Dr. Dicks has invented a simple story, to help men approach the inevitable with dignity, consideration of others, and even some amusement and humor.

The narration by Dr. Dicks is complemented by 51 pages of excerpts from the inspirational writings of all times on the subject of death and dying. Editor of this section of the book is Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, of the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College.

"And Peace at the Last" is a Westminster Pastoral Aid Book, most recent volume in a series edited by Dr. Dicks and published by the Westminster Press.

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DR. KRIS JENSEN REVISITS KOREA

Rev. Anders Kristian Jensen, well-known Methodist missionary in Korea and recently released from three years as a prisoner of the Communist North Koreans, will make a flying visit to South Korea during the autumn. This has been made possible by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation "to survey present needs for the development of educational and community leadership in Korea."

Dr. Jensen, since his return to the United States in May, has been recuperating his strength for his anticipated return

as a missionary of The Methodist Church to Korea. The present quick trip to southern Korea will be in the nature of an exploration of conditions there, since he has not been south of the 38th Parallel since his capture on June 25, 1950. Because of his long missionary experience in that country, plus his North Korean observations, and the anticipated visit now in the southern portion of the peninsula, Dr. Jensen will be in a peculiarly favorable position to help in the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction program of all agencies with which the Christian church will be co-operating in the days ahead.

Dr. Jensen will return to the United States in late October. He and Mrs. Jensen then plan to return to Korea for regular missionary service in the Spring of 1954.

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News in Brief

REV. WAYNE McLAIN is available for revivals and spiritual life retreats. His address now is 755 Excelsior St., Akron, Ohio, phone 2277.

REV. O. C. MELTON of Clinton was the visiting preacher recently in evangelistic services at Andrews Chapel church on the Shallotte charge. Mr. Melton is a former pastor of the Shallotte charge, and he has a host of friends in that area. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Fisher, reports a successful meeting.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE will have at capacity enrollment this fall, according to officials of the college. With 685 enrolled by October 1, there are indications that late registrations will swell the total to over 700. Woman's Hall is filled, McCulloch Hall for men is almost filled, and classroom space is at a premium.

REV. AND MRS. J. W. (Bill) GARRISON, formerly of the Garner Circuit, Raleigh District, announce the birth of a son, John William II, born on September 26 at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. They have two daughters, Nanette, 4, and Jane Lynn, 2. The Garrisons are studying at Scarritt College this fall in preparation for the mission field in Brazil.

FRANCIS ASBURY CHURCH at Candler on Sunday, October 11, will have homecoming. There will be a guest speaker and special music for the eleven o'clock service. A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds and the afternoon devoted to fellowship of friends, kindred, and neighbors. All friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.

BISHOP FRANCIS ASBURY writes in his *Journal*: "Sabbath day, Oct. 11, 1801 Yesterday and today we had quarterly meeting at Daniel Killion's (Killians) near Buncombe Court House. We had some quickenings." Now exactly 152 years later to the very day, on Sunday, Oct. 11 the Asbury Memorial Church, which Bishop Asbury organized on this historic occasion above, will celebrate its 152nd anniversary. A feature of the service at the 11 o'clock hour will be a Roll Call of each resident member, by the pastor Miles A. McLean. After the morning service a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. All former pastors and former members and friends are invited back for this historic occasion.

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A Sanctuary Conducive to Worship

Interior view of lovely St. Paul Church, Tabor City, built at a cost of more than \$100,000 and occupied since last February. Members of the building committee are: E. C. Sanders, R. R. Rogers, J. L. Lewis, Lewis Gore and Miss Helen Butler. The pastor is Rev. W. G. Crutchfield.

Sunday, October 18, Is Laymen's Day

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

SONNET ON PRAYER

"Let us be led in prayer!" All heads incline
In recognition of a common need;
And hearts prepared in humbleness to plead
Await communion with a Power Divine.

Then follow words of modulation fine
In whose vain repetitions one may read
Not pleadings that to closer union lead,
But artful speech of purpose and design.
We lift our voice to God that men may hear,
Priding ourselves upon a pretty phrase.

We counterfeit a reverential air
To honor God—yet thoughtful of man's praise.
Who speaks must lose himself in love and fear
—No other voice should volunteer a prayer.

—A. S. Withers, Professor of English,
High Point College

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

It is a good thing to have money and things that money can buy, but it is good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.

The things that money can't buy, would make a long list. Here are some of them: Money can't buy real friendship—friendship must be earned.

Money can't buy the glow of good health—right living is the secret.

Money can't buy a clear conscience—square dealing is the price tag.

Money can't buy happiness—happiness is a mental attitude and one may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion.

Money can't buy sunsets, singing birds, and the music of the wind in the trees—these are as free as the air we breathe.

Money can't buy character—character is what we are when we are alone with ourselves in the dark."

—The Rotarian

REDEEMING LOVE

The power to convince the world that God loved the disciples as he loved his Son could only come as believers lived out their life of having Christ in them, and proving it by loving their brethren as Christ loved them. The feebleness of the Church is owing to this—that our life in Christ, and his life in us, is not known, and not proved to the world by the living unity in which our love manifests that Christ is in us. Nothing less than this is needed: such an indwelling of Christ in the heart, such a binding together of believers because they know and see and love each other as those who together have Christ dwelling in them. As we have it in the very last words of the prayer, "I have made known Thy name, that the love wherewith Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them." The divine indwelling has its chief glory in that it is the manifestation of divine love. The Father's love to Christ, brought by Christ to us, flowing out from us to the brethren, and to all men.—Andrew Murray

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

ALL IN THE GAME

Three weeks ago I returned from a speaking tour in England. While I was there the cricket test matches were on between Britain and Australia. Public interest was at fever pitch. That contest was as exciting to the English as our World Series is to us.

England is a sporting nation. One thing which always fascinates me on my visits there is the interest in sport. The papers give it more prominent space than in America. The Queen's horses carry her colors. Tennis at Wimbledon is an international event. Boxing was born in Britain.

The spirit of sportsmanship has been a great asset to England. I do not know how much truth there is in the old saying that Britain's battles have been won on the playing fields of Eton. But I do believe that her sports have bred in England a spirit and stamina which have sustained her through continued bombings and hardships.

The factors which make for good sportsmanship also make for good living. For life is a game. We often speak of life as a battle. It's better to think of it as a game. Games develop skill and strength without the bitterness and destruction of battles.

A game must have limits to give it fun and zest. The batter has a limit of three strikes. He must make his hit or get away within that limit or he is out. If the player could stand at the plate and keep on striking until he makes a hit, baseball would be too dull for playing or watching. The golfer at the tee is allowed one drive. If he could keep on hitting at the ball until he got a drive which satisfied him, some of us would be at the first tee yet.

The game of life also has its limits. We must make our play within an allotted span of time. The proverbial "three score years and ten" seems pretty short. Some of us may not have much of that left. We may complain about the shortness of time. But suppose we could write our own time tickets and live until we called a halt on ourselves. Would that make for general happiness? Far from it. Think what a magnificent game some persons play when they know the time is short!

Some of us bemoan our limitations in the game of life. We live in little places. Or we haven't much money. Or our health is not very good.

Such situations make me recall a chapel talk given by a great college president on "The Pleasures of Economy." Isn't it true that part of the fun of life is found in seeing how much we can do with a little? Isn't it true that young brides often get a real kick out of showing their husbands how far they can make their limited budgets go? Later when their purses are full they will probably look back on those early struggles as the happiest years of their lives.

How about those limitations under which we live? Maybe they are the very things which show our mettle and make the zest of the game. Years ago a young carpenter grew up in a town which we Americans would think a mighty poor place to live in. He was poor. He never traveled more than a few miles from

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Let Us Pray

O God our God, Thou hast created us for Thyself. Our souls are restless until we find our rest in Thee. We have tried to live without Thee, only to discover that we need Thee every hour. We have sought happiness in our work and in our play, only to find that life without Thee is empty and bitter. We have sought security in material things, only to learn that there is no security apart from Thee. We have sought to satisfy our desire for companionship with our loved ones and friends, only to realize we must first have Thee as our divine companion. Put Thine arms about us. Enfold us with Thy love. Never let us go until we are one with Thee. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

home. His life was cut off at 33. Yet within those limits He lived the most radiant and glorious life the world has ever seen.

And of course the game of life has risks and hazards. There is an element of chance. The farmer takes a chance on the weather when he sows his seed. The lover takes a chance when he starts a home. But remember, there could be no faith and courage in a world where there was no risk. There could be no romance in love if there were no hazards. Only dead things are all cut-and-dried.

And remember, too, that in life we are playing under a Great Umpire who wants us to win. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Figures That Turn Our Pride into Shame

Churchmen in recent years have clapped their hands for joy more than once as they have added up the collections. Each year giving to church and religious organizations climbs. In 1952 Americans donated \$1,296,000,000 to their churches—the largest sum ever given in one year! All of us can thank God and take courage, for with increased revenue churches have been able to do many things long overdue—repair the church roof before wind and rain did too much damage, paint the parsonage, up the pastor's salary, give more to pressing benevolent and missionary causes. Moreover, they have been able to launch the most ambitious building program in modern times. With more money to spend, the church has been able to extend its ministry in many directions. Each person who through his increased giving has enabled the church to enlarge its service can be proud.

Yet when we measure our giving with world needs some of the pride is bound to disappear. There has never been a time when the church had such an opportunity as it has today to lift mankind to a higher spiritual level. Dollars—many, many dollars—are needed to help do the work of the church. From every quarter human need cries out for the succor which only the church of Christ can give. Human need today is staggering, overwhelming, unprecedented. Christian people certainly can do no less than they are doing in the face of such a demand.

But it is in the matter of what we do with the rest of our income that our pride is turned to shame. What we gave to the church last year looks embarrassingly small in comparison with what we spent on other things. "For, during the same period," says *Christian Herald*, "we spent \$2,234,000,000 on television sets. We laid out \$50,000,000 more on lipstick and other doodads to pretty up the person than we gave to our churches. New refrigerators and household appliances took twice as much as did religion; tobacco took four times as much; new automobiles seven times as much. We managed to dig into our jeans and pocketbooks for just about as much for church as we spent on funeral services, cemetery lots and tombstones combined; and our church giving was just a little more than we spent for rugs and linoleum. And—hear this—we spent eight times as much for alcoholic beverages as we did for the Kingdom of God!"

Well, if your pride has been com-

A formal, fainthearted, self-indulgent, dress-parade Christianity will not suffice for the Church in a time of revolution . . . Black forces turned loose in the world do not discredit Christianity; they demand it. —Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

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pletely dashed as you mull over these sobering facts or as you take stock of your own spending and giving, just remember the church is beginning a new year. You can pledge more this year. There is no better way in which you can invest your money. When enough of us decide that we are going to give God our pocketbooks as well as our plaudits the character of a whole nation will begin to change.

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No Time for Hysteria in International Affairs

A new wave of hysteria, apparently provoked by Russia's alleged possession of the hydrogen bomb, is sweeping this country. Some high government officials fear that the Soviets already have enough A-bombs and H-bombs to launch an attack. More cautious, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson believes it will be perhaps three years before the Russians can strike. All in all, it is a rather dismal picture for world peace.

President Eisenhower offers little encouragement in the present tangled, confused situation. Blaming the Kremlin for the nuclear arms race, he warns: "In its wake we see only sudden and mass destruction . . . the possible doom of every nation and society."

But the President is not without hope. Speaking recently to 5,000 members of the United Church Women of the National Council of Churches, Mr. Eisenhower said: "This titanic force must be reduced to the fruitful service of mankind. If it is in the power of your leaders, with God's help, it will be done."

What does the President offer? Encouragingly, he added that peace will come "not by force or edict or treaty or dark threats or by glittering slogans, but by courage, knowledge, patience and leadership."

Mr. Eisenhower has spoken well. These times do call for courage, knowledge, patience, leadership. Hysteria has no place in the present tense, complex international situation. Trigger-happy, erratic, bombastic people are not equal to the hour. To follow them is to invite atomic warfare. Obviously, we need to be realistic about the present state of affairs between our country and the Soviet Union. The Reds, drunk with power and mad with success, may be

willing to bring all mankind down to a bloody abyss in their insatiable quest for world domination. God forbid that anyone in high authority in America would be as reckless as the Soviet leaders!

In this foreboding hour we have many assets on the side of peace. The great masses of people in the United States want to live in peace with all nations. The overwhelming majority of Europeans, still suffering from the wounds of World War II, want to live at peace with the rest of the world. The vast multitudes of Asians long for peace. And, we are persuaded, the teeming masses of people behind the iron curtain—including the Russian people—want peace. With such a tremendous reservoir of peace hopes, with such a thunderous cry for an amicable settlement of the problems that confront our two nations, can we afford to fail to explore every means at our command, including the invoking of divine mercy and help, to save us from fear and hysteria and suicidal atomic warfare? Then we may be able to turn this "titanic force . . . to the fruitful service of mankind."

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They Come in Increasing Numbers to the Church

Church membership in the United States seems to be growing at a faster rate than the population. For example, last year according to *The Yearbook of American Churches*, the churches gained 3,604,124 members or 4.1 per cent over the previous year. During the same period the population increased only 1.7 per cent. Roman Catholics increased 3.5 per cent; Protestants, 3.9 per cent. Church membership, which now totals 92,277,129, is 59 per cent of the population, the highest in the history of the country. By comparison, in 1900 only 36 per cent of the people belonged to churches; in 1920 it was 43 per cent. From 1926-1952 as the population was growing 34.2 per cent, membership in religious bodies climbed 69.1 per cent.

This report, a service of the National Council of Churches, embraces 251 religious groups and 285,277 local churches.

We are not sure what all of these figures mean. We are inclined to believe they reveal a growing interest in the church, a deepening conviction on the part of more and more people that they need the influence of the church in their lives. May the churches be able to hold the growing numbers that continue to knock at our doors.

Let Us Consider Austria

By Joseph Paul Bartak*

The field is ripe unto the harvest in Austria. Never before have the gates of opportunity been open so wide to the messengers of the Prince of Peace. Never before has the Macedonian call "come over . . . and help us" resounded so clearly. Several considerations converge to make an affirmative and generous response on the part of our church imperative:

(1) Consider the Traditional Land of the Counter-Reformation

If Germany, with its Dr. Martin Luther, Switzerland with its John Calvin and Scotland with its John Knox are the traditional lands of the Reformation, then Austria, the pivotal land of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, is the traditional land of the Counter-Reformation. It was here that Ferdinand II proclaimed that fateful motto: "Better a desert than a country of heretics." This motto, to be sure, was to be applied primarily in the neighboring Bohemia and Moravia, the lands of John Huss and of the Moravian Brethren, but the relentless severity of this bigoted attitude worked equal havoc on the Protestants of Austria as well. It was here that the thirty years of religious wars started in 1618, in the course of which Bohemia and Moravia were deprived of the last vestiges of freedom—political, cultural and religious—and the acceptance of the Roman Catholic Church as the one and only religion was forced upon all subjects. The Peace of Westphalia (1648) brought international sanction to this coercion of the individual's conscience by adopting the formula: "cujus regio-ejus religio," which means that every subject was to profess the religion of his lord, prince or king. Just think of the anguish of heart among the most honorable of men, i.e. among those who had convictions and who preferred to suffer rather than to sin against their own conscience! This desire to enforce uniformity in religion led to the notorious expulsion of all Protestants from the city and the surrounding farmlands of Salzburg in the winter of 1731-1732.

(2) Consider the Land of Heroes and Heroines

If Bohemia has produced a John Huss (1369-1415), then Austria can point to her Balthasar Hubmaier (1480-1528), who died a martyr's death to the cause of the Reformation. He was burned alive in the city of Vienna, being charged with heresy. Great was the heroism of the Protestants who did not yield to government terror and remained faithful to their religious convictions. The story of the Salzburger, driven from their homes and farms for no other reason than that they had remained faithful to their Protestant convictions and would not sin against their own conscience, is one of the most touching in the annals of history. Two paintings exist depicting that event. On the first are seen some of the deputies, representing 21,475 Protestant Salzburger, dipping two fingers in salt, licking the salt from their fingers and then lifting them in a solemn oath that they will not yield, but remain faithful and obedient to the heavenly vision as revealed to them in their evangelical Christianity—come what will. The second picture shows the

*Head of Methodist evangelistic work in Austria



Dr. Bartak

consequence of their courageous decision. These thousands of families are being driven out of their homeland, having been deprived of their possessions. One may see the expression of suffering among the women and children. One thought, however, sustained these heroes of faith: "God will surely give them a refuge where they may serve Him in accordance with their own understanding." Their faith was vindicated; they did find a refuge: some in Germany, some in Poland, which at that time had advanced to an unusual degree of religious tolerance, some in the northern neighborhood of Savannah, Ga., where General Oglethorpe gave 50 acres each to 42 of their families. Additional families were brought in later. These founded the township of Ebenezer and erected a church which is still standing, in spite of the exigencies of wars and conflagrations which swept over the neighborhood. Luther's version of a German Bible, printed in 1701, used by their pastor, John Martin Bolzius, who accompanied them into their exile, may still be seen in that church. Dr. Friedrich Breiting, in the "Demokratisches Volksblatt" of April 4, 1953, Salzburg, Austria, writes: "Today, most of the 'Salsburgers' in America belong to The Methodist Church and to other denominations. However, they do come together once year in their old church to sing the songs of their ancestors: 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God,' 'Now Thank We All Our God' and 'An Exile Poor, I Am.' They attracted the attention of all America in 1934 when they celebrated the 200th anniversary of the arrival in Savannah of the first group of Salzburger.

Only one, whose ancestors had been tried in the crucible of the fires of persecution, could write so lofty an article as Prof. Richard Plattensteiner's "The Bridge," published in the January 1953 number of our "World Outlook." The re-

markable providence, attending the descendants of the Salzburger exiles to Poland will be mentioned hereinafter.

(3) Consider the Marginal Land Between the East and the West

The line of demarkation between the East and the West runs through Austria. Americans can still pass over that line on their way from Salzburg and Linz to Vienna. A gray card, issued by their own government, is obtained easily. The English pass over Semmering with a gray card from their own authorities. Other nationals, too, receive a permit easily, if they have a valid passport. Most of these controls, however, have been lifted recently. Vienna, like Berlin, is an island of various zones, surrounded by the Russian zone. The High Commissioners of the four occupying powers (American, British, French and Russian) meet regularly to discuss matters of policy and to pass upon the acts of the Austrian government. These meetings were characterized with a spirit of mutual good will and amity so far; so much so that they may be considered as the one bright spot in the relations of the eastern and the western powers. (By way of contrast, think of the blockade of Berlin, the shattered negotiations for a meeting of Ministers in Paris, and the protracted difficulties before an agreement was reached on the terms of an armistice in Korea). It is evident that it is in the interest of all concerned that areas of good will and amity should be strengthened, if world peace is to be preserved. That the Church may make a contribution in this respect has been recognized. Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Executive Secretary of our World Peace Commission, has visited Vienna and his group of 20 Americans, composing a World Peace Seminar, was received by Dr. Theodor Kerner, President of the Austrian Republic in especial audience.

(4) Consider the Providence Attending the History of this Mission

Methodism had a very hard time in the days of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. Christian Dieterle, the first of the pioneers, coming from Germany to Vienna in 1870, was not allowed to preach, or to hold any kind of church services. No one could prevent him, however, to have family devotions and "to let his light so shine before men . . ." in accordance with Matt. 5:16. Within one year and a half, he had his first convert. He discovered also that it was possible to hold lectures, and for this purpose he rented a hall and his membership increased to 10. Under these restrictions worked likewise his successors: Christoph Beutenmuller (1876-1880), Johann Ruck (1880-1888) and Friedrich Rosch (1888-1895). The authorities discovered that these "lectures" resembled very much services of public worship, which were strictly prohibited to churches not recognized as such by the State. In November, 1880, Rev. Ruck received instructions from the police to remove from the program of his "lectures" everything resembling religious exercises, such as congregational singing and pastoral praying. When souls hungry to hear the Word of God still flocked to these "lectures," a new blow fell upon this little flock. In 1884, after he had "lectured" just about 11 minutes, the police came in, dismissed the congregation and sealed the rented hall prohibiting all gatherings. In the tradition

of Daniel who prayer as usual in spite of the king's decree (Dan. 6:11), and in the tradition of the Apostles who said "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29) Rev. Ruck continued to gather the faithful secretly in his own apartment. A Catholic priest reported him to the police and he was fined 5 Gulden (\$2) and ordered to desist from all religious activity. The Wesleyan Missionary Society, which had supported this work, was at the point of giving up. A loving Providence led them, however, to make one more attempt by sending Rev. Friedrich Rosch to Vienna in 1888. Brother Rosch encountered the same difficulties as his predecessors. To the legal prohibitions was added one more hardship: his landlord asked him to move into an apartment vacated on the 5th floor (IV. Stock) in the rear of the building, as he needed his apartment on the 2nd floor (I. Stock). It seemed as though the powers of darkness had connived on making the work of The Methodist Church in Austria impossible, for who could be expected to join their "private family devotions" in that apartment to which there was no elevator? Man's extremity proved, however, God's opportunity. Like in the case of Moses, with the children of Israel having the hosts of Egypt behind them and the Red Sea in front of them, God rallied to His people, saving them through a miracle. No better explanation can be given to the fact that it was at this very time and place that a most distinguished lady of the royal household was converted and became a member of the then despised and persecuted "sect" called "The Methodists." It was the Baroness von Laangenaue, the widow of the Austrian Ambassador to the Czar of Russia, then the Lady-in-waiting to the Empress of Austria. This aged lady, accompanied by a nurse, climbed the four hard stairs to the preacher's apartment and sat there humbly among the little flock which had gathered to join in his "private family devotions." "The wind bloweth where it listeth . . . so is every one that is born of the spirit" (John 3:8). She was gloriously converted and was not ashamed to make common cause with this "sect" which God had used to bring her peace of mind and an assurance of belonging to God's children. Hers was a total surrender. She placed her wealth and social position fully at the disposal of Christ and His Church. She bought for the Methodists in Austria their present headquarters in Wien VIII., Trautsohn-gasse 8. She interceded for them with the state authorities. She opened her splendid residence for a Sunday School in which she taught one girls' class. She organized a deaconess society and founded a home for children and a refuge for country girls, to save them from the pitfalls of a metropolis. She inspired a mission among the postal mail carriers. She was instrumental in bringing about the unification of continental Methodism, bringing it under the aegis of our Board of Missions in America.

Our work in Austria was thus saved and inspired to enhanced activity. The Second and Third Methodist churches were organized in Vienna and missions were started in Hungary and Jugoslavia and in other parts of the then great Austro-Hungarian Empire.

A remarkable Providence seems to be revealed likewise in the fact that the descendants of the aforementioned Salzburgers, who had to flee from Austria in the severe winter of 1731-1732, from among those who fled to Poland, were now brought back to Austria through exigencies of World War II, in the family of 10 persons, who are now instrumental

in building the Second Methodist Church in Linz. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Ernst Nausner are descendants of these heroes of faith and it seems that the Lord is blessing their labors in a remarkable way. Here is another "rod out of the stem . . . a branch out of his roots" (Is. 11:1), sprouting forth and bearing blessed fruit.

(5) Consider the Land of Our Methodist Youth Caravans

Three caravans were sponsored by the North Carolina Conference, bringing groups of Christian young people, predominantly students, to Austria, where they took part in a church building project of the Second Methodist Church in Linz. Rev. Forrest D. Hedden led a group of 12 in 1951, Rev. Millard C. Dunn led another group of 12 in 1952, and Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of our North Carolina Christian Advocate, a group of 13 in 1953. These caravans proved to be a mutual blessing to all concerned. Not only did they give our Austrian young people a sense of belonging to a great Christian fellowship, but the caravanners themselves were blessed in their association with the godly Nausner family, when they saw that they had started to build a church purely on faith, and how wonderfully the Lord had blessed them. Bishop Arthur J. Moore and Dr. Ralph E. Dodge responded to this challenge, making recently available \$10,000 for the completion of this project. When this news was made known, it was a day of great rejoicing. The words of the 126th Psalm seemed to be applicable: "Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing as the Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. . . . They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The exchange of pulpits and parsonages during the summer of this year, between Rev. and Mrs. Ben Bland of Onley, Vir-

ginia, and Rev. and Mrs. Ferdinand Mayr, of the First church, Vienna, went likewise a long way in strengthening the hands of our sacrificial preachers and their faithful congregations.

(6) Consider the Need

Austria is one of the lands to which refugees from behind the Iron Curtain were driven, or fled voluntarily. Our American government is trying to cope with the situation on a grand scale; the recent permission to bring 214,000 DPs to America within the next two years, beyond the regular quota, is to be commended. Our duty, however, to take care of our own Methodist refugees from Jugoslavia and other lands seems to be clear. Most of them will not be able to emigrate. Their greatest need is to provide for them decent living quarters in Austria because the temporary barracks in which they were housed, have deteriorated and are vermin-infested. "I was a stranger and ye took me in" (Matt. 25:35). Our MCOR should be encouraged through generous gifts to build whole colonies of houses even as the Lutheran Church has done.

Another project which I would like to see undergirded, would be a church-like building in Salzburg. Most of our churches are mere halls of prayer, dating from the days of oppression, when we had to "hide" behind a very ordinary apartment house. This is no longer necessary. We are now recognized as a church, just like the Catholics, Lutherans and Reformed. How wonderful it would be if we would build a church, whose architecture would convey the spirit of worship and would more appropriately represent in Austria our great Methodist Church. Evangelistic and other church publicity, as well as our youth work should be undergirded.

The day is dawning in Austria, the many opportunities of service are challenging the highest and best of which we are capable. A great blessing is in store for all those who will be willing to meet this challenge.

STILL HIGHER HEIGHTS ARE CALLING

By Ernest C. Durham

*At last they stood where mortal man had never stood before—
Glad conquerors of dizzy heights, with fame forevermore:
The climber's goal for centuries, e'er since the distant past—
Mount Everest, earth's highest point! Mount Everest at last!*

*How did they feel—these conquerors? Had they done this alone?
Or all along the danger path, had they some Presence known?
With vision new of earth around, and sky so close above,
Some worshipped Buddha, we are told, and some the God of love.*

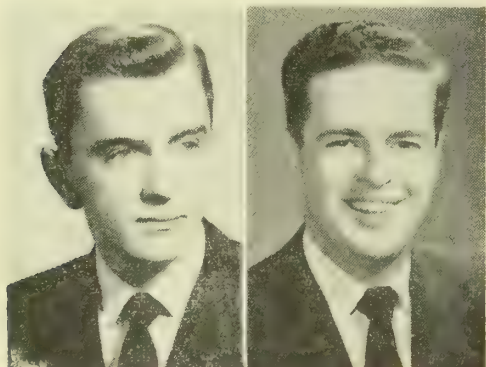
*Significant it was, indeed, that they should recognize
Some form of God who made all mountains and the seas and skies;
It's their's to tell to all the world that they have found the place
Where no man ever prayed before, with glory in his face.*

*And now, to all soul climbers, there is yet some spirit height
To which no man has ever climbed, nor ever winged his flight;
The challenge comes to all mankind, to all aspiring youth—
Climb higher still, and scale the heights of God's great love and truth.*

*This world is waiting for the man who'll find a higher peak
To make discoveries of truth and then return to speak
With great conviction of the glories where he's surely trod—
Among the wonders of the life in highest heights with God.*

Two Youthful North Carolina Preachers Lead Summer Evangelistic Series

As a part of this "Year of Evangelism" in world Methodism and the quadrennial emphasis of American Methodism on youth, two young North Carolina ministers were sent out as a youth evangelistic team by the General Board of Evangelism in Nashville. Rev. J. Malloy



Edwin Hackney

Malloy Owen

Owen III, of Fayetteville, who graduated from Duke Divinity School in June, and Rev. Edwin A. Hackney of Charlotte, a middler in the Divinity School, led special youth evangelistic activities in four American cities during their eleven weeks under the Board. Augusta, Kansas City, Baltimore, and Wilmington, Delaware, were the four cities selected by the Board for this experimental operation.

The summer included a variety of types of evangelistic effort. In Augusta, Georgia, the team was sent to a new suburban church serving thousands of H-Bomb plant personnel, where they did visitation work and conducted a ten-night "Youth Evangelistic Mission." Youth choirs and delegations from all over the Augusta area attended. The youthful preachers

alternated in the pulpit, with one preaching and the other leading the singing each night.

In Kansas City, 30 young people from three annual conferences gathered at the National College for Christian Workers for a "Christian Witness Mission." The two North Carolina preachers assisted in the instruction of these young people each morning and then went out with them each afternoon and evening to take a religious census and to do evangelistic visitation.

A second Youth Evangelistic Mission, sponsored by the Baltimore South District, was held in Baltimore, Maryland. The meetings were conducted in a manner similar to those in Augusta. Perhaps this was the most successful campaign of the summer.

A second Christian Witness Mission was held in Wilmington, Delaware, sponsored by the Peninsula Conference Board of Evangelism, Board of Education, and Youth Council. The Wilmington Mission combined the methods used in the Augusta, Kansas City, and Baltimore missions. Young people from all over the peninsula went out two-by-two into new sections of Wilmington to do survey and evangelistic visitation work, after receiving instruction each morning from the two Tarheel preachers. The visitation program was coupled with a preaching mission, with public evangelistic services held each night at Grace Methodist Church, in downtown Wilmington. Youth of the Greater Wilmington area were urged to attend. Mr. Robert H. Gibbons, Jr., a Duke University student from St. Georges, Delaware, served as soloist and song leader for the Wilmington Mission. In an effort to make an impact on the whole upper Delaware area, much use was made of radio and television pro-

grams as well as newspaper articles and advertisements.

Local ministers everywhere were completely cooperative, the young North Carolinians reported. "We have been thrilled again and again to see the Holy Spirit bless the Word to the salvation of many souls. We found people, young and old, east and west, north and south, hungry for and responsive to the simple New Testament message of salvation in Christ Jesus. We are thankful to God for His blessings of this summer in His harvest fields. The gospel of Christ is still 'the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.'" Over 100 persons made decisions to trust Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

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FORMER COMMUNIST PRISONER STUDIES THEOLOGY

A Korean minister who was imprisoned three times by the communists, and who hid for eleven months in North Korea, is now studying at Boston University School of Theology. He is Rev. Tae Sung Park, candidate for a doctor's degree in theology.

A native of Pyongyang, now the capital of North Korea, Mr. Park studied and worked in Japan for nineteen years, receiving his M.A. and B.D. degrees from Kwansai Gakuin at Nishinomiya.

Mr. Park returned to Pyongyang in 1942. He was vice-president of the Methodist Seminary there until it was closed by the communists in 1949.

A third generation Methodist and a fourth generation Methodist, Mr. Park will go back to Korea to teach at a Methodist seminary. His study at Boston is as a "Crusade Scholar," his expenses paid through Week of Dedication offerings on Methodist churches across the U. S.

Mr. Park is one of 155 students currently studying on "Crusade Scholarships," provided by The Methodist Church. Since 1944, a total of 749 Crusade Scholarships have been granted.



RECEIVED INTO FULL CONNECTION AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

First row, left to right: C. G. Alspaugh, Jr., G. W. Thompson, Marion Workman, V. J. Ramsey, J. William Hoyle, J. J. P. Kincaid, L. B. Laye. Second row, R. F. Hilliard, J. R. Little, R. L. Young, Jr., G. R. McCulley, W. C. Anderson, C. A. Smith, A. R. Davis, D. R. Funderburk, A. L. Chamblee. Third row, R. A. Foster, C. H. Dickson, Milton Widenhouse, C. D. Pyatt, J. S. Gibbs, Jr., R. N. Barefoot, J. M. G. Warren, R. P. Bunch, H. C. Young, Jr., R. W. Richardson. (Photo by F. E. Howard)

Thirty-two Missionary Institutes Scheduled for W. N. C. Conference; Christmas Mission

McSWAIN ANNOUNCES 32 SUBDISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

Subdistrict missionary institutes of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held from October 18 through November 22, under the direction of the conference missionary secretary, Rev. Horace McSwain. Speakers will be Dr. Carl Stewart, Dr. C. W. Robbins and Rev. Burr Baughman. Those attending should include the pastor, members of the local church Commission on Missions, Church School officers and teachers, officers of the Woman's Society, the Wesleyan Service Guild, the Methodist Men, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, members of the Official Board and all others who are interested.

Dr. Stewart, missionary to Cuba and pastor of the Leland Memorial Methodist Church in Havana, Cuba, will be the speaker in the institutes in the Thomasville, Greensboro, Charlotte, Salisbury and Gastonia Districts. Dr. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, will speak in the institutes to be held in High Point, Greensboro, Monroe, Wadesboro, Charlotte, North Wilkesboro, Hickory, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Mount Airy and Elkin. Rev. Burr Baughman, missionary to Borneo, will speak at the institutes in the Statesville, Asheville, Waynesville, Marion and Winston-Salem Districts.

Dr. Stewart serves the congregation of the church and more than 1,000 students in two Methodist schools there, Colegio Buena Vista and Colegio Candler. He is a native of Georgia with degrees from Emory University. Dr. Stewart will bring something of the impact of Methodism upon this Roman Catholic Republic and discuss the training of future leadership for the Republic through Methodist colleges and churches.

Dr. Robbins spent nine weeks last summer in Austria and Germany as counselor for the North Carolina European Youth Caravan. He will relate his experiences there, the work of The Methodist Church as he saw it, the ghastly ruins in Berlin and other places, and describe the faith of the people as they attempt to rebuild their lives and their countries that were ravaged by war.

Rev. Burr Baughman, missionary to the Dyaks of Borneo for the past twenty years as well as to the millions of Malays and Chinese of the island, has a thrilling story to tell of his work among these primitive people, some of whom had been the head-hunters that made popular the name, "wild man of Borneo." During the war he was captured by the Japanese and interned in the notorious Changi Internment Camp at Singapore. When he returns to Borneo in 1954 he will have charge of the training of men for the ministry and will work on the preparation of Christian literature for the Dyaks. His mother now lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

The schedule of institutes follows:

Thomasville District: Oct. 18, Thomasville, Memorial; Oct. 19, Asheboro, First.

Greensboro District: Oct. 20, Reidsville, Main Street; Oct. 21, High Point, Wesley Memorial; Oct. 22, Greensboro, West Market Street.

Charlotte District: Oct. 23, Monroe, Central; Oct. 25, Wadesboro, First; Oct. 26, Charlotte, First.



Dr. Carl Stewart

Salisbury District: Oct. 27, Concord, Central; Oct. 28, Salisbury, First; Oct. 29, Albemarle, Central.

Gastonia District: Oct. 30, Shelby, Central; Nov. 1, Main Street, Gastonia; Nov. 2, Lincolnton, First.

Statesville District: Nov. 3, North Wilkesboro, First; Nov. 4, Hickory, First; Nov. 5, Statesville, Broad Street.

Asheville District: Nov. 6, Burnsville; Nov. 8, Asheville, Central; Nov. 9, Hendersonville.

Waynesville District: Nov. 10, Franklin; Nov. 11, Murphy; Nov. 12, Whittier; Nov. 13, Waynesville, First.

Marion District: Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m. Rutherfordton, First; Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. Marion, First; Nov. 16, Spruce Pine; Nov. 17, Boone; Nov. 18, Morganton, First.

Winston-Salem District: Nov. 19, Winston-Salem, Ardmore; Nov. 20, Mount Airy, Central; Nov. 22, Elkin, First.

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BISHOP W. C. MARTIN ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS MISSION TO ORIENT

Christmas greeting from American churches will be personally conveyed by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, Texas to U. S. military personnel in Japan and Korea.

This spiritual mission, undertaken as president of the National Council of Churches, received the endorsement and well-wishes of President Eisenhower with whom he discussed it in a White House interview October 1.

While arrangements for the month's visitation have had the fullest cooperation of the Army and the Chiefs of Chaplains of the three services, the mission is to be financed by the thirty Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches which compose the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Bishop Martin, who also currently heads the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, will include on his trip conferences with civilian leaders in Japan and Korea, inquiring particularly into the status of missionary and relief work of his own and other American churches.

Having served as an overseas sergeant in the Medical Corps during the first World War, Bishop Martin knows what it means to be far from home during the holidays. On Christmas eve and Christmas day he hopes to be with the 8th Army and conduct several services.



KINGS MOUNTAIN CONGREGATION BREAKS GROUND

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new \$77,000 educational building of Central church, Kings Mountain, was held Sunday, September 13. Pictured, left to right: B. S. Neill, building fund chairman; Kelly Dixon, official board chairman; Wilson Griffin, building program committee chairman; Phil Shore, pastor; Paul Walker, superintendent of the Church School; Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, W.S.C.S. president; Mrs. J. H. Patterson, chairman of the Commission on Education; I. B. Goforth, chairman of the board of trustees. L. A. Hoke, building committee chairman, is not in the picture.

Highlights of the Fifteenth Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference

**To Be Held at
Duke Memorial Church, Durham
October 28-November 1**

Presiding Bishop, Bishop Paul N. Garber
Conference Lay Leader, Mr. W. Jasper Smith
District Superintendent Host, Dr. E. L. Hillman
Pastor Host, Rev. Edgar B. Fisher

Wednesday Afternoon, October 28

3:00 P.M.—Call to Worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber; Sermon, Dr. Carl J. Sanders; Business Session—Organization of Conference; Reports of District Superintendents.

Wednesday Evening, October 28

7:30 P.M.—Call to Worship; Anthem, Duke Memorial Church Choir; Address—"Progress Has Been Made," Bishop Paul N. Garber; Anniversary of Historical Society, Rev. O. K. Ingram, presiding; Address—"A Century of North Carolina Methodism in Durham," Dr. B. G. Childs; Business Session.

Thursday Morning, October 29

9:00 A.M.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Bishop Garber and District Superintendents; Business Session; Welcome, Response and Introductions.

11:30 A.M.—Fraternal Greetings from Virginia Annual Conference.

11:45 A.M.—Anniversary of the Board of Education, Dr. A. P. Brantley, presiding; Report of the Executive Secretary, Rev. C. P. Morris; Report of North Carolina Methodist College Foundation, Rev. D. D. Holt; Address—"Two Crucial Questions for Methodists," Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Executive Secretary, Editorial Division, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn; Certification of Directors of Christian Education.

1:00—Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon, October 29

2:30 P.M.—Annual Meeting of Conference Brotherhood, Rev. C. F. Heath, Presiding; Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. Freo Surratt.

3:00 P.M.—Anniversary of the Commission on Town and Country Work, Rev. Key W. Taylor, Presiding; Address, Dr. C. W. Robbins.

4:00 P.M.—Anniversary of Board of Conference Claimants, Mr. J. A. Staton, Presiding; Address, Mr. John M. Dozier; Adjournment.

5:30 P.M.—Duke University Banquet—Duke University, Rev. O. K. Ingram, Presiding; Address, Dr. W. Arthur Kale.

Thursday Evening, October 29

7:30 P.M.—Sermon, Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Anniversary of Board of Evangelism, Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Presiding; Report of Board of Evangelism; Address, Dr. A. J. Walton; Benediction.

Friday Morning, October 30

9:00 A.M.—Song Service, Rev. T. A. Collins.

9:15 A.M.—Devotional Message, Rev. R. I. Epps.

9:30 A.M.—Anniversary of the Board of Missions, Rev. A. S. Parker, presiding; Report of Board, Rev. S. J. Starnes; Report of S. E. Jurisdictional Missions Youth Conference, Miss Evelyn Loyd; Organizing a New Church, Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr.; Building a New Church, Rev. R. L. Nicks; What Happens to an Established

Church When It Helps to Organize New Churches, Rev. M. W. Lawrence; Report of Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. O. L. Hathaway.

10:45 A.M.—Anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities, Mr. W. Jasper Smith, Presiding; Address, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary, The General Board of Lay Activities.

12:00 Noon—Business Session.

12:15 P.M.—Adjournment.

1:00 P.M.—Luncheon — Site of The Methodist Retirement Home.

1:30 P.M.—Ground Breaking Exercises for The Methodist Retirement Home.

Friday Afternoon, October 30

3:00 P.M.—Memorial Service, Dr. E. L. Hillman, Presiding; Roll Call of Ministers Who Have Died During the Year; Roll Call of Ministers' Wives Who Have Died During the Year; Memorial Address, Dr. W. L. Clegg.

4:00 P.M.—Anniversary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Rev. A. L. Thompson; Introduction of Speaker, Dr. H. I. Glass; Speaker, Dr. Bernard S. Via, Administrator of the Virginia Methodist Home for the Aged "The Hermitage"; The Methodist Orphanage, Rev. F. D. Hedden, Superintendent; Business Session.

5:30 P.M.—High Point College Banquet—Trinity Methodist Church.

Friday Evening, October 30

7:30 P.M.—Greetings from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. H. I. Glass; Sermon, Dr. J. Carl Sanders; Reception of Class into Full Connection; European Youth Caravan; Adjournment.

Saturday Morning, October 31

9:00 A.M.—Song Service, Rev. L. C. Vereen.

9:15 A.M.—Devotional Message, Rev. J. W. Page.

9:30 A.M.—Business Session.

10:00 A.M.—Report of Commission on World Service and Finance.

12:00 Noon—Anniversary of Board of Temperance, Mr. Cale K. Burgess, Presiding; Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Speaker.

1:00 P.M.—Adjournment.

1:15 P.M.—Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Trinity Methodist Church.

Saturday Evening, October 31

7:30 P.M.—Youth Emphasis Meeting, Business Session, Benediction.

Sunday Morning, November 1

9:00 A.M.—Love Feast, Rev. J. L. Smith, Presiding; Rev. C. T. Thrift and Rev. T. W. Lee, Assisting.

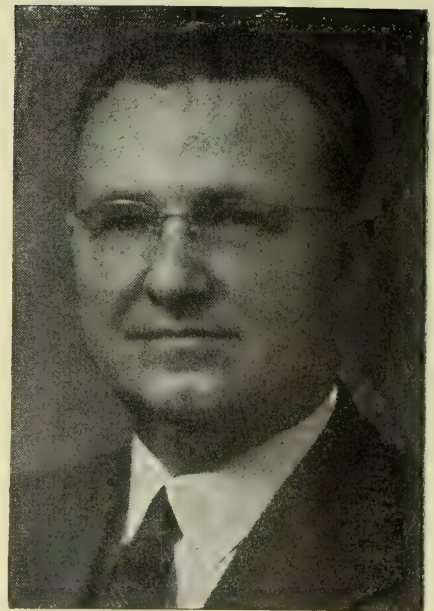
10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship, Rev. Edgar B. Fisher, Presiding; Sermon, Bishop Paul N. Garber; Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Reading of Appointments, The Doxology, The Benediction, Postlude.

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DR. NEASE RETURNS TO PASTORATE

Dr. Edgar H. Nease has resigned as executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, to return to the pastorate in North Carolina.

Dr. Nease was elected to the nine-state jurisdictional post in 1952, but multiple injuries he sustained in an automobile accident last December has prevented his serving full time.



Dr. Edgar H. Nease

Meanwhile, the jurisdiction office is being administered by Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary, who teamed with Dr. Nease.

The council chairman, Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, commented on Dr. Nease's resignation as follows:

"The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council was most fortunate at the beginning of this quadrennium in securing Dr. Nease as one of its executive secretaries.

"Our hearts were saddened by his unfortunate automobile accident some months ago. We have been gladdened by his slow but steady return of strength. Feeling that his duties in the council office might prove to be burdensome, Dr. Nease submitted his resignation as one of the secretaries and has been appointed to a pastorate in the Western North Carolina Conference.

"His vision, painstaking care and fidelity to every task assigned to him makes him an excellent leader. We will miss him greatly in the jurisdiction office and will follow his ministry in the pastorate with affectionate interest."

Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, N. C., has appointed Dr. Nease pastor of the Salem Methodist Church in the Winston-Salem district.

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BLAIR TO BE FINANCIAL ADVISER TO COLLEGES

JAMES F. BLAIR has been appointed to the staff of the Methodist Board of Education as consultant on business management. He will serve in the board's Division of Educational Institutions as a financial adviser to the 118 Methodist Schools and 164 Wesley Foundation college centers across the country, it was announced by Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the division. He will be in the department of secondary and higher education of which Dr. Myron F. Wicke is the director. A native of Harlan County, Ky., Mr. Blair comes to Nashville from Stockton, Calif., where he has been treasurer and business manager at the College of the Pacific. Previously, he held a similar position for 20 years at Union College, Barbourville, Ky. An active Methodist layman for 30 years, Blair is a member of the Stockton Kiwanis Club, a thirty-second degree Mason and past master of Mountain Lodge 187 in Barbourville.

.. News in Brief .. Personalities ..

REV. D. D. BROOME has moved from Ramseur to 217 Idol St., High Point.

REV. C. G. ISLEY'S new address is Route 9, Greensboro, having moved from 515 N. Scales St., Reidsville, where he was pastor of the Reidsville circuit.

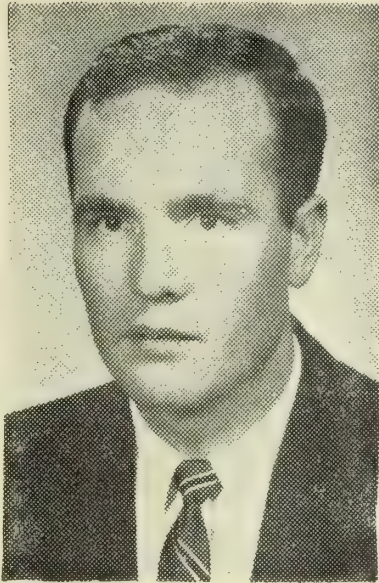
HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, received in tithes and offerings for the building fund during the last week in September a total of \$7,951.27, \$5,223.95 of which was placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

NEWLYN STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, extends to all of its members, former members, former pastors and friends an invitation to homecoming services Sunday, October 18. The worship service at eleven a.m. will be held in the local theatre and picnic lunch will be served in the new church building which is nearing completion. A brief worship service will be held in the afternoon.

"STUDIES IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA METHODISM" is the title of a 52-page booklet issued recently by the Commission on Town and Country Work of the Western North Carolina Conference. With Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Candler School of Theology as technical director, the study has sections dealing with membership and population, ministerial support, records of performances and conclusions and suggestions. Rev. Garland R. Stafford is chairman of the Commission which sponsored the study.

SCOTT'S HILL CHARGE, Wilmington district, is making progress. The parsonage is now one of the most livable ones in the district. Union Chapel has added new Sunday School rooms, and has improved the church interior and grounds. Scott's Hill has done considerable work on their church building and grounds—also purchased a piano. Carroll Chapel has purchased an organ and tower chimes. Hampstead is preparing to renovate the interior of the church. The financial system is so improved that they were able to "pay all claims in full" before the end of the conference year. Quite a number of members on confession of faith have been added to the charge. The North Carolina Christian Advocate is finding its way into many of the homes.

THE ALAMANCE MYF SUBDISTRICT recently installed officers for 1953-54 in an impressive dedication service at Front Street church, Burlington. Developing the theme, "Our Hands Reach Out and Up," the service pointed out horizons of MYF work surrounding the youth for the coming year, concluding with a candlelight act of dedication to Christ on the church lawn. Miss Mable Nance, director of Christian education of Front Street church, assisted by members of the local MYF, arranged and conducted the service. New officers are Peggy Love, Elon College, president; Jimmy Bell, Mebane, vice-president; Marjoria Brewer, Graham, secretary; James Biggerstaff, Burlington, treasurer; and Rick Barbee, Burlington, publicity chairman. Program area chairmen are: Glenwood Faulkner, Snow Camp, faith; Catherine Moffitt, Burlington, witness; Layton Gunter, Graham, outreach; Frances Danieley Wood, Elon College, citizenship; and Ann Goodman, Burlington, fellowship. The counselor is Rev. James C. P. Brown of Saxapahaw.



WALLACE KIRBY, above, of Roxboro, senior in the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, will serve this year as acting director of youth work in the North Carolina Conference while Rev. Curtis Gatlin takes a one-year leave of absence for study in New York City.

STEDMAN CHARGE in the Fayetteville District has been engaged in extensive building and renovation programs. The new Cokesbury church at Stedman, which was opened last spring, cost \$84,000 and it is expected that all indebtedness will be paid within two years. Bethabara church has been modernized at a cost of \$15,000, with the entire amount to be paid by November 1. Bethany church has a new roof and around \$2,000 has been spent on improvements of Tabor church. Renovations costing \$1,600 have been made on the parsonage. Salary of the pastor has been set at \$3,600.

WEST MARKET STREET CHURCH, Greensboro, last year received 305 new members, to bring the total membership to 3,179. Members contributed \$182,883, including \$44,133 for missions and benevolences and \$50,805 on the building fund. Missionary and benevolent giving were divided as follows: World Service, \$9,500; World Service Special, \$1,500; Advance Specials, \$3,979; Week of Dedication, \$1,500; Methodist Colleges, \$2,062; hospitals, \$1,300; Home for the Aged, \$6,583; Children's Home, \$4,500; City and District Missions, \$1,000.

DR. E. J. COLTRANE reports some interesting statistics with respect to denominational distribution of the 673 students enrolled at High Point College, with a few more students expected to register. A Methodist college, High Point naturally has a preponderance of Methodists. The number is 401, or 59%. Next is the Baptist group with 146; followed by the Presbyterian, with 30; the Quaker, with 23; the Christian, with 12; the Evangelical and Reformed, with 11. Moravians number 9, Lutherans 8, Episcopalians 7, Catholics 7, and Holiness (Pilgrim) 6. Other denominations represented by only one or two persons are Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Pentecost Holiness, Church of God, and Church of Christ. Only 7 students of the 673 total indicate no present church connection.

REV. WORTH SWEET and family were remembered recently with a generous pounding by the congregation of Rocky Ridge church. The church under Mr. Sweet's leadership is making progress along all lines.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, last year raised for all purposes \$195,185, with \$8,356 contributed to World Service, \$7,000 for Conference Advance Specials, \$10,822 for the Methodist Home, \$2,386 for homes and agencies for children and youth and \$19,230 for all other benevolences.

REV. D. BEE EARLEY, a pastor of the Asheville District for the past ten years, is entering the evangelistic field. For reference write Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, superintendent of the Asheville District and Dr. R. Dwight Ware of Jamestown. Mr. Earley will be glad to go to any church for revival services.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Winston-Salem, reports for the conference year just ending 209 new members received, \$11,850 contributed to World Service, \$10,000 to mission specials, \$6,000 given to Methodist colleges, \$1,778 contributed to the college sustaining fund, \$4,400 given to the Children's Home, \$1,870 raised for the Methodist Home, \$1,095 given to the City Mission Society, \$750 given to Chatham Memorial Hospital, \$769 contributed to the Week of Dedication, \$590 for the week of evangelism, \$446 to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service and other benevolences of \$1,345, for a total benevolent giving of \$40,500.

RICHLANDS CHARGE in the Wilmington District is closing a most successful year. During the year 42 have united with the church, 31 on profession of faith; World Service has been increased 50%, bringing the total to \$1,000; a mission special amounting to \$471 has also been carried; the charge has accepted \$1,800 on the United College Appeal, with \$600 to be paid before conference; the Woman's Society has raised \$1905 during the year; minimum salary for the pastor for next year is set at \$4,800. The charge has three active youth groups, with the president and secretary of the subdistrict members of the Richlands church. Homecoming was observed Sunday, October 11, at Richlands, with Rev. J. L. Joyce of Four Oaks, a former pastor, bringing the message.

THE GREENSBORO AREA TRAINING SCHOOL will be held October 25-29 at West Market Street church, Greensboro. Courses and instructors are as follows: Teaching Children, Mrs. A. M. Dietrich, Kenmore, N. Y.; Guiding Junior Children in Christian Growth, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury; The Uses of the Bible with Children, Mrs. J. C. Goode, Richmond, Va.; The Church's Program for Intermediates, Mrs. L. B. Hazzard, Westminster, Md.; Guiding Seniors and Older Youth, Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point; Understanding Ourselves, Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va.; Adult Classes at Work, Rev. R. S. Clemmons, Nashville, Tenn.; The Work of the Local Church, Dr. W. A. Kale, Durham; The Story of Protestantism, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Durham; Facing the Alcohol Problem, Aubrey Speer, Washington, D. C.; Personal Religious Living, Dr. J. J. Rives, Fall Church, Va.; New Testament: Content and Values, Dr. Jay Phillips, Durham.

Christian Education Goals for Year Cover Adults, Youth and Children

PLANNING CONFERENCE SETS GOALS FOR YEAR

The Board Staff, district directors, and a few local church workers met in Goldsboro, September 14-16, to plan for Christian education in the churches of the North Carolina Conference for the year 1953-54. Dr. Edwin Tewksbury of Nashville, Tennessee, assisted John M. Meares in the planning and workshop session with the adult division workers. Miss Elizabeth Johnson guided the workers with children. The executive secretary worked with the district directors of general church school work. Rev. James Auman, Fayetteville district director of youth work, shared with the group plans for the youth division worked out by the MYF Annual Conference session and Full Council Retreat at Duke University in August. This Conference set up the following goals or emphases and activities for the ensuing year:

General Church School Work

1. Cooperate fully with the general church's emphasis upon stewardship, with special emphasis on tithing as the minimum standard of financial giving.
 - a. Make full use of the units on stewardship in the church school lesson materials.
 - b. Offer the study course on Christian stewardship in training schools and classes.
 - c. Stewardship missions conducted in local churches.
 - d. Use the new stewardship sound film, "The Hidden Heart."
2. Promote the youth emphasis in the churches of the conference under the guidance of the conference youth emphasis committee.
 - a. Strengthen the faith of our youth.
 - b. Win youth to Christ.
 - c. Improve the MYF.
3. A leadership training school or class within reach of every local church.
 - a. Coaching Conference for training leadership school instructors, January 18-20, in Durham.
 - b. Subdistrict School in each subdistrict area.
 - c. Classes in local churches.
4. Subdistrict institutes for training local church school workers in February and again in October with following workshop groups:
 - a. Church School superintendent; assistant superintendent for membership cultivation; secretary of Church School; and chairman of Commission on Education.
 - b. Teachers and presidents of adult and young adult classes.
 - c. Adult workers with youth.
 - d. Workers with children.
5. Audio-Visual Workshop for training pastors and local church workers in the use of audio-visual resources, Raleigh, March 22-24.
6. Church School Rally Day observed in every local church September 26 or the nearest date thereto as practicable with a special offering for our Board of Education program of leadership training. Financial goal \$10,000, an amount equal to 1% of pastor's salary in each church.

Adult Work

1. A vigorous effort to improve the quality of teaching in adult classes.
 - a. Classes for adult teachers and workers in leadership schools.
 - b. Secure qualified persons to become accredited to teach the course, HELPING ADULTS LEARN, through the coaching conference, January 18-20.

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c. Workshop sessions for teachers and presidents of adult and young adult classes in subdistrict institutes in February.

2. District Adult Rallies in March and April on theme, "Facing New Threats to Christian Freedom," using outstanding speakers and discussion leaders.
 - a. Threats to freedom of religion.
 - b. Threats to freedom of thought.
 - c. Threats to freedom of choice.
3. Young Adult Assembly at Camp Don-Lee in June. Goal: 150 delegates.
4. District Young Adult Workshops in September.

Youth Work

1. Lead Youth to discover the will of God in their own lives and to live by it.
2. Enlist and train adult workers with youth
 - a. Workshop for adult workers with youth at Annual Conference, Saturday, October 31, 3:00 p.m., Duke Memorial Church, Durham, and youth emphasis program, at 7:30 p.m.
 - b. Subdistrict program area workshops.
 - c. Classes for adult workers with youth in leadership schools.
 - d. Secure qualified persons to attend the Coaching Conference, January 18-20, and become accredited to teach the course THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.
3. Seek to make the Youth Emphasis become alive in the North Carolina Conference.
 - a. Youth Emphasis Night at Annual Conference, Saturday, October 31, 7:30 p.m., Duke Memorial Church, Durham.
 - b. A New Year's Eve Watch Night service in every local church or charge.
 - c. Work with conference youth emphasis committee.
 - d. District Youth Rallies in Spring on Youth Emphasis.
4. Seek to increase giving to the Meth-

odist Youth Fund to \$10,000 for the year 1953-54 with each local church youth group making a contribution.

5. Raise \$1,000 as a special to be known as the "Smith-Blackburn Fund" to help Rev. Ed Smith and Rev. Linwood Blackburn in their missionary work in Africa.

6. Encourage local churches, charges, or subdistricts to conduct Christian Witness Missions as a means of enlisting youth for Christ and the Church.

7. Provide summer opportunities for training youth.

- a. Senior assemblies at Louisburg College in June.
- b. Christian Adventure Camps at Camp Don-Lee in June and July.
- c. Older Youth Assembly at Camp Don-Lee in August.
- d. Annual Conference Session of the MYF at Duke University in August.

Children's Work

1. For every worker with children a growing faith in God as revealed through Christ, increasingly expressed in every phase of living.
2. For every worker with children an increased understanding of and ability to use effectively available resources.
 - a. Classes for workers with children in leadership schools.
 - b. Secure qualified persons to attend the coaching conference, January 18-20, and to become certified to teach courses for workers with children.
 - c. Workshop sessions for children's workers on "Planning a Unit of Study" in the February subdistrict institutes.
 - d. Promote attendance at Pfeiffer College laboratory school in May.
 - e. Promote attendance at Leadership and Laboratory School at Lake Junaluska in August.
3. Improve and extend Vacation Church schools.
 - a. Conference Vacation Church School Training Institute in March to train district teams.
 - b. Subdistrict Vacation Church School institutes in April.
 - c. A Vacation Church School in every local church in June, July, or August (special offering for children's building at Lake Junaluska)
 - d. Vacation Church Schools reported promptly to the conference director of children's work and to the local pastor.
4. Camps for juniors at Camp Don-Lee in August.
5. Conference Council of Children's Workers on theme, "Theology for Children" in August or early fall.
6. Promotion Sunday in every local church school in September.
7. Subdistrict Institutes for children's workers on the theme, "The Teacher Grows," in October.



Part of the Planning Conference group being led by the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education in Session at St. Paul church, Goldsboro, September 14-16.

Executive Committee Hears Reports; News from Raleigh and Wilmington Districts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

"There has been no summer slump in the North Carolina Conference WSCS this year," Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, told members of the executive committee meeting at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh on September 29-30.

Discussions of plans for a workshop on alcohol study in each of the seven districts of the conference; adoption of recommendations for letters to be sent from the group to President Eisenhower protesting the sale of alcoholic beverages at military camps, and to the major radio and television networks protesting the numerous crime programs on the air; the devotionals led by Mrs. J. C. Burwell, conference secretary of spiritual life; and reports of officers and committee chairmen, were among the chief features of the two-day meeting.

Reports of each of the officers and chairmen of standing committees gave testimony to the validity of the significant statement by Mrs. Glass in the opening moments of the first session.

Miss Alta Nye, newly employed rural worker on the Milton charge, and Miss Mamie Chandler, deaconess at the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, spoke briefly of their work.

Mrs. N. P. Edens, secretary of missionary education and service, told of plans for the conference school of missions to be held at Duke University in the summer of 1954, and explained the necessity for the separation of the conference from the Western North Carolina Conference in holding joint schools of missions, brought on by the gratifying increase in interest and attendance since the first joint school in 1947.

The report of the conference secretary of promotion, Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, read by Mrs. C. H. Boyd, revealed a total of 667 local WSCS, and 67 WSG, with a membership of 30,693.

Mrs. H. A. Davis, conference treasurer, reported a substantial increase in giving to missions last year, and said that the first quarter's report for 1953-54 surpassed any report of the first quarter in previous years. All other officers and committee chairmen reported on their respective lines of work.

A committee composed of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. H. R. Odom, Mrs. N. P. Edens, Mrs. C. M. Allen and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood was appointed to study the matter of scholarships for college students desiring to enter full time Christian service.

Mrs. James Floyd of Clinton reported on the Methodist School of Alcoholic Studies held at Cornell University, June 27-July 3. Mrs. Floyd, secretary CSR and LCA, Wilmington District WSCS, represented the North Carolina Conference WSCS at the school.

Dr. H. I. Glass, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, cited plans now underway for the erection of a Methodist retirement home in Durham.

Mrs. Norman Wood of Burlington newly appointed conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, was introduced. Mrs. Woods succeeds Miss Elsie Parker, who has entered Scarritt College for specialized training before sailing for Brazil as a missionary.

Mrs. Glass presided at the three sessions.

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RALEIGH DISTRICT SEMINAR

Methods of teaching the four current mission study courses as prescribed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and a talk, "The Program of the WSCS," by Mrs. H. L. McLeod of Johns, Conference vice-president, highlighted the annual fall seminar of the Raleigh District WSCS, held at Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, on Sept. 24.

Leading the class sessions in four rotating groups were Mrs. W. G. Simpson and Mrs. D. H. Sutton, "Life and Task of the Church Around the World"; Mrs. H. A. Davis, and Mrs. T. G. Stem, "Jeremiah"; Mrs. Frank Spruill and Mrs. W. H. Norton, "Alcohol and Christian's Responsibility"; and Mrs. L. D. Gill, "Spanish Speaking Americans." Mrs. James Whitfield led the opening devotional. Rev. W. A. Cade led the prayer.

The entire program was under the direction of Mrs. M. M. Person, district president, and Mrs. J. M. Carr, district secretary of missionary education and service.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT SEMINAR

Mrs. R. D. Wellons, Mrs. James Floyd, Mrs. James Murdock and Mrs. Herman Winberry were the leaders for the four rotating class sessions of the presentation of the 1953-54 study courses at the annual fall seminar of the Wilmington District, held September 22 at the Methodist church in Wallace.

Others participating in the program and the lines of work which they represented included Mrs. P. F. Newton, vice-president; Mrs. Christine White, youth work; Mrs. Jessie Peters, children's work; Mrs. Phillip Eiseman, student work. The opening and closing devotionals were led by Miss Ida Hankins, and Mrs. W. E. Hand, respectively.

The seminar was under the direction of Mrs. W. I. McLamb, district president, and Mrs. Wellons, district secretary of missionary education. Mrs. P. F. Newton, presided, in the absence of Mrs. McLamb.

RALEIGH DISTRICT WSG MEETS

"How the world would feel the impact if we would sow good seed this year," Mrs. H. A. Davis, treasurer, N. C. Conference WSCS told the 106 representatives of the 13 Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Raleigh District in annual session at First church, Henderson, September 27.

Speaking on the topic "Financing Our Program," Mrs. Davis reminded the group: "If we plant good seed they may not all fall on fallow ground, but God will bring the harvest."

Among the other highlights of the program were the presentation of the four mission study courses, Mrs. J. M. Carr, Oxford; discussion of supply work and projects, Mrs. E. F. Ward, Sr., Smithfield; Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Mrs. John Smith, Fuquay Springs; the opening devotional, Miss Edna Crews, Oxford; and a film on the work of CSR and LCA, with comments by Miss Margaret Allen, of Henderson. Miss Mary Hemmingway,

president of the hostess WSG extended the welcome. Miss Sarah Richardson of Clayton responded.

Miss Corinna Sanders, Raleigh District president, presided.

Members of the hostess WSG entertained at a social hour immediately follow adjournment.

The 1954 meeting will be held at the Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh.

A DAY APART

The annual Days Apart service in sub-district and local WSCS are increasing both in interest and in numbers, Mrs. J. C. Burwell, conference secretary of spiritual life, has reported.

The Person subdistrict WSCS has contributed to the increase of these services when it sponsored a Day Apart in The Long Memorial church, Roxboro, on September 19.

Highlighting the program was an inspirational address by Miss Elizabeth Lamb of Fayetteville, former conference secretary of spiritual life. Other features of the program were the devotionals led by Rev. J. E. Garlington, pastor of the host church, and Rev. O. W. Dowd, Raleigh; intercessory prayers; three solos, "Give Me Thy Heart," "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," and "Hold Thou My Hand, Dead Lord," rendered by Mrs. Jack Gates, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Edgar Masten, and a sacrificial luncheon.

Mrs. O. W. Dowd of Raleigh was in charge of the program.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The annual observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial can and should be for Methodist women an experience of high spiritual significance. Its spiritual worth can be realized, however, only if observed in an unhurried, and prayerful manner.

Many local WSCS and WSG are finding the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial a time of joy and deep spiritual enrichment because the members are taking the time for study of the projects which are recipients of the offerings, and for prayer and meditation in several services during the week, thus using it as another opportunity to be better informed and to have a sacrificial part in giving to the needed causes designated by the WDCS. Others barely "skim through" the program material, or fail to use it, and only half-heartedly receive the offerings. Into which category is your WSCS or WSG?

The time for the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial this year has been set for October 25-31. The special projects to which the offerings will be directed include Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas; Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona; Equipment Fund of Rural Workers; Village Centers, India; Village Work along Rejany River, Sarawak, Borneo; Rural Work, Mindanao, The Philippines; Rural Centers, Latin America; Fort National, Kabyle, North Africa, and Rural Centers, South of Sahara, Africa.

SUBDISTRICTS TO MEET

The fall subdistrict meeting in the Wilmington District have been announced by Mrs. W. C. Davis, promotion secretary. The places and dates of the meetings include Columbus, Pire-way church, October 23; Duplin-Sampson, Rose Hill church, October 14; Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville, October 24; Lumberton, Chestnut Street church, October 20; and New Hanover, Wesley Memorial church, October 22.

Home Receives \$15,910 Less from Churches with 144 Charges Giving Less; \$253,525 Legacy

MY MOTHER

This scribe went over to High Point yesterday to celebrate for a short while the 93rd birthday of my mother, who lives with her youngest daughter, Mrs. W. B. Hall.

When it is remembered that my mother was kept in bed for weeks and weeks during our early childhood, at times causing us to wonder whether she would ever get well, it is all the more remarkable now to know that our mother can use the steps to her room on the second floor of the Hall home. My mother continues to be very much interested in church affairs. For 44 years she was a decided asset to my father as he performed the ministerial duties of a Methodist circuit rider.

FINANCIAL RECORDINGS

We have been very much interested in tabulating the financial contributions that have come to The Children's Home during the past conference year. Since a new set of askings for The Children's Home applied during the last conference year entailing a decrease of \$49,725.42, we were anxious to know how much this reduction would actually penalize The Children's Home family. A tabulation reveals that our income from congregational contributions amounted to \$257,823.27, \$15,910.69 less than the preceding year. The lossage would have been more but for the increased amount forwarded by our friends on the children's clothing contributions.

COMPARATIVE RECORDS

It appears that every other fund sponsored by our Western North Carolina Conference showed a healthy increase of receipts. It is recorded that the \$50,000 increased askings for conference and church-wide missions was overpaid in the amount of some \$10,000, according to information received from our conference treasurer.

DISTRICT FINDINGS

The Asheville district is the only one of the ten districts in which increased contributions came to The Children's Home during the past conference year. The Winston-Salem District nearly broke even with the preceding year. There was an increase in the number of pastoral charges paying all or more than the total askings. The district record in this regard is herewith presented, first figures indicating the total number of charges having paid all or more than the total askings and the second figures listing those paying less than the total askings:

Asheville	30	18
Charlotte	32	27
Gastonia	42	8
Greensboro	48	17
Marion	37	9
Salisbury	27	21
Statesville	42	11
Thomasville	48	7
Waynesville	23	11
Winston-Salem	39	15
Total	368	144

THE STULTZ BEQUEST

Mr. Thomas Grant, Jr., vice-president and trust officer of the Union National Bank of Charlotte, writes as follows: "Enclosed herewith is this company's Trust



A Bundle of Smiles

Department check to your order in the amount of \$253,525.76 representing an advance distribution to you of the legacy under the will of the above decedent, W. Z. Stultz. We estimate that approximately another \$50,000 will be payable to you from this estate."

Some months ago The Children's Home accepted a bequest from Mrs. W. Z. Stultz in the amount of something over \$50,000, this acceptance guaranteeing the construction of a building on The Children's Home campus bearing the name of the donor. It is therefore evident that The Children's Home has been favored by the Stultz bequests in the amount of something over \$350,000.

PERMANENT FUNDS

It has been the policy, from which there has been no variation, of our board of trustees to use all bequest funds in either the construction of needed buildings here on our campus, land purchases or the placement of such funds in our permanent endowment funds. By this practice our endowment funds have continued to increase as the years have rolled by. It is confidently expected that in the run of time The Children's Home will have a sufficient endowment to reduce the askings from our Methodist constituency. We would not encourage our friends to bring about any such reduction now, since much of bequest funds are being applied to increasing the number of substantial fire-proof buildings intended to provide for members of our family in such a way as to take care of the overflow in buildings already established here. The more homes we have the more staff members we must employ. Such a desired procedure will tend to reduce the number of children in a given home but increase the number of staff members needed to direct them.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS

Our board of trustees in its recent

meeting authorized the construction of two new fire-proof buildings, one for boys and the other for girls. Since one of these buildings will be named in memory of Mrs. W. Z. Stultz, it is likely that the other building will carry the name of Mr. W. Z. Stultz. These buildings will compare favorably with other buildings here on our campus, in which event the investment in such buildings will involve an expenditure of around \$100,000 per building.

MORE TIDINGS

In answering our request for a proper listing of our new trustees on our letterheads, the following replies are recorded: "I am very happy that the board of trustees of The Children's Home saw fit to elect me to membership on that Board and I shall serve with a good deal of pleasure. I am looking forward to being of some service to The Children's Home." Bowman Gray

"Thank you for your letter advising me that I had recently been elected to a six-year term on the board of trustees of The Children's Home. I assure you that I appreciate it very much, and I shall consider it a privilege to serve." Joseph D. Ross, Jr.

JUNE IS HAPPY

The picture herewith presented is that of an energetic little sister by the name of June Harris. This little girl most always carries a smile and can remind us that some of the finest values come in small packages. June is a vivacious member of the Cornelius Building family and is in the fourth grade at school. She is sponsored by the Builders Class at College Place, Greensboro, Mrs. C. N. Apple being the correspondent.

NOT LONELY

We regret that the caption appearing under the picture of one of our little girls in a recent issue of the Advocate was listed as "A Lonely Little Girl." We intended this recording to read, "A Lovely Little Girl." We have cleared this matter with Linda Trout and are now straightening the matter out for her friends to have the benefit of the changed expression. It is very rare that anybody can discover any loneliness here in our family of over 400 children.

MIDGET FOOTBALL

Our junior boys, sometimes dubbed "frying-sized" youngsters, are practicing very diligently in getting an understanding of how to run plays over an opposing football team. The few games that the midgets will play are very meaningful to them and the lads are given to much diligent practice. In a game played just ahead of the Wake Forest-Villanova game played in the Bowman Gray Stadium here in Winston-Salem, our midgets won over the midgets from Wiley School, another of the elementary schools of Winston-Salem, by a score of 7 to 0.

FIGHTING METHODISTS

Our varsity football team is composed of small boys, most of them being in their first year in high school football. These youngsters have played so well as to be characterized "Fighting Methodists." So far this team has won three of its five games. If our team can win half of their ten scheduled games they will be pepped up for a better team next year when more weight and more experience will be on their side.

Redeemed Men Serve God

By Charles M. Laymon

Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19;
James 2:14-18

Happy is the man who has made a life-giving and life-changing discovery. Because of this he thinks and acts differently.

This has been true of the internationally famous tennis star, Bill Talbert. With the eyes of the sports world focused upon the recent National Tennis championships at Forest Hills, the story of this champion of the courts becomes "news."

When nine years old, Bill was pronounced a diabetic and told that for the rest of his life he would need to diet and take insulin. This did not deter the boy in his desire to excel in sports. He turned to tennis and stayed with it, handicap and all, until he became a brilliant player and stout champion.

Since he started to play this game 21 years ago, he has won 26 national titles and is rated sixth in the nation—all this while taking his daily shot of insulin, weighing his food and measuring his energy.

The punch in this story is not only in what has happened to Talbert but in the encouragement and inspiration he has brought to others. He has been made a

lay director in the New York Diabetes association and has taken a lively interest in convincing diabetics that they can live normal lives. Regularly he visits the NYDA camp for boys and girls, 12-15, playing tennis before them and cheering them into the hope that the future may be bright for them, too.

Like Bill Talbert, the Christian is called upon to share his discoveries with others in need. This is what Jesus meant exactly in the biblical passage for today's lesson when he said: "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-14).

Salt was employed as a preservative. It was used also as a polisher. Light stimulates growth and brings the bloom of health upon the human countenance. Keep life sound and bright was Jesus' command to his followers.

In doing these things the Christian is passing on to others the new life in Christ which he knows already in himself (2 Corinthians 5:17). It must be shared or it will be lost. This is what James had in mind when he asked: "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works?" (James 2:14). A redeemed man will redeem life!

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October

- 14-16: Citizenship Convention, Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.
- 17-18: Brevard College Homecoming.
- 18: Laymen's Day, Thomasville Subdistrict Missionary Institute: Memorial Church.
- 19: Thomasville Subdistrict Missionary Institute: Asheboro, First.
- 20: Greensboro Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Reidsville: Main Street.
- 21: Greensboro Subdistrict Missionary Institute, High Point: Wesley Memorial.
- 22: Greensboro Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Greensboro: West Market.
- 23: Charlotte Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Monroe: Central.
- 24: United Nations Day—Peace Emphasis Day. 4:00 p.m. Young Adults Subdistrict Workshop, Statesville: Broad St.
- 25: World Temperance Sunday.
- World Order Sunday—Peace Emphasis Day. Charlotte Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Wadesboro, First.
- 26: Charlotte Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Charlotte: First.
- 27-30: Fourth National Study Conference on The Churches and World Order, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 27: Salisbury Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Concord: Central.
- 28: Salisbury Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Salisbury: First.
- 29: Salisbury Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Albemarle: Central.
- 30: Gastonia Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Gastonia: Main Street.
- 31: Reformation Day.

November

- 1: Gastonia Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Lincolnton: First.
- 2: Gastonia Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Shelby, Central.
- 3: Statesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, North Wilkesboro: First.
- 4: Statesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Hickory: First.
- 5: Statesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Statesville: Broad Street.
- 6: Asheville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Burnesville.
- 8: Asheville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Asheville: Central. World Peace Sunday.
- 9: Asheville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Hendersonville, First.
- 10: Conference Committee on World Peace, Salisbury: First. Waynesville Subdistrict Mis-

sionary Institute, Franklin.

- 11: Waynesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Murphy.
- 12: Waynesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Whittier.
- 13: Waynesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Waynesville.
- 15: 2:30 p.m. Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Rutherfordton: First.
- 7:30 p.m. Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Marion: First.
- 16: Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Spruce Pine.
- 17: Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Boone.
- 18: Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Morganton: First.
- 19: Winston-Salem Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Winston-Salem: Ardmore.
- 20: Winston-Salem Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Mount Airy: Central.
- 22: Winston-Salem Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Elkin: First.
- 26: Thanksgiving Day.

December

- 6: Commitment Day.
- 13: Universal Bible Sunday.
- 25: Christmas—Peace Emphasis Day.
- 27: Student Recognition Day.
- 31: Watch Night Service in Every Church.

1954

January-February—North Carolina Christian Advocate Months

February

- 14: Race Relations Day.
- 22: Washington's Birthday—Peace Emphasis Day.

April

- Golden Cross Month.
- 4: Church School Day.
- 18: Easter.

May

- 2-9: National Family Week
- 9: Mother's Day.
- Rural Life Sunday.

June

- 5-8: Rural Church Institute and N. C. Pastor's School, Duke University, Durham, N. C.
- 6: Pentecost Sunday.
- Life Service Sunday.
- 13: Methodist Student Day.

July

- 4: Independence Day.
- Peace Emphasis Day.

September

- 26-Oct. 3: Christian Education Week.

October

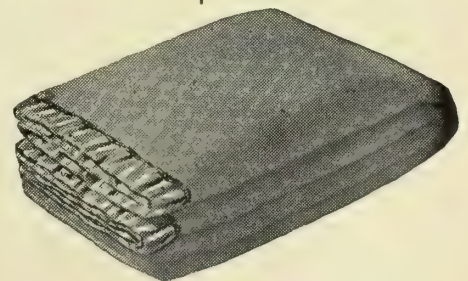
- 8-10: National Family Life Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.

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HOW THEY WERE FOUND

Johnny and Mary went for a walk one afternoon. Mother had told them not to go far from the house. They said they would not, and they did not intend to. But they watched the birds in the trees, and the toads and bugs in the grass. They played chase in the field for a while, and when they stopped running, they did not know where they were. Everything about them was strange to their eyes.

They went a little farther, and soon they found themselves standing under a big tree beside the river. This seemed more strange than ever, for they did not remember that there was a river near their home. They had never been allowed to go near it before, so they had never seen it.

Johnny took hold of Mary's hand, and said, "Mary, we are lost! What shall we do? I don't now which way to go home. Mother said if we ever got lost we should go the opposite way from the one we thought to be right. But I don't even know which way that is."

Mary held Johnny's hand, and shook it to get him to listen, as she said, "Johnny, listen. Didn't Mother tell us, too, that if we ever got into any trouble at all we should pray to God about it?"

"That's right—I had not thought of that. Let's do it." Still holding each other's hand they knelt right under the tree by the river, and Mary prayed, "Dear Lord, we're lost, and we don't know how to get home. Please find us and take us home. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

They arose to their feet and turned away from the river, just in time to hear in the distance the sound of Towser's barking, coming nearer and nearer. "Now we are found!" said Mary, for Towser's bark meant that their father was on his way to get them.

"My—I'm glad I prayed!" said Mary. "It's just as Mother says—God answers prayer."—Selected.

SOS IN THE NIGHT

By Leslie Forbes

As the 17-year-old boy entered the telegraph office in Port Huron, Michigan, a gust of wind slammed the door behind him.

"It's not so cold out tonight," he remarked to the telegraph operator. "The ice on the river will begin to move soon."

"Pretty quiet around here," the operator said. "There hasn't been a sound on the wire for the past hour or more."

The boy removed his overcoat, stomped the snow off his boots, and walked over to the telegraph machine. He opened the key and began tapping out a test message to the operator at Sarnia, Canada, a mile across the St. Clair River. But the sounder at his elbow failed to register his signals.

"No wonder it's been so quiet around here," he exclaimed. "The wire is dead!"

Alarmed, the operator hurried to the machine. At that moment a man rushed into the office in great excitement.

"There's been an accident out on the river!" he said. A boat is being crushed in an ice jam. We've got to get word to Sarnia. The only help can come from there."

"That explains the dead wire," said the

boy. The cable to Sarnia must be broken."

For a moment the three stood there, terrified by helplessness. Suddenly the silence was broken by the piercing whistle of the evening train as it pulled into Port Huron. The boy grabbed his coat and rushed from the room.

Running as fast as he could to the railroad yards, he jumped aboard the locomotive as it came to a stop. Hastily he explained the predicament to the engineer. Then, without further delay, he seized the whistle cord and began jerking it in a curious rhythm of long and short blasts.

Then he waited. Seconds later he repeated the blasts, then again and again. Finally he heard an answering far-off whistle.

He decoded the message aloud: "Rescue . . . ship . . . leaving . . . now . . . for damaged . . . vessel." Then he grinned and turned to the telegraph operator who had followed him to the train.

"Good work, son," the operator said. "Just keep using your head like that and some day the world will be hearing a lot about Thomas Alva Edison!"—Printopics.

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Announcements

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors receiving new assignments are requested to send their change of address to the Advocate immediately. State old and new address.

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT MEETING

The district stewards and the district missionary institute of the Winston-Salem District will meet at Ardmore church, Winston-Salem, Friday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. All district stewards, missionary leaders, and other interested persons are invited to be present.

Kenneth Goodson, D.S.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT SETUP MEETING

The Waynesville District Setup Meeting will be held at Bryson City Methodist Church on Monday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served in the church.

REV. GUSTAVE A. FERRE has joined the editorial staff of **The Upper Room**, international daily devotional guide published in 17 languages at Nashville, Tenn., it is announced by the editor, Dr. J. Manning Potts. A native of Sweden and an ordained Baptist minister, he will do Biblical research and special writing for the **Upper Room** while studying for his doctorate at Vanderbilt University.

District Appointments

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

M. Teague Higgs, D. S.
11 Mock St., Thomasville, N. C.
First Round

	October
Asheboro City Mission, West Bend 6:30 (Supper)	15
Thomasville Circuit (Fairview) 7:30 p.m.	16
New Mount Vernon (Shady Grove), 11 a.m.	18
Mission Institute, Thomasville, Memorial 7:30	
Mission Institute, Lexington, First 7:30 p.m.	19
Archdale, 7:30 p.m.	20
Mocksville Circuit (Cornatzer), 7:30 p.m.	21
Randleman, First, 7:30 p.m.	22
Spring Hill, 7:30 p.m.	23
Dulins, 11 a.m.	25
Cooleemee, 5:30 p.m.	
Liberty, First, 7:30 p.m.	26
Thomasville, Unity, 7:30 p.m.	27
Bethel (Shiloh) 7:30 p.m.	28
Farmer, 7:30	29
Fairfield, 7:30 p.m.	30

	November
Concord (Liberty), 11 a.m.	1
Trinity-Bethel (Johnsontown), 7:30	1
Fairview, 7:30 p.m.	3
Thomasville, Memorial 7:30 p.m.	4
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 p.m.	5
Liberty Circuit (Staley), 7:30	6
Midway, 11 a.m.	6

	November
Thomasville, Fairgrove, 7:30 p.m.	
Shiloh (Shiloh), 7:30 p.m.	10
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 p.m.	11
Asheboro, West Bend, 7:30 p.m.	12
Seagrove, 7:30 p.m.	13
South Randolph (Pisgah), 11 a.m.	15
Thomasville, West End, 7:30 p.m.	
South Davidson, 7:30	16
Advance, 7:30	17
Eldorado (Chandler's Grove), 7:30 p.m.	18
Greens (Mt. Carmel), 7:30 p.m.	19
Farmington, 7:30 p.m.	20
Richland (Browers), 11	22
Mt. Vernon, 7:30	
Davie (Salem), 7:30 p.m.	23
Asheboro, Calvary, 7:30 p.m.	24
Asheboro, West Side (Piney Grove), 7:30 p.m.	25
Asheboro Circuit (Cedar Falls), 7:30 p.m.	27
Davidson (Archadia), 11	29
Trinity-Hopewell (Trinity), 7:30 p.m.	
Cid (Pleasant Grove), 7:30 p.m.	30

	December
Coleridge (Maple Springs) 7:30 p.m.	1
Denton Circuit (Siloam), 7:30 p.m.	2
Bethany (Grays), 7:30 p.m.	3
Denton, Central, 7:30 p.m.	4
Ramseur (Franklinville), 11 a.m.	6
Mocksville, First, 7:30 p.m.	
Lexington (Erlanger), 7:30 p.m.	7
Old Union (Mt. Lebanon), 7:30 p.m.	8

Welcome (Ebenezer), 7:30 p.m.	9
North Davidson (Pleasant Grove), 7:30 p.m.	10
Pleasant Grove, 7:30 p.m.	11
Randleman Circuit (Worthwhile), 11	13
Lexington, First 7:30 p.m.	
Asheboro, First, 7:30 p.m.	14

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

J. W. Fitzgerald, D. S.
83 Evelyn Place, Asheville, N. C.
First Round

	October
Weaverville Circuit—Alexander, 11	18
Hot Springs—Fairview, 3	18
Weaverville, 7:30	18
Black Mountain, 7:30	19
Bethesda Tabernacle—Bethesda, 7:30	20
Trinity, 7:30	21
Acton, 7:30	22
Skyland—Avery's Creek—Skyland, 7:30	23
Abernethy, 11	25
Oak Hill, 3	25
Francis Asbury, 7:30	25
Asbury, 7:30	26
Ivy—Laurel, 7:30	27
Biltmore, 7:30	28
Emma—Riverview—Emma, 7:30	29
Elkwood—Sardis—Elkwood, 7:30	30

	November
Balfour—Moore's Grove, 3	1
Edneyville, 7:30	1
Mills River, 11	1
Bald Creek—Pensacola, 11	8
Newdale, 3	8
Burnsville, 7:30	8
Hendersonville, 7:30	9
Fletcher, 7:30	10
Brevard, 7:30	12
East Flat Rock, 7:30	13
Saluda, 3	15
Tryon, 7:30	15
Browns View, 7:30	16
Swannanoa Ct.—Azalea, 7:30	17
Swannanoa, 7:30	18
Bell, 7:30	19
Montmorenci, 7:30	20
Davis Chapel, 3	22
Piney Mountain, 7:30	22
Candler Ct.—Pleasant Hill, 7:30	23
French Broad, 7:30	24
Haywood Street, 7:30	25
St. Paul, 7:30	27
Sandy—Western Chapel, 3	29
Leicester—Brick, 7:30	29
Oakley, 7:30	30

	December
Fairview—Bethany, 7:30	1
Central, 7:30	2
Groce, 7:30	3
Brevard Circuit—Rosman, 3	6
Ecusta—Oak Grove, 7:30	6
Marshall—Walnut, 7:30	20

Pastors' and District Stewards' Meeting Monday 2:00 October 19
Missionary Institute: Burnsville, 7:30, November 6
Asheville Central, 3:00, November 8
Hendersonville, 8:00, November 9
The only report needed for the first Quarterly Conference is the written report from the Committee on Records
Be prepared to elect delegates to the District and Annual Conferences. Be prepared to set your goal for the year on new members on profession of faith.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

First Round
J. C. Cornette, D. S.
Salisbury, N. C.

The District Stewards meeting, will be held October 13, 2:30 at First church, Salisbury.
District Missionary institutes as follows: Central Concord, 7:30 p.m., October 27; First Salisbury, 7:30, October 28; Central Albemarle, 7:30, October 29.

	October
Roberta, 11	11
Rowan, 7:30	11
Harmony, 7:30	12
Epworth, 7:30	13
Westford, 7:30	14
Park Avenue, 7:30	15
China Grove, First, 7:30	16
China Grove, South, 7:30	17
Albemarle Ct. U. Chapel, 11	18
Concord: Ann St., 7:30	18
Bethpage—Shiloh, 7:30	19
Bethany, 7:30	20
Albemarle, Main St., 7:30	21
Yadkin Long St., 7:30	22
Bethel, 7:30	23
Pfeiffer, Richfield, 7:30	24
Providence, 7:30	25
Shiloh, 7:30	26
Midland, Pine Bluff, 7:30	30

	November
Concord Ct., Mt. Carmel, 11	1
North Kannapolis, 7:30	1
Mt. Pleasant, C. Spring, 7:30	2
Jackson Park, 7:30	2
Parkway, 7:30	4
Main St., Salisbury, 7:30	5
Mt. Mitchell, 7:30	6
Memorial, 7:30	7
New London, Mt. Tabor, 11	8

Norwood, Cedar Grove, 7:30	8
Kerr St., 7:30	9
Badin, New London, 7:30	10
Concord Central, 7:30	11
Albemarle, Central, 7:30	12
Norwood, 7:30	13
Rocky Ridge, 7:30	15
Gold Hill, Rockwell, 7:30	16
Spencer, Central, 7:30	17
Mt. Olive, 7:30	18
Midway, 7:30	19
Trinity, 7:30	20
Stanfield, Loves Chap., 11	22
Landis, Unity, 7:30	22
Salem, 7:30	23
Albemarle First St., 7:30	24
Woodleaf, 7:30	25
Coburn Mem., 7:30	27
Friendship-Tab., O. Grove, 11	29
Forest Hill, 7:30	30

	December
Salisbury First, 7:30	2

Our Readers Say . . .

REMEMBER THE RETIRED MINISTERS

Dear Editor:

I have just returned from the Annual Conference held in High Point. I am thankful to God for letting me answer the roll call for this my 43rd time without missing a conference. I enjoyed the conference very much. Many of the reports were very interesting and encouraging. I don't know of anything that I enjoyed more, or quite as much, as the sermon by Bro. Robinson, pastor of Thomasville Memorial.

This is my 2nd year of retirement. The dear Lord and my preacher brethren were real good to me during the past conference year. I filled some pulpit almost every Sunday from May until the Annual Conference. I conducted two revivals and assisted in another. It was my joy to see souls come to an altar of prayer and then arise with tears of joy running down their faces.

Sometimes we retired men get very hungry to see and talk with our brethren in the ministry. If you are a district superintendent please do not neglect the retired men of your district. Write them a card, drop by to see them a few minutes, or if you are in their section pick up a telephone, call them and speak a word to them. You will be on the retired list some day.

God has been good to me and if I can be of any help to any district superintendent or pastor for a Sunday or two on account of sickness or an absence, or need me for a church for a while just let me know and I shall be glad to do so if I can.

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United College Appeal Quotas Topped in Two Districts; Brotherhood Amendments Suggested

ELIZABETH CITY AND RALEIGH DISTRICTS TOP UCA QUOTAS

The Elizabeth City and Raleigh Districts have exceeded their quotas in the current United College Appeal campaign, according to Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation. The Elizabeth City District, on a quota of \$35,000, received in cash and pledges more than \$40,000 and the Raleigh District, on a quota of \$70,000, has already subscribed \$82,098 with several hundred dollars more expected when the final reports are in. Mr. Holt has been in charge of the campaign in the North Carolina Conference.

This brings to \$426,000 pledged by the seven districts of the Conference, according to Mr. Holt, on an over-all goal of \$400,000 to be raised over a period of three years. To complete its quota of \$1,000,000 in a statewide goal of \$2,500,000 for Methodist colleges of North Carolina, the conference voted last year to ask the churches to put into their budgets the sum of \$600,000 to be raised over a period of ten years.

The Elizabeth City District, with Dr. F. S. Love, district superintendent, as leader, held kick-off meetings at Plymouth September 14 and at First church, Elizabeth City, September 15. The final report meeting was held September 22 at First church, Elizabeth City.

The Raleigh District campaign, guided by District Superintendent W. A. Cade, began with a kick-off meeting at Edenton Street church, Raleigh on September 25 and closed with the report meeting in the same church on October 5. Speakers for the Raleigh meeting were Dr. J. N. Hillman of the State Board of Education and Judge Marshall Spears of Durham, president of the Foundation.

Mr. Holt, who expressed delight and gratitude over the excellent results achieved in all districts of the conference, stated that additional pledges in one district where the final reports have not been made will swell the sum to more than \$430,000.

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COMMITTEE SUGGESTS CHANGES IN BROTHERHOOD CONSTITUTION

A committee composed of C. Freeman Heath, Daniel Lane, W. Stanley Potter, and R. Grady Dawson met in Fayetteville September 11, and proposed the following amendments to the Constitution of the North Carolina Conference Brotherhood to be acted upon at the regular business meeting of the Brotherhood during the North Carolina Annual Conference in Durham October 28-November 1, 1953:

"1. That Article 4 of the Constitution be changed to read, 'Any minister of the North Carolina Conference on trial or in full connection, or any Accepted Supply Pastor doing supply work in the conference, may become a beneficiary member of the Brotherhood by payment of an initiation fee of \$1.00 and within 30 days from date of entrance a mortuary assessment of \$3.00 if his salary be under \$3,000, \$4.00 if his salary be from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and \$5.00 if his salary be \$4,000 or above. The mortuary assessment on any beneficiary member who becomes superannuated shall be \$1.00 per call. Accepted Supply Pastors who have served at least 10 years and who cease to travel because of physical disability, or because

there is no more work for them, may continue as beneficiary members. Any person or organization may become a non-beneficiary member upon the payment of \$1.00 or more and the promise to pay the specified sum on the death of each beneficiary member thereafter.

"2. That the provisions of Article 10 of the Constitution be suspended for two years, and that a committee be appointed by the President to study the provisions of this article and to bring recommendations to the 1955 business meeting of the Brotherhood.

"3. That the following provision be added to Article 2: The President of the Brotherhood shall appoint one minister and one layman in each district to work with him and the other officers to promote both beneficiary and non-beneficiary membership in the Brotherhood."

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LAYMEN'S RETREAT DRAWS 100 FROM 17 STATES

A meeting can be small and still be significant.

One inevitably came to that conclusion after attending the National Laymen's Spiritual Life Retreat at Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 25-27.

Although it attracted only a hundred laymen from 17 states, the retreat offered immeasurable values through prayer and fellowship, inspirational addresses, and a balanced combination of study and practice in better ways of witnessing for Christ.

To those who count success largely in terms of standing-room-only crowds and impressive statistics, the retreat would have to be chalked up as only a minor matter, but to those who recall some of the New Testament gatherings with small attendance and large results, it can definitely be counted a success. In fact, there were many moments in the three-day retreat which were reminiscent of the Master's meeting with the Twelve or the Seventy or of the spirit-filled room where 120 met for prayer at Pentecost.

In a keynote message, Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, called upon the laymen to sharpen their moral sensitivity and take a firm stand against corruption in public life.

"The church is on trial today," he declared, "not for its theology but for its ability to witness through the effective lives of its laymen."

Dr. Virgil D. Morris, superintendent of the New Orleans (La.) district, told the group that "laymen must think intelligently today because of false philosophies that clamor for their allegiance and the moral laxity of the times." He urged the men to give generously and to live spiritually.

Sounding a familiar note, Bradshaw Mintener of Minneapolis, vice-president and general counsel of Pillsbury Mills and a widely-known Methodist layman, urged laymen "to stand up against the social pressures of our day and to see to it that America becomes increasingly what she has always stood for."

"We must return to the spiritual heritage of our founding fathers," he declared. He denounced social drinking and false claims of liquor advertisers and urged courage on the part of churchmen against social pressures."

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of Nashville,

Tenn., director of the Board of Evangelism's department of spiritual life, was in charge of the retreat, which was jointly sponsored by that board and the General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago and the North Iowa and Iowa-Des Moines Conference Boards of Lay Activities.

Other speakers from the sponsoring boards who addressed the meeting included Rev. Eugene E. Golay, director of the department of evangelistic methods, and Rev. Howard W. Ellis, director of the cooperative department of youth evangelism, both from the Board of Evangelism; and Don L. Calame of Chicago, associate secretary in charge of the Board of Lay Activities' department of Methodist Men.

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Book Reviews

IN PARABLES, by Dr. Clovis G. Chappell, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1953, \$2.00

Clovis Chappell has published another book. That simple statement is enough to send several thousand readers to the bookstore, for consistently through these years a host of Christians have bought and used the 29 volumes he has written. They look forward to another Chappell book.

This latest one will richly reward the reader, whether he is a minister or layman. Indeed, this is Dr. Chappell at his homiletical best. Two of the elements which have contributed to the greatness of his ministry are his devotion to preaching from a text, and his skillful use of the parable, or illustration. When one considers the fact, therefore, that the text of each sermon in this book is itself a parable, he can imagine that treat in store for him in its 153 pages.

Fourteen of the Master's best loved parables are discussed here in logical and winsome fashion. Either the sermon on the Prodigal Son or the sermon on the Good Samaritan is worth the price of the book, but both of them together, with the twelve other sermons, comprise a valuable package.

The care with which this eminent preacher prepares his messages is nowhere more evident than in this volume. Those who have been closely associated with him know how little he relies upon his natural genius for preaching, and how much he relies upon hard work. Both his genius and his toil have been combined in these sermons to present inspired discussions based on sound biblical scholarship and penetrating understanding of human problems.

After being pastor of eight of Methodist's greatest congregations, Dr. Chappell officially retired in 1949, but he has since continued his service and widened his influence by preaching more than 300 times each year, and by such seasoned writings as the book being reviewed here. The ministers and laymen from the Atlantic to the Pacific who have heard him preach in recent months will welcome this fresh interpretation of our Lord's parables, as a valuable means of enriching their own understanding of the Gospel.

Howard C. Wilkinson

CENTENARY CHURCH, Smithfield was host recently to 85 young people and their adult leaders at a subdistrict fellowship banquet.

"HOW SUNDAY BECAME THE SABBATH DAY" is the title of a leaflet issued by Rev. W. A. Swift of Monteagle, Tenn. The price is ten cents each, \$2 for 100.

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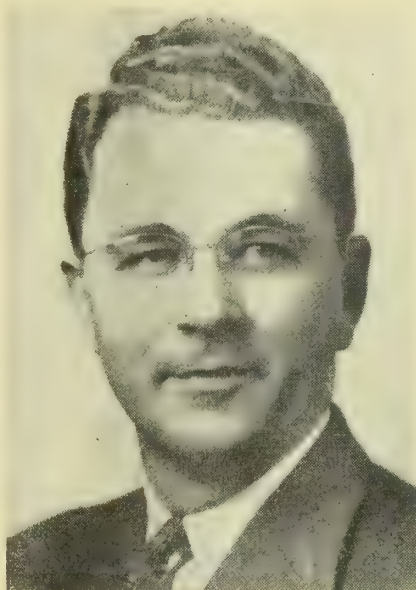
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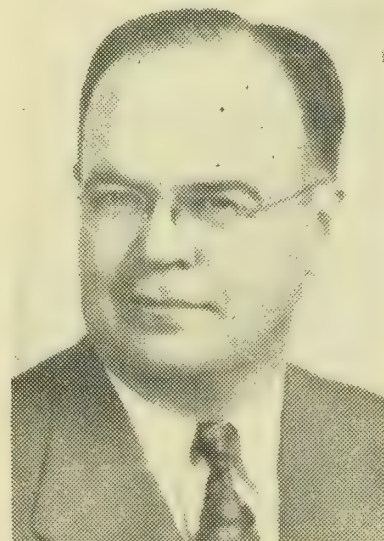
The North Carolina Conference Meets at Duke Memorial
Church, Durham, October 28 - November 1



BISHOP PAUL N. GARBEK
Presiding Bishop



DR. CARL J. SANDERS
Conference Preacher



REV. EDGAR B. FISHER
Pastor-Host

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH—IT'S YOU!

If you want to work in the kind of a Church

Like the kind of Church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock
your Church;
It isn't the Church, it's YOU.

Real Churches aren't made by men afraid
Lest somebody else goes ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a Church from the dead.

And, if while you make your personal
stake,
Your neighbor can make one too,
Your Church will be what you want to
see—
It isn't your Church, it's YOU!

Anonymous

Believ'st thou in eternal things?
Thou knowest, in thy inmost heart,
Thou are not clay; thy soul hath wings,
And what thou seest is but part.
Make this thy med'cine for the start
Of every day's distress; be dumb,
In each new loss thou truly art
Tasting the power of things that come.

—T. W. Parsons.

It is no longer enough that we base our prayers on the emotional. We must bring our lives and the lives of those we would convert into actual union with God. We must learn to atune our wills and minds to the will and mind of God. There must be a complete trust in God to whom we make our appeal.

Our petitions must surmount asking for gifts. If our prayers are made only to beg God to be kindly disposed toward us, we are wasting our time. Nor can we bribe God. If this were true all we would need do would be to save what we could and at the end buy our way into heaven. This is the dead-end many meet because they refuse to recognize what God really wants.—Is Prayer Enough?

During World War II we heard a great deal about "fox hole" religion. It was the type of religion soldiers got when they were in difficulties and dangers. A great many people have that type of religion. The only time they think of God is when they are in difficulty. I suppose it's better to think of God in such times than not to think of him at all. But religion based on fear is paganism. It is not Christian. Our real value in God is, He renews confidence as sleep renews the body. The right kind of religion is like leaven, it fosters happiness and happiness like love "casteth out fear."

God holds the keys which will yet unlock all the doors of fear and allow us to pass through unharmed.

"Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."
—Rev. 1: 17-18.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

PRISONERS OF OURSELVES

During past weeks the eyes of the world have been focused on the prisoners of war being released in Korea. We have tried to learn from them what life was like in the Communist prison camps. We have tried to imagine the feelings of those men as they regained their freedom. But those of us who have been free can enter only a little way into the experience of prisoners.

Some years ago I shared the platform with a speaker who had once been confined in a Soviet prison. She told of the nights when at intervals the loud speakers would boom through the building calling out the numbers of those inmates whose time for execution had come.

There could be heard a shuffling of feet in the corridor, then in a few moments the sound of shots in the courtyard.

One night her number was called. It seemed the sound of doom, but a few moments later, there came the words, "As you were!" Her execution was postponed, and eventually she got out. She tried to tell of that experience but of course the listeners could not fully appreciate her inmost feelings.

Not all prisons are made by iron bars. Many persons are in prisons of their own making. Some of us may be prisoners to a degree we do not realize.

For one thing, we may be prisoners because we are so wrapped up in our bodily interests. Our spirits dwell in bodies during this earthly life, and the state of our bodies helps to condition the state of our minds. But these bodies are meant to be the servants of our spirits, not their masters. And whenever our bodily interests get the upper hand, our spirits begin to be imprisoned.

We can become imprisoned by our material possessions as well as by our bodily concerns. It is natural that we should like to surround ourselves with belongings which we enjoy and admire. A person's character is revealed in part by the furniture of his home.

These possessions show his taste. They should enlarge his life. But a house is made to be lived in, not lived for. And there is a point where our possessions begin to get the better of us. When our conversations are filled with cars and clothes, when our first thoughts on waking are of property and profits, when our earthly possessions and social standing give us more concern than our character and spiritual welfare, then we are getting too much wrapped up in our possessions.

Also we imprison ourselves in our minds by standing in our own way. So often we blame other persons or adverse circumstances for blocking our way, when in reality we ourselves are standing in our way. How? Oh, by always putting ourselves first so that we shut off the approach of real friendship and cooperation, or by always looking out for Number One so that we do not lose sight of ourselves enough to see the other factors in a situation or by seeing everything as it affects us.

How can we bring ourselves out of these self-made prisons? Here are a few suggestions.

(1) Stop catering to our bodies and let them serve us.

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Let Us Pray

A PRAYER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Almighty and ever-living God, Thou hast called all the children of men to be members one of another and to lift their spirits to Thee as Father. Thou alone art the Source of our confidence, our strength and our hope during these perilous times.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Thy divine blessing upon the United Nations and its work. Under its guidance draw together the nations, that in cooperation and amity they may, by Thy infinite mercy, bring a larger measure of justice and peace and abundant life to all people. Help the United Nations, its international servants, and the leaders from many lands to work unceasingly to heal the deep hurts of our divided and anguished world.

Strike from our hearts the national self-righteousness, pride and selfishness that cause hatred and division between persons and countries. Teach us to love one another as Thou hast loved us. Consecrate each of us anew, that in our dealings with one another and with other nations we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee. Amen.—from Church Peace Union

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(2) Laugh ourselves out of our littleness.

(3) Spend some time with little children. Their spirits are still free.

(4) Take stock of the things we can live without and the things we can't take with us. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Victory for Our Colleges in the North Carolina Conference

Every Methodist in North Carolina should rejoice over the successful campaign for funds to aid our colleges just concluded in the North Carolina Conference. On a goal of \$400,000 to be paid over a period of three years, the churches of the Conference pledged \$426,000, with a number of charges yet to be heard from. Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, who directed the campaign, expects the final figures to reach \$440,000.

The Conference is raising \$600,000, the balance of its goal of \$1,000,000 in the present statewide effort for \$2,500,000, over a period of ten years by increasing the sustaining fund from three per cent to six per cent. There are clear indications that this phase of the campaign is also meeting with success.

One hears a few whispers that there may be a considerable shrinkage between the amount pledged and the amount finally paid, that some churches, if economic trends continue downward, will default in their payments. We cannot believe that any pastor or layman signed a pledge for his church with any mental reservations. Of course, some churches may experience economic difficulties that may force them to revise or defer their pledge. But barring unforeseen developments, every pledgee will regard his promise as a covenant entered into with God as a witness and a partner. It may take longer than three years to liquidate, but the sense of obligation will remain until the entire sum has been paid.

Methodists are not accustomed to take their contracts lightly. When they contract for an automobile or a house or a farm or a business they expect to pay in full, barring circumstances over which they have no control. They take the same attitude toward their church pledges. They make them in good faith, and with God's help, they will meet them.

Some of us underestimate the interest of our people in the causes of the church. Our people, if the facts and needs are properly presented, will respond magnanimously. The only thing we need to fear in this campaign or any other worthy endeavor for the church is lack of faith.

We cannot afford to falter one step in our support of our Methodist colleges. To fail them at this critical hour would impoverish and weaken the whole church. To our Methodist colleges we must look for our leadership. To all church-related colleges we must look

for Christian leaven on the entire community.

All Methodism congratulates Mr. Holt, the district superintendents, pastors and laymen of the North Carolina Conference on their splendid victory for our colleges. We have no other thought but that this victory will be followed through until pledges are turned into cash in hand.

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New Leadership from the Ranks of New Members

How to assimilate and to bring into active relationship the new members that come into our churches is a problem that has sorely troubled consecrated pastors and conscientious laymen. More than once we have seen large numbers stand around the altar of the church to assume vows that many apparently soon forget.

What is the trouble? One trouble, of course, lies in the fact that too many of our people come into the church without the proper spiritual preparation. Some are not even required to make a definite confession of faith in Christ. They unite with the church like they would join some civic club. Often they are not encouraged to study the doctrines and policy of the church. Is it any wonder that the seed of the gospel falling on such shallow, stony, unprepared soil fails to take root?

But this is not the whole story. Another trouble is often our failure to nurture and guide and relate actively to the various organizations of the church these new recruits. However, some alert pastors and laymen are beginning to do a creditable job at this point. For example, we were much encouraged the other day when we read the report of Rev. W. L. Loy, pastor of the Lillington Methodist Church. During his four years at Lillington, Pastor Loy reports, 85 new members have joined the church. What has happened to those members? Well, besides swelling the church roll from 233 to 318, from their ranks have come the following: A Church School superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a secretary and treasurer of the church and Church School, a teacher, two assistant teachers, a president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a president of Methodist Men, four choir members, including the soloist, one circle leader and four stewards. Other jobs are being filled by these new members.

A very excellent job of assimilation, we'd say. Is it any wonder that average Church School attendance has jumped from 80 to 104, that last year 36 had a

perfect record of Church School attendance?

In the ranks of new members can be found some of the ablest, the most consecrated and most progressive leadership. If there are no new jobs for them, it might be wise for some of us who have grown tired and conservative and cantankerous to move over and give them a chance to use their talents for Christ in jobs we now hold. It is no exaggeration to say that some of the best work being done in the church today is by young Christians whose faith is still enthusiastic and adventurous and contagious. There are many others who are ready to join their ranks.

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The United Nations After Eight Trying Years

On October 24, 1953, the United Nations will be eight years old. Therefore, United Nations Week, October 18-24, is a good time to take stock and to count the contributions of this world organization.

What has the UN accomplished? Even its most rabid defenders and staunchest advocates can hardly be satisfied with everything the UN has done. Nevertheless, there are certain tangible accomplishments through eight trying years that cannot be discounted. They are listed in the October issue of *Methodist Peace Courier*, publication of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, as follows:

1. Soviet troops withdrawn from Iran.
2. French and British troops withdrawn from Syria and Lebanon.
3. Warfare stopped and free and independent Indonesia established.
4. Armed hostilities stopped between India and Pakistan over Kashmir.
5. First collective action against aggression taken in Korea.
6. Progressive pacification of northern borders of Greece.
7. Armistice agreements concluded between Israel and neighboring Arab states.
8. Adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
9. Membership increased from 51 to 60 nations.
10. Provision for the Assembly to take action against aggression if the Security Council is unable to do so.
11. Welfare of 200 million dependent peoples advanced.
12. Improvement of standards of living through the expanded Technical Assistance Program.
13. Truce in Korea.

These are steps in the right direction. With continued support from all member-nations, the UN can do much more during the next eight years. At least, we ought to give it a chance!

Fifteenth Session of North Carolina Conference Set for Oct. 28 - Nov. 1 in Durham

Final plans are being made for the fifteenth session of the North Carolina Annual Conference which will be held at Duke Memorial church, Durham, October 28-November 1, according to Rev. Edgar B. Fisher, host-pastor. With more than 600 ministers and laymen expected from the 300 pastoral charges, the conference will be presided over by Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, and will be addressed by a number of outstanding speakers.

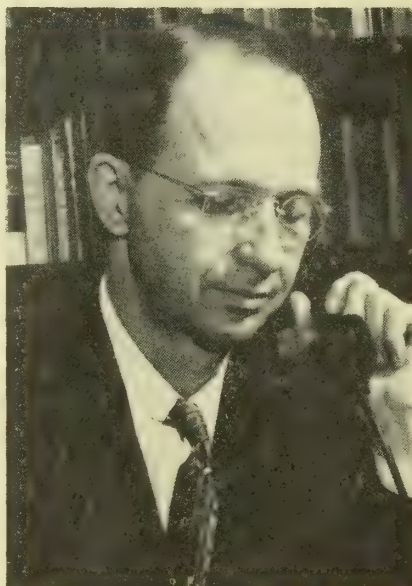
The conference preacher is Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Broad Street church, Richmond, Va., who will bring messages Wednesday afternoon, Thursday evening and Friday evening. Dr. Sanders will also deliver the address at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance at noon Saturday.

Bishop Garber will bring two major addresses, the first on Wednesday evening when his subject will be "Progress Has Been Made"; and again on Sunday morning when he brings the conference sermon.

The conference gets underway Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock with a worship service and a business session at which time a secretary will be elected to fill a vacancy created by the death last December of Dr. T. M. Grant. Following formal organization, the district superintendents will give their reports. That evening, in addition to Bishop Garber's message, Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham will speak on the theme "A Century of North Carolina Methodism in Durham" at the anniversary of the Conference Historical Society.

Thursday's Program

Thursday's session gets under way at nine a.m. with the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Bishop Garber and the seven district superintendents. The morning's program includes a business session, welcome, responses and introductions, fraternal greetings from the Virginia



DR. HENRY M. BULLOCK
Board of Education Speaker

Conference and the anniversary of the Board of Education, featuring an address by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, executive secretary of the editorial division, Board of Education of The Methodist Church, on the theme "Two Crucial Questions for Methodists." During this program, which begins at 11:45 a.m., Executive Secretary C. P. Morris will give his report and Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, will report on the United College Appeal campaign conducted in the conference during the year. Directors of Christian education will also be certified.

At 2:30 p.m. the Conference Brotherhood will meet and at 3 p.m. the Commission on Town and Country Work will release its time in order that a progress report by the committee on Survey and Long Range Planning may be given by the committee's chairman, C. W. Robbins. At four p.m. the Board of Conference Claimants will be in charge, with an address by John M. Dozier.

At 5:30 p.m. the Duke University Banquet, to be held at Duke University, will feature an address by Dr. W. Arthur Kale of the Duke Divinity School faculty.

That evening, following the sermon by Dr. Sanders, the Board of Evangelism will have its anniversary with an address by Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School faculty.

Friday's Events

Friday's session gets under way with a song service led by Rev. T. A. Collins, a devotional message by Rev. R. I. Epps, followed by the anniversary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Rev. S. J. Starnes and Rev. O. L. Hathaway will give reports and the following will speak: Miss Evelyn Loyd, Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., Rev. R. L. Nicks, and Rev. M. W. Lawrence.

In the program that follows at 10:45 a.m., Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities

of The Methodist Church, will speak at the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities.

Lunch will be served at the site of the Methodist Retirement Home at one p.m., followed by ground-breaking exercises for the new building.

On Friday afternoon the memorial service will be held with an address by Dr. W. L. Clegg of Burlington. At four p.m. the Board of Hospitals and Homes will have its anniversary, with Dr. Bernard S. Via, administrator of the Virginia Methodist Home for the Aged, "The Hermitage," as speaker. Rev. F. D. Hedden, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, will also speak.

The High Point College Banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity church.

That evening at the service, in addition to Dr. Sander's message, Mrs. H. I. Glass, president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will speak; the class will be received into full connection; and the European Youth Caravan will report.

Saturday's Sessions

The program Saturday begins with a song service conducted by Rev. L. C. Vereen, followed with a devotional message by Rev. J. W. Page. During the business session the Commission on World Service and Finance will give its report and the Board of Temperance will observe its anniversary. At 1:15 p.m. the Ministers' Wives luncheon will be held at Trinity church.

On Saturday evening the program will be given over to a youth emphasis with the Board of Education in charge.

Sunday's session begins with the annual Love Feast with Rev. J. L. Smith in charge, assisted by Revs. C. T. Thrift and T. W. Lee. At the 10:45 o'clock worship service, following Bishop Garber's message, the deacons and elders will be ordained. The conference will end with the reading of the appointments of the preachers by Bishop Garber.

Duke Memorial church was last host to the North Carolina Conference in 1934. The Conference met in Durham in 1941 when Trinity church was host.



DR. B. G. CHILDS
Historical Society Speaker



DR. ROBERT G. MAYFIELD
Board of Lay Activities Speaker

Board of Missions Leaders Study Church Extension Needs in the Southeast

Every annual conference is faced with the challenge of building churches in new or growing communities, Methodist representatives of the general Board of Missions and the Southeastern Jurisdiction agreed October 13-14 at a meeting in Atlanta.

Purpose of the meeting, one of six regional sessions scheduled by the general board, was to explore southeastern needs and plans, and study services of the board such as research and survey, architectural advice, financial aid, education and promotion.

Chairmen, secretaries and other representatives of annual conference missions boards were in attendance.

Two years ago it was estimated that Methodism needed to organize 1,500 new churches across the country. The figure is nearer 3,000 now, the group learned.

"Evangelistic campaigns are bringing in thousands of new members, new suburbs are being developed, and entire new towns are being built in some cases," said Dr. Earl R. Brown, general executive secretary of the board's Division of National Missions, in stressing the need for an expanded church building program.

Extensive population shifts—nearly 31,000,000 Americans changed residence last year, mostly in the South and Midwest—was emphasized as another reason why the church must keep alert to the changing scene in cities, towns and rural areas.

In the larger cities too many downtown churches are being abandoned in favor of new outlying locations, leaving gaps in Methodism's local ministry, the group agreed. This and similar problems in the city field will be studied at the National Convocation on Urban Life February 24-26 in Columbus, Ohio.

Board executives reported that the agency loaned \$2,000,000 last year to local churches of Methodism for new buildings and remodeling projects.

Through World Service, the Southeastern Jurisdiction contributed \$457,927 to the board for churchwide home missions and church extension. In turn, \$1,684,905 came back to the Southeast for that purpose.

Another speaker, the Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, reviewed the "social, economic and industrial revolution under way in the South," and reported that the jurisdiction will gain 150 to 175 new pastoral charges this year.

The group elected Rev. P. M. Boyd, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the meeting. Rev. Thad Ferrell, Greenville, Miss., was named secretary of a findings committee which will issue a written report.

Secretaries of the general board assisting Dr. Brown included: Dr. Elliott L. Fisher and Dr. Charles A. Parkin, Section of National Missions; Dr. Robert A. McKibben, Department of City Work; Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, treasurer; Dr. Benjamin F. Allgood, director of field work; Dr. B. P. Murphy and Dr. J. B. Harris, Section of Church Extension; Dr. Karl Quimby and Dr. Walter J. Leppert, Section on Education and Cultivation, and Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, editor of World Outlook.

North Carolina representatives included: Rev. J. E. Garlington, Roxboro; Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Siler City; Rev. Horace R. McSwain, Shelby; Rev. Garland R. Stafford, Lewisville; Rev. S. J. Starnes, Fuquay Springs; and Rev. Key W. Taylor, South Mills.

HOMECOMING SET FOR LOUISBURG COLLEGE

Homecoming at Louisburg College has been set for the week-end of November 7, and it is expected that a large number of former students of the institution will be on the campus that week-end.

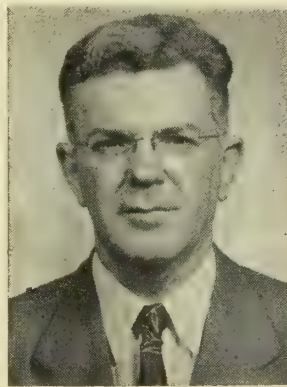
Arrangements are under the direction of W. F. Shelton, Miss Mary Bethea, Mrs. Elsa Yarborough, Mrs. Harvey Bartholomew, all of Louisburg.

Officers of the Louisburg College Alumni Association which will meet the evening of November 7 are: W. F. Shelton, president; Douglas Joyner, Goldsboro, vice-president; Mrs. Josephine Zealand, Louisburg, secretary; and Mrs. Genevieve Perry, Louisburg, treasurer.

CENTENARY CHURCH, Smithfield, has adopted a total budget of \$28,582 for year year, as follows: Missions and benevolences, \$4,713; promotional, \$1,470; salaries, \$12,823; operational expenses, \$3,226; upkeep and improvements, \$6,350.

"WHO SHALL LEAD MY PEOPLE?" is the challenging title of the World Service leaflet which has been prepared for distribution in Methodist churches on the fourth Sunday of December. It is the story of a young man, William Henry Hobbs, and the part The Methodist Church played in his life, culminating in his significant contribution to the Church. "If it had not been for the help of the scholarship program," Bill said, "we should not have been able to complete the school year . . ." Your gifts to Methodist World Service help other promising and capable young men and women such as Bill Hobbs to become the persons who answer the call.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Left to right, Dr. W. L. Clegg, who will bring the memorial address; Dr. A. J. Walton, Board of Evangelism speaker; Dr. W. Arthur Kale, speaker at the Duke Banquet.



Shown above is Architect Charles N. Robinson's rendering of Forestville Methodist Church, Pee Dee, N. C., as it will appear in a few months when completed. Work has begun on a 2,000 sq. ft. addition to the existing church which will consist of a fellowship hall with vaulted ceiling seating 86 at tables, a kitchen, four classrooms and utilities. The addition, known as McAlister Fellowship House, is being erected in memory of the late John A. McAlister who for many years was a steward and a trustee of the church. Contract in the amount of \$18,350.00 has been awarded to Bowman Construction Co. of Wadesboro. Pastor of the church is Rev. Alvin Wilson of Lilesville. Mrs. Mary Wall Dockery is chairman of the building committee and serving with her are Mrs. Betty W. Wall, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wall, O. S. Anderson, George Clark, Lee Tucker, and E. L. Wall.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE TO GET MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Trustees of Greensboro College approved plans for construction of a \$150,000 memorial chapel on the campus and raised the school's operative budget by \$16,000 in their semi-annual meeting at the college October 12.

The chapel will be a gift to Greensboro College from George D. Finch, a member of the board, as a memorial to his mother, the late Hannah Brown Finch.

Bids for the construction contract will be called for within ten days, to two weeks, said Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of the college. J. Burton Wilder is the architect for the building.

The board also approved a \$407,000 operating budget for the current school year, with the \$16,000 increase going mainly into salary raises for instructional personnel.

James G. Hanes of Winston-Salem was re-elected chairman of the board; J. C. Cowan Jr., of Greensboro, vice-chairman, and Thomas C. Hoyle, Sr., of this city, secretary. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Gastonia was named to the new post of associate secretary.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins of Greensboro, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was added to the board.

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SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE MEETS AT THE METHODIST HOME

Members of the Special Gifts Committee of the Methodist Home for the Aged, in a meeting recently, voted to begin a program to pay in full the \$300,000 balance due for buildings and improvements. They are organizing a campaign to solicit generous contributions from individuals and from corporations throughout the conference between now and the close of the year.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell spoke of the the Home as one of the outstanding romances of Methodism. He paid tribute to the cheerful Christian spirit of the residents and of the staff even as he congratulated the conference upon the splendid physical equipment developed at the Home.

The rapid growth of the Home has received national recognition. It now represents an investment of \$1,750,000 after only five years of operation. Interest has been mounting steadily. Benevolent contributions during the last year totaled \$195,000, the largest in the history of the Home.

W. R. Cuthbertson, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee, who was host for the dinner meeting at the Home, voiced the conviction of the Board of Managers that now is the strategic time to pay the debt in full. This will set the Home free to carry on its program of charitable service. It was pointed out that in spite of the rapid building program, the Home has never turned down a worthy member of a church in the sponsoring conference for lack of finances. During the past year the value of charitable service rendered was \$95,000.

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WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, High Point, during the past conference year received 178 new members, 70 of whom came on profession of faith. Out of \$132,812 raised for all purposes, \$9,500 was contributed to World Service, \$4,200 to Mission Specials, \$1,000 to the Week of Dedication, \$325 to Church School Rally Day, \$1,360 to Methodist colleges, \$1,637 to the Methodist Home, \$3,800 to the Children's Home and \$9,095 to other benevolences.

Tentative Report of the N. C. Conference Commission on World Service and Finance

Recommendations for 1953-1954

For many consecutive years the spiritual growth and progress of Methodism in the area served by this Conference has been reflected in the constantly increasing financial accomplishments. Changing conditions have brought increased demands and responsibilities on our people, and the financial objectives herein proposed indicate the interest of our Church in meeting these financial needs.

PART I

Certain Conference Benevolences

Your Commission recommends the apportionment to each charge each of the following items:

1. ORPHANAGE—6% of "total money raised" (1951-52)\$159,444.00
2. HOSPITALS AND HOMES—2¼% of "total money raised" 59,792.00
To be divided by Conference Treasurer:
⅓ To Golden Cross Fund; ⅔ to Methodist Retirement Home
3. BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—2¼% of "total money raised" (For use within our Conference, see their report). 59,792.00
4. COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND—6% of "total money raised" 159,444.00
For Pastors' School \$400; for scholarships, Duke Supply Pastors' School \$200; Commission on Christian Vocations \$200; Board of Ministerial Training \$200; Louisburg College Town and Country Work \$4,000. Total \$5,000. (The remainder of the sum realized to be distributed in accordance with report of the Board of Education.)
5. CAMP DON LEE BUILDING FUND—1% of "total money raised" 26,574.00
A sum not to exceed \$2,000 may be used for Administrative purposes.

Total for Part I\$465,046.00

DEFINITION of "total money raised" as used herein.

Reference: Annual Conference Journal for year 1951-52, Tables 2A and 2B with deductions for amounts shown in seven columns; I. E.: (a) Paid on principal of Indebtedness, (b) Paid on Buildings and Improvements, (c) Special Gifts to World Service, (d) Advance Fund, (e) Week of Dedication, (f) Fellowship of Suffering and Service, (g) Schools and Colleges.

The District Superintendents will establish suitable apportionments for new churches, and adjust apportionments where other Charge changes occur.

PART II

World Service and Conference Benevolences

1. Your Commission estimates the following items of expense:

Annual Conference entertainment expense	\$ 4,000.00
Conference Minutes	4,000.00
Secretarial Help for Conference Secretary	400.00
Statistician	400.00
Salary to the Conference Treasurer	5,200.00
Housing allowance for Conference Treasurer	900.00
Salary to Stenographer-Clerk in Conference Treasurer's Office	3,000.00
Office Rent, Audit, Travel, Printing, Bond, Postage, Supplies, part time help, etc.	2,900.00
	<hr/> \$20,800.00

The above items shall be a preferred claim.

2. We recommend for other causes:

General Administration Fund	\$ 5,896
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	4,717
Jurisdictional Conference Budget	7,247
General World Service	106,179
Annual Conference Benevolences	58,165
	<hr/> \$182,204

Combined Totals of Sections 1 and 2\$203,004

3. We recommend the distribution of the sum for Annual Conference Benevolences as follows:

Education—Local Church Division	\$24,625
Wesley Foundation Commission	8,840
College Place Church, Greensboro, Building Fund	4,000
Fairmont Church, Raleigh, Building Fund	4,000
Proposed Methodist Student Center, Duke University Building Fund	4,000
Board of Temperance	3,000
Board of Evangelism	1,700
Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College—Expense Fund	800
Real Estate Payment	1,000
Board of Lay Activities	1,000
North Carolina Council of Churches	1,000
Committee on World Peace	500
Committee on Town and Country Work	1,500
Board of Hospitals and Homes	250
Youth Emphasis Committee	500
Radio and Film Commission	500

College Board of Visitors	250
Board of Social and Economic Relations	200
Survey and Long Range Planning Committee	500

Total\$58,165

4. The total asking of \$203,004.00 shall be distributed to the various charges by the District Superintendents.

The acceptances last year by Districts were as follows: Durham, \$37,172; Elizabeth City, \$21,830; Fayetteville, \$35,093; New Bern, \$25,753; Raleigh, \$32,683; Rocky Mount, \$26,525; Wilmington, \$24,439. Total, \$203,495.

The Conference owes its thanks to all charges participating in this fund, particularly to those which are leading the way in a generous manner. However, some charges have not come to a reasonable minimum in their giving to this fund, and we appeal to them to lift their acceptances in line with conference averages of charges of similar status. The District Superintendents will have these figures.

PART III

Other Ministerial Support

1. EPISCOPAL FUND:

The Episcopal Fund is set by the General Conference at an amount equal to 2 per cent of the salary of the pastor and associate pastor under Episcopal appointment for the current year.

2. SALARIES FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS:

We recommend:

(a) That the annual salary of each of the seven district superintendents shall be set at \$6,900, including expenses attendant to his office.

(b) The apportionment to each charge of a sum equal to 5 per cent of the amount estimated for the current year for the salary of the pastor and any associate pastor under episcopal appointment.

3. THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS requests an apportionment of an amount equal to 16 per cent of the salary of the pastor and associate pastor under Episcopal appointment.

4. MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND requests an apportionment of an amount equal to 1 per cent of the salary of the pastor and any associate pastor under Episcopal appointment.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 equal 24 per cent of salary of pastors and associate pastors. Total estimated\$250,000

5. MINIMUM SALARY FUND:

We recommend the apportionment to each charge—4% of "total money raised"

Total estimated\$106,296

Total for Part III\$356,296

Financial Apportionment Summary:

Part I	\$ 465,046.00
Part II	203,495.00
Part III	356,296.00

\$1,024,596.00

Total of similar items last year 910,214.00

Approximate Increase\$ 114,382.00

The total approximate increase is a reflection of the growth of the charges in the Conference for the year 1951-52 over 1950-51; there being no increase in percentages with the exception of 1 per cent added to the Minimum Salary Fund to provide for urgently needed increase in the minimum salary scale. The base for percentages is advanced from the 1951 Journal to the 1952 Journal.

PART IV

In addition to the amount of \$60,000 included in Part I, Item 4, we approve the plan of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Incorporated, to complete its campaign to raise \$400,000.

PART V

Supplementary Budget Items

The Conference Treasurer is authorized to pay from funds on hand at the end of this Conference Year the following items in their amount in excess of

1. Conference entertainment expense, the amount in excess of \$3,000. Expected to be within\$1,500.00
2. For printing Conference Calendar, Work Sheet for Charge treasurer and mimeographing of this Commission's tentative report, estimated 150.00
3. Additional for printing Conference Journal 300.00
4. Youth Emphasis Committee 500.00
- Radio and Film Commission 500.00
- College Board of Visitors 500.00
- Board of Social and Economic Relations 100.00
- Survey and Long Range Planning Committee 500.00

\$4,050.00

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Clerical—C. D. Barclift, J. H. Lanning, J. V. Early, C. S. Hubbard, W. J. Neese. Lay—Gurney P. Hood, M. J. Cowell, G. S. Garriss, J. H. Waldrop, Geo. W. Jackson, M. Carr Gibson.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1953

IS THERE A FOLDING ORGAN IN THE HOUSE?

Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Thomas, of the noted Pittman Community Center in Sevierville, Tenn., started a small Sunday school recently at Chavis Creek, a rural community fifteen miles over the mountains from Sevierville. There had never before been a Sunday school or church there. People have been attending faithfully and have shown a great deal of interest, Dr. Thomas says.

But, as yet, there is no musical instrument to assist in the singing of the Sunday school—and young and old love to sing the gospel favorites.

"Years ago the travelling evangelists used to have folding organs that went with them all over the countryside," recalls Dr. Thomas. "Perhaps in some home, or in the back room, or loft, or basement of a church there is one which can still produce good music for appreciative people."

If you have such an organ (now silent) or know where there is one, will you not please communicate with Dr. Thomas. He would like to put it into gospel service again.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCES PREPARE FOR FAMILY LIFE MEETING

Seventy-six annual conference groups are already engaged in preparatory studies looking to The Methodist Church's National Conference on Family Life to be held October 8-10, 1954, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Approximately 3,000 delegates, mostly young parents, are expected to attend the national convocation.

Meanwhile, the churchwide Committee on Family Life, headed by Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, chairman, will meet November 19-20 in New York to plan program details of the Cleveland meeting.

He said the agenda will be built around the "needs and interests" of families as indicated by results of a questionnaire sent to 5,400 persons. The consensus favored the following "concerns" for intensive study and discussions:

(1.) The Family Developing Its Spiritual Life.

(2.) Achieving a Mature Family Life.

(3.) The Community Influences the Family.

(4.) The Family Facing World Responsibility.

(5.) The Family Works Through the Church.

One of these topics has been assigned to every annual conference committee for preliminary study and research, according to Dr. Edward Staples, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the national committee and director of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Christian Family.

Assignments are being given to groups of parents of young children, parents and older children meeting jointly, Sunday school classes and other local church groups, and a committee of 30 to 50 families who have special interest or experience in world affairs.

The annual conference chairmen are now organizing their committees following a series of regional coaching clinics conducted by Dr. Staples in New York, Chicago, Lake Junaluska, N. C., Dallas and Denver.

Chairmen for the North Carolina Conference is Rev. J. H. Lanning, Graham, and for the Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Charlotte.

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Carrboro Pastor Passes; Women Favor Less War Spending; Christmas Programs Prepared

REV. M. E. TYSON DIES

FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Rev. Marvin Earl (Jack) Tyson, 52, died at his home in Carrboro October 11 following a period of declining health for about a year and critical illness for several weeks. Funeral services were conducted October 14 at the Carrboro Methodist Church of which he was pastor by Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham, Rev. Key W. Taylor of South Mills and Rev. C. W. Goldston of Goldsboro. Burial services followed in the cemetery at Farmville by Free Will Baptist pastors.

Born in Greene County in 1901, Mr. Tyson began his preaching career in the Free Will Baptist Church in which he held various pastorates. He was also superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Middlesex for a period of five years.

Since joining the North Carolina Conference ten years ago, he has served Dover, Biscoe and Carrboro. He was completing his fifth year at Carrboro and led in the erection of a lovely church building which was finished this year.

Survivors include his wife, the former Irene Hart; one daughter, Merle; and six sons, Dewey, Tommy, George, Vernon, Earl and Bobby. Of this group of sons, four are now serving Methodist pastorates, as follows: Dewey, at Eno; Tommy, at Walstonburg; George, the Clinton Circuit; and Vernon, at Oak Ridge. Earl, a senior at Guilford College, has recently decided for the ministry. A brother, Rev. Morrill Tyson, is serving as a Methodist pastor at Straits.

Surviving also are several grandchildren, three sisters and two other brothers.

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METHODIST WOMEN SUPPORT DISARMAMENT PLAN

Methodist women are endorsing the universal disarmament resolution recently introduced in Congress by Senator Ralph Flanders, Vermont; Senator John Sparkman, Alabama, and others. Meeting in New York City, the executive committee of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions voted to support the plan which calls for a reduction of armaments and the use of some of the funds thus liberated for a program of technical assistance at home and abroad.

"This disarmament proposal is in accordance with the action taken by The Methodist Church in its last General Conference," Miss Thelma Stevens, head of Department of Christian Social Relations of the Methodist woman's organization, says. Methodists then expressed doubt that security lies in massing a weight of armaments and supported "international cooperation and use of our economic resources for better standards of living throughout the world."

The Woman's Division of Christian Service also requested the President or Congress to create a commission to make a full review of sections of the Canteen Laws which deal with serving liquor on military reservations here and abroad. The women were concerned about practices which failed to offer military personnel opportunity at all times to obtain other than alcoholic beverages.

"We recommend that the results of such a study be made public and that following the study a new canteen law be adopted

which will prevent any promotion of the use of alcoholic beverages through military auspices and on military installations," they said.

The Methodist women also recorded hope that every effort be made by Congress to prevent increased rates on relief packages to war-torn areas.

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"CARE" TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR HOLIDAY DELIVERIES OF TURKEYS

Turkeys, with or without the trimmings, are now awaiting orders for Thanksgiving or Christmas delivery overseas in the annual CARE food packages especially prepared as holiday gifts, it was announced.

Americans who wish to assure festive dinners for relatives, friends or needy families may reserve the birds immediately in a \$12 Turkey Package or an \$18.75 Holiday Package, complete with a whole canned turkey and a generous serving of extras.

Based on recent surveys of food needs, this year's Holiday Package is in two variations: one for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; the other for Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Western Germany and Berlin, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Yugoslavia. The turkey alone goes to Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines as well as all the countries above.

Increased parcel post rates don't affect CARE's prices, since the non-profit agency does its own shipping, Paul Comly French, executive director, pointed out. Present parcel post fees alone would cost a minimum of \$5, French said, if an individual sent overseas a package comparable in weight to the average \$10 CARE food package (also available for holiday gifts). Orders marked for Thanksgiving or Christmas delivery may be mailed to CARE, 660 First Ave., New York 16, N. Y., or any local CARE office.

All the CARE-turkeys are broad-breasted Beltsville Whites weighing a minimum of 8 and 1-3 lbs. and have the meat equivalent of a regular 10 to 11 lb. bird fully dressed. They are steam-roasted

in their own juices and can be served cold or heated and browned.

The slightly over 24 lbs. of food in the British Holiday Package includes, in addition to the bird: 29 oz. sliced pineapple; 15 oz. raisins; 1 lbs. each of prunes, butter, lard, sliced bacon; 5 lbs. sugar; 2 lbs. white rice; 8 oz. egg powder; 24 oz. corned beef.

For the other countries, the CARE Holiday Package adds up to a total of almost 19 lbs. of turkey and trimmings, including: 1 lb. each of chocolates, plum pudding, assorted unshelled nuts, coffee, margarine, bacon, strawberry preserves; 2 lbs. sugar; 12 oz. each of roast beef and pork luncheon meat.

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TO MAIL 400,000 COPIES OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP PROGRAM

Nashville, Tenn.—The mailing room of the General Board of Education will be unusually busy during October and November.

One of the reasons for this increased activity is the filling of orders for 400,000 copies of "Christmas Worship in the Home" that will be sent out from the Board between now and Christmas.

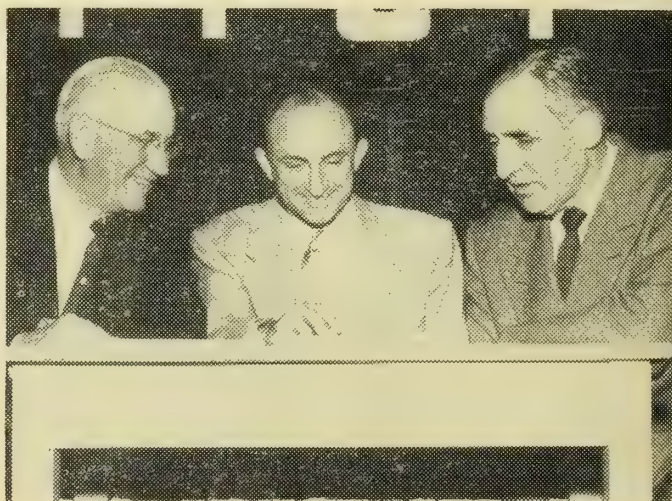
This is one of the most popular leaflets ever released by the Board. A project of the Department of the Christian Family of the Local Church Division, the leaflet has come to be the chief harbinger of Christmas in many homes. Its purpose is to focus attention upon the importance of religion in the home during the Christmas season, according to Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Department of the Christian Family.

This is the eighth year this leaflet has been distributed to promote Christmas worship in the home, and it has met a need that was felt for many years before its distribution was begun.

The attractive four-page leaflet contains a family worship service for Christmas, a Christmas Eve litany, suggestions for the lighting of Christmas candles, and other suggestions that would make Christmas worship in the home more meaningful. The front cover is a reproduction in color of one of the illustrations from **Bible Stories** by Mary Alice Jones.

Order from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Price, 30 cents a dozen, \$2.00 per hundred. Cash with order.

Here (reading left to right) Pastor Eugene C. Few of West Market Street church, Associate Pastor R. Harold Hipps also of West Market Street church and District Superintendent Herman F. Duncan make final plans for the Greater Greensboro Leadership School to be held at West Market Street church, October 25-29. With a goal of 1,501, it is expected that total attendance during the school will be 8,500, with 2,500 expected the first night and 1,500 expected the remaining nights. A total of 37 churches are participating. A kick-off dinner was held October 13 with all churches in the area represented. Twelve courses will be offered during the school by an unusually outstanding corps of teachers. R. Harold



Hipps is dean; Ernest M. Scarboro is business manager; and Wallace R. Dodd is in charge of publicity and promotion. Much enthusiasm and interest are being shown as final preparations are made.

.. News in Brief Personalities ..

THE LEWISVILLE CHARGE last year had 28 additions to the church roll and its 513 members contributed \$12,755 to all purposes.

W. JASPER SMITH, of Bethel, lay leader of the North Carolina Conference, was the Laymen's Day speaker Sunday, October 18, at St. Paul church, Goldsboro.

MRS. ROBERT E. BROWN, wife of the late Rev. Robert E. Brown, has moved from the Raleigh district parsonage to 1424 Banbury Road, Raleigh.

"**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**" is the title of a devotional booklet prepared recently by Rev. W. L. Loy of Lillington and distributed to members of his congregation.

HARRISON CHURCH in the Charlotte District had as Laymen's Day speaker Sunday, October 18, Herbert M. Wayne, vice president of the Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, and treasurer of the Western North Carolina Conference.

THE ELM CITY CHARGE is about ready for the Annual Conference with a good report: 52 additions to church membership, an enlarged financial budget well in hand, Hornes new church building moving toward completion and plans are already made for building a parsonage on a beautiful lot given by George W. Tyson.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Carolina Beach, has received 66 persons into its membership this year, over forty of whom are adults and young people. Progress is being made in every phase of the church's program. The church this year became self-supporting. On Sunday, October 18, Laymen's Day and homecoming were observed with Willard G. Cole, editor of the News Reporter, Whiteville, as speaker. Rev. L. D. Hayman is completing his third year as pastor.

REV. THOMAS CARRUTH, a native of Sumrall, Miss., has joined the staff of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. He will be field director for the department of evangelistic missions, responsible to Dr. Harry L. Williams, director. Mr. Carruth has been pastor of Broad Street church, Hattiesburg, Miss., and previously served pastorates in Biloxi and Laurel. For nine years he was secretary of the Mississippi Conference Board of Evangelism.

LILLINGTON Methodists are closing a good year, according to reports made at the fourth quarterly conference. Pastor W. L. Loy's report revealed that 85 members have been added to the church rolls during the past four years, bringing the total membership to 318 and from these new members have come the Sunday School superintendent and assistant superintendent, a secretary and treasurer of the church and Sunday School, an adult teacher, two assistant teachers, president of the Woman's Society, president of Methodist Men, four choir members including the soloist, one circle leader and four stewards, with others filling other positions. Members have raised their \$7,000 budget this year and during the year the parsonage and the church building have been painted and three lots purchased at a cost of \$2,250. The 52 members of the Woman's Society have contributed this year the sum of \$1,024.

PLEASANT GARDEN CHURCH recently held open house honoring the new pastor, Rev. C. O. Kennerly, and Mrs. Kennerly. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was in charge and other organizations of the church assisted.

REV. AND MRS. M. A. LEWIS, Route 2, Winston-Salem, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ada Lizette, to Leon Douglas Pryor of Charlotte on October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Pine Grove Methodist Church.

THE WAYNE CIRCUIT OFFICIALS recently passed a resolution of appreciation for the work of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel M. Schores. Mr. Schores is completing his second year as pastor and during the time has pursued his studies in the Duke Divinity School. The charge was organized two years ago and consists of Elm Street church, Goldsboro, Bethel, Falling Creek and Providence. Church lay leaders are: B. W. Pate, W. J. Dail, Jr., R. H. Cox, and W. E. Overman. J. E. Davis is the charge lay leader.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES OF TEMPERANCE ADVANCE from the Western North Carolina Conference who attended in Washington, D. C., last week the Citizens Convocation and Briefing Conference which was sponsored by the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church include: Rev. Miles A. McLain, Asheville District; Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, Charlotte District; Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, Gastonia District; Rev. F. E. Howard, Greensboro District; Rev. M. G. Ervin, Marion District; Rev. Ray Swink, Thomasville District; Rev. J. T. Frazier, Waynesville District; and Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, Winston-Salem District.

THE GREENSBORO COLLEGE Campus Chest Drive for \$1,500 got under way October 6 with a chapel program illustrating the channels into which the funds will be directed including: the Student Sharing Fund (to remain on campus for foreign students), the World University Service Fund (to aid foreign students and schools abroad), the Emergency Fund; the Red Cross, Community Chest, TB, Heart, Cerebral Palsy, Polio, and Cancer. Pledges are being made by both students and faculty and contributions being solicited from the faculty for the auction to be held October 21 and 22. Pat Fields of Pleasant Garden is chairman of the campus drive.

SUMMER WORK CAMPS AND CARAVANS were the subject of a panel report in chapel at Greensboro College, October 12. Mary Esther Brown, president of the Student Christian Fellowship, presided. The panel was made up of Evelyn Loven and Frances Sharpe who caravanned in Pennsylvania and Tennessee and Marlene Harmon, Virginia Swain, and Lou Harbison who were in work camps in Nebraska, Kentucky, and California, respectively. The girls told about their preparations in various training centers in the United States, the socio-economic status of the people among whom they worked, the types of educational and manual work they had done, the age groups with whom they worked, the acceptance and response of the people among whom they went and the personal benefit that they had gained from their experiences. Serving in the home church was stressed by Mary Brown who worked as youth director at Trinity church, Asheville, this summer.

DENTON CIRCUIT churches observed Laymen's Day October 18, with a lay speaker in each pulpit. Five churches make up the Denton charge; First, Canaan, Siloam, Jackson Hill, and Newsum. Walter Martin is the charge lay leader.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE has enrolled 682 students, divided as follows: men, 415; women, 267. Of this number, 262 are freshmen, 160 are sophomores, 129 are juniors, 120 are seniors and eleven are special students.

FIRST CHURCH, Randleman, observed Laymen's Day Sunday, October 18, with Holt McPherson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, bringing the message at the morning hour and Edison Brown, plant manager of Klopman Mills, Asheboro, speaking at the evening service.

REV. R. HAROLD HIPPS, associate minister at West Market Street church, Greensboro, delivered one of the opening day addresses at the 35th National Recreation Congress in Philadelphia, Penn., last week. He also led a discussion group on "The Church's Program of Recreation for All Ages" and helped to direct the evening social activities for the Congress.

THE ROWAN COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL is being held October 18-22, with the following courses and instructors: Understanding Children, Miss Elizabeth Black; Understanding Ourselves, Mrs. E. H. Ould; Teaching Youth, Miss Clarice Bowman; The Work of the Local Church, Dr. Raymond A. Smith; New Testament Content and Values, Dr. W. R. Locke.

"**THE CHURCH MEETS CHANGED AMERICA**" is the title of the attractive 2-color World Service leaflet which is available for distribution in Methodist Churches on the fourth Sunday of November. "America grew and thrived around the church. All America's new material gain is in vain if the church does not stand beside, and guide, the home, the school, and industry," is a statement taken from this leaflet. To help in this guidance 1500 new churches are needed. Your gifts to Methodist World Service help build these churches and help meet the other needs of our "changed America."

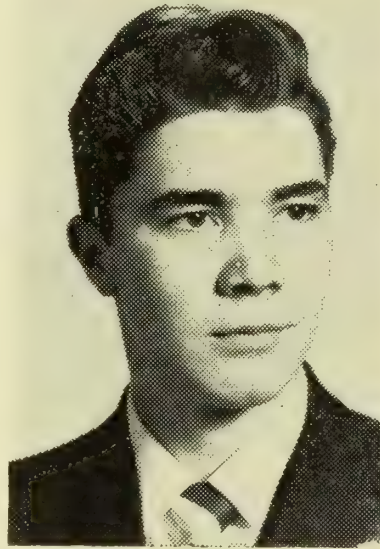
A TOTAL OF 92 CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOLS were accredited by the Department of Leadership Education, General Board of Education, from September 13-October 17, it has been announced by Rev. R. Delbert Byrum, staff member in charge of promoting the schools. The schools were scattered throughout the Church—Texas, Maine, Montana, Florida, Ohio, Oklahoma, Washington, D. C., Wisconsin, New Hampshire and in many other states. The largest school was held at Oklahoma City where 24 courses were taught. Second largest were at First church, Memphis, Tennessee, and at Mt. Vernon Place church, Washington, D. C., with 13 courses each. Of the 366 courses offered in these schools, the largest number taught in any one area of work was 116 for the Children's Division. There were 72 courses dealing with youth work. The number of Christian workers' schools have steadily increased from year to year, according to Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the Leadership Education Department.

The Emphasis Is on Youth

Objectives for 1953-1954

In accordance with the quadrennial program we suggest the following youth activities for every local church in the year 1953-1954:

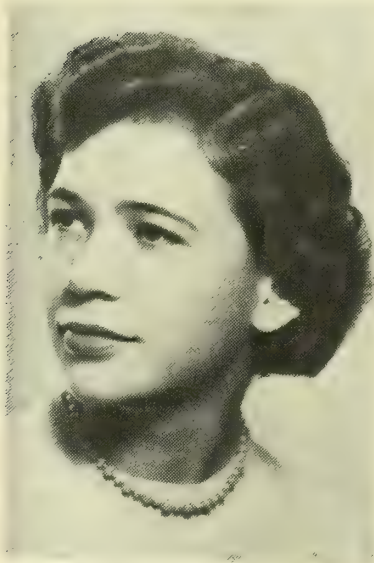
1. That the Youth program at annual conference be the conference wide rally in Methodist Youth Emphasis.
2. That "A Prayer for Youth" be included in the public worship services of each church, and that this prayer be printed in the bulletin as an integral part of the service during the fall months.
3. That each charge observe "Watch Night Service" on December 31. That this service for the whole church, but with full recognition of youth, including the use of the "Bishop's Epistle to Youth."



Donald Beaty, President
Duke

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

7. That each charge have a Youth Activities Week, preferably during the summer months. That the Commission on Education of the local church, with the minister, counselors of youth, and youth council take the initiative and responsibility for planning these activities. A packet of materials will be furnished upon request by the conference director of youth work.
8. That the district superintendents, district directors, and conference director of youth work cooperate in planning district or subdistrict planning conferences to interpret the purpose of Youth Activities Week and to prepare the leaders for their part in the project.



Romona Morton, Secretary
Greensboro College

GROWING LEADERSHIP FOR YOUTH WORK

9. We request the local church commission on education to provide leadership training opportunities for youth teachers and counselors, through local church training classes, attendance at the intermediate group in the Laboratory School at Pfeiffer College, and through encouraging a "Fellowship of Adult Workers with Youth" that we may provide a continuous, consecrated and trained youth leadership to meet the needs of the youth of our church today and tomorrow.

These objectives were approved by Bishop Costen J. Harrell and his Cabinet and by the Annual Conference.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS MISSION

4. That a conference-wide Christian Witness Mission be held to provide a witness experience for one or more youth from each subdistrict. An attendance of 50-75 persons is anticipated.
5. That every charge sponsor a Christian Witness Mission for youth, preferably during the Lenten season. Guidance materials will be available from the office of the conference director of youth work on request.
6. That the pre-Easter subdistrict meeting be observed as a youth rally culminating the charge Christian Witness Missions, and that the rally emphasize "The Christian Faith." The responsibility for planning these rallies shall rest with the district superintendent, the district director of youth work, and the subdistrict youth council.



Jean Stanback, Worship
Boyden High School, Salisbury

10. We request continued emphasis on:

- A. Meeting our conference goal of \$15,000 in the Methodist Youth Fund.
- B. Increasing attendance at local church MYF meetings and at public worship.
- C. Sending carefully selected delegates to conference camps and assemblies. We suggest that stronger MYF groups be encouraged to finance the sending of a delegate from a small church, thereby strengthening the youth program in our smaller churches.

A Prayer For Youth

Eternal God, whose holy purpose for all mankind was revealed in Jesus of Nazareth;
Grant to young people everywhere vision and strength for this new day;
That, equipped by Thee for larger years to come and possessed of wider boundaries of heart and mind, they may ever seek to keep abreast of truth and walk in purity and faith along Thy holy way;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—BISHOP JOHN WESLEY LORD, *Chairman*

General Advisory Committee on Youth Emphasis

News from the Asheville, Charlotte, Marion, Salisbury and Waynesville Districts

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

From our very efficient reporter in the Asheville District, Mrs. John Wright, we have the following news:

Mrs. Crowell Honored

Mrs. Rupert Crowell was recently honored by the members of the executive board of the Asheville District when her fellow-workers presented to her a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Crowell is such a fine thoughtful fellow-worker and such a consecrated person, it is a privilege for the Asheville District to have her. Always she has at heart the betterment of our Christian work, particularly her field of securing missionary personnel. Just now her project is to give improved equipment to the rural worker in the Burnsville area, Mrs. R. A. Brooks. When this is accomplished, Mrs. Crowell will go on to another project, accomplishing a great deal in her charming quiet way.

Asheville District Executive Meeting

Signs of progress in all phases of the Woman's Society work were reported at the quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Asheville District held September 27 at Central church, Asheville.

Mrs. S. M. Garren, president, made a report of the recent School of Missions at Greensboro College, especially the excellent helps for local societies given in the workshops conducted at the school.

Mrs. Rupert Carter, promotion secretary, reported that the Asheville District now has a total of 3,063 women enrolled in its WSCS work, 281 of these Wesleyan Service Guild members. She paid tribute to the Francis Asbury society for being the only society in the district attaining 100 per cent in its goals. Two new societies, one at Celo and one at Groce, were reported, also a new Guild at Mills River.

Mrs. Rupert Crowell, vice president of the conference and secretary of missionary personnel for the district, discussed a plan for the district to purchase electrical equipment for the rural worker in the Burnsville area. The Hendersonville society responded by donating fifty dollars to go toward a washing machine.

The officers decided to stress the study of the new guide for Woman's Society work, the district would plan a special day to have the president and promotion secretary of each society in the district come to a district meeting to study the guide, and then these two officers would go back to the local society and conduct a study class.

The district had 12 study classes during the past quarter, with 108 women attending. There were also two missionary education seminars held in the district, one at Central and one at Trinity church; 15 from the district attended the school of missions at Greensboro College. Mrs. T. S. Morris of Enka is the missionary education secretary reporting these.

Mrs. T. E. Frutchev discussed ways that local societies are broadening their Christian Social Relations work. Used clothing valued at \$652 had been sent to Korea, a study of courts had been made, an interdenominational community sing had been arranged, and plans were made for the study session on alcohol.

Mrs. Ralph Proffitt of Bald Creek was

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elected chairman of subdistrict no. 4 for Asheville. The other subdistrict leaders are: Mrs. L. L. Clippard of Saluda for Zone No. 1; Mrs. A. C. Williams for Zone No. 2; and Mrs. E. R. Penley of Candler for Zone No. 3.

Other officers reporting were: Mrs. T. C. Roberson, vice-president; Miss Amy Hackney, recording secretary; Mrs. E. D. Chandler, treasurer; Mrs. L. G. Crouch, youth work; Mrs. Leo Bagwell, literature and publications; Mrs. T. Allen Luther, supply work; and Mrs. J. H. Bancroft, spiritual life.

Mrs. Vernon Hall presented a closing devotional message, using the thought, "Living One Day at a Time," as her theme.

CHARLOTTE BETHLEHEM CENTER HAS "OPEN HOUSE"

Open house was held September 28 at the Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, honoring Miss Margaret Hodkins, new head resident, by the executive board of the Center. Miss Hodkins came to the Center in September from Nashville, Tenn., where she has just completed work for her master's degree in Social Group work at Scarritt College.

Several hundred friends of the Center called during the afternoon to meet Miss Hodkins and to become more familiar with the work being done there.

MARION SUBDISTRICT MEETINGS

With 63 attending, the subdistrict meeting of Rutherford County was held Sunday afternoon, September 20, at Spindale, with Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., chairman, presiding. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Wilkinson, gave the devotional. A skit, "The Program Committee of the Local Church" was presented by local women. Miss Una Edwards, conference treasurer, and district officers, Mrs. Iva Lovelace, Mrs. W. P. Dorsey, Miss Willard Powers, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Mrs. Henry Giles and Mrs. J. P. Morris, spoke briefly of their work.

Since Mrs. Fowler was moving out of the district it was necessary to elect a new chairman and this will be done at the next executive board meeting.

AVERY AND MITCHELL SUBDISTRICT MEETING

The subdistrict meeting for Avery and Mitchell Counties was held October 17 at Bakersville, with Mrs. Robert Barron, chairman. District officers and Miss Una Edwards attended this meeting. Lunch was served by the local women.

SALISBURY DISTRICT NEWS

Mrs. David D. Smiley has been elected recording secretary of the Salisbury District to succeed Mrs. Bryce Ruffy.

The educational seminar, held at First church, Salisbury, drew 185 women and one visitor from the Illinois Conference.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Educational seminars were held in the Waynesville District on a subdistrict level as follows: Jackson-Swain at Webster, September 5; Haywood at Elizabeth Chapel, September 10; Western at Andrews, September 12; and Macon at Franklin September 12. Miss Louise Ballard, district secretary of missionary education, presided at each. The meetings were well attended and were most profitable.

The study courses for the year were presented as follows: Jeremiah, Mrs. Millard Ferguson; Alcohol, a Christian's Concern, Mrs. R. H. Hull; Spanish Speaking Americans, Miss Ray Ballard; The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Miss Louise Ballard; Mrs. J. E. Yountz, secretary of youth work, and Mrs. Bill Boone, secretary of children's work, presented the materials for youth and children and urged that study courses be held for these age groups.

It was announced that Mrs. W. M. Alexander of Nashville, Tenn., would conduct a study class on Jeremiah in the Haywood subdistrict and also in the Macon subdistrict in October. It was also announced that Mrs. Cicero Groome and Dr. R. Norbert Kelly would speak in the course of the study on Alcohol, a Christian's Concern in the Waynesville District during November.

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER VISITS AFRICA

Mrs. E. LeRoy Stiffler, publication manager of the Literature Headquarters of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, sailed recently on the steamer *Robinhood* for Africa where she will tour Methodist mission stations. The publications executive will visit the various printing establishments in the several Methodist conferences there.

On her sabbatical, Mrs. Stiffler is answering the request of small mission presses for technical advice. She arrived in Capetown on October 18, and from there traveled to Johannesburg, Lourenco Marques, and Inhambane. After a trip to Victoria Falls, she will visit small presses in Salisbury and Elizabethville, and in Leopoldville she will inspect a Baptist press used by Methodists.

Mrs. Stiffler will return to the United States via Italy and the Netherlands, arriving here about December 1.

IN APPRECIATION

Your editor acknowledges with deep appreciation the numerous messages of welcome, both verbal and by letter, she has received upon coming into the Greensboro District. Many have come from district officers and conference officers living within the district. It warms her heart and compensates somewhat for the feeling of regret she had upon leaving the Winston-Salem District and the women in the Mount Airy area, especially the good women of the Salem church.

Paraphrasing a bit of free verse used by Mrs. E. B. White at our recent Spiritual Life Retreat and sent to each local secretary by Mrs. Frank Little, we enter this new field in this spirit—

"We will walk into this year with God.
With His wisdom, He understands us;
With His love, He shepherds us;
By His strength, He keeps us;
In His mercy, He forgives us;
In his patience, He works for us;
We will walk into this year with God."

TOO LATE

"Say, Felton, how deep do you think we can make it?"

"Oh, about as deep as the house is high. We want it to be an unfailing well, you know. I'll dig on this side while you dig on that." The two brothers, Felton and Alton, were making what they called a city in the backyard.

A water supply was one thing they felt necessary. They began to dig a well and had reached the depth of two feet when Nora's voice was heard calling, "Come in, boys, your mother wants you to come to supper right away."

"It isn't time for supper," the boys called back.

"I can't help that," said the maid. "Your mother told me to get supper early, and I got it, and now she has sent me to call you in."

"Bother," said Felton.

"Don't let's go yet," said Alton. A few minutes will not make any difference. We'll dig another foot. It may rain tonight, then there would be water in our well."

"But Daddy told us last night that we must go at once when Mother sent Nora for us, and if we didn't, we would have to wait for our supper."

"Oh, he's forgotten that by this time. Dig a little faster."

So Felton tried to dig faster, and he became more and more interested as he went on, and before either one of the boys knew it a half hour had gone. Then Alton began to feel somewhat tired and hungry, so he said that work would stop until the next day. He and Felton ran up the back stairs to wash their hands and faces, and then entered the dining room.

There was a part of an omelette quite cold. There was milk toast, quite cold also. There were berries and cake. There was a cup of cocoa by each of their plates, but that was cold too. "Nora, Nora!" shouted Felton, "where is Mother?" But then, through the window, he caught a glimpse of Nora taking down the clothes which had been drying, and knew that she could not hear him.

"I guess we may as well eat what is here," said Alton, and find out where everybody is afterwards." So they began to eat, but they were not so hungry as they thought, and the food didn't taste good. So, after many attempts to regain an appetite, each boy took a piece of cake in his hand and went out to talk to Nora.

"Where's Mother, Nora?" asked Alton.

"Why, your mother said it was a pleasant evening to take a ride, so she and your sister have gone over to your Aunt Jane's, and your father has gone back to the office. They all said they would be back by nine o'clock."

Nine o'clock, and it was scarcely seven! What a long evening to wait! They were too tired to dig any more. They didn't know anything to do. Felton tried in vain to find his ball, which he had lost in the garden, and Alton spent the next half hour teasing the cat, and then he said: "I'll tell you Felton; just let's go to bed and surprise Mother. She won't know where to find us."

Felton agreed. It was rather difficult to dress without Mother's help, and then they almost choked when it came to saying their prayers alone; but it was finally done. Two tired, heavy-hearted

little boys crept into their beds and covered themselves the best they could. A few tears fell upon their pillows. The stillness was so unusual they soon fell asleep.

At nine o'clock Mother and Minnie came home, and a few minutes later Father came.

"Nora, where are the boys?" asked Mother.

"I've not seen them recently. Someone came in to see me and I forgot the boys."

Minnie ran upstairs, where she found the boys fast asleep. Mother and Father followed her.

"Poor little fellows!" said Mother, gazing with pitying eyes on the forlorn children. "Yes, poor boys," said their father; "it was hard to get a cold supper and to miss a visit to Aunt Jane's, but they must learn to obey promptly."—The Southern Churchman.

A CHILD'S PRAYER

"Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep
Of other children, far away,
Who have no homes in which to stay
Nor know where is their daily bread
Nor where at night to lay their head
But wander through a broken land
Alone and helpless—
Take their hand!"

(Contained in a printed message of thanks from the German children we found the prayer printed above. We do not know the author's name. It was taken from a printed leaflet printed by Das Hilswerk, and addressed to "Dear Christians in America, dear helpers big and small."—Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief)

METHODIST ORPHANAGE PAGE

(Continued from page twelve)

Melinda Cooke and Iva Gardner were chosen as alternates. Sally Salmon was selected as head cheerleader.

A third group of cheerleaders were chosen to cheer for the Midgents. They are: Ruth Bass, Lorinda Beck, Minnie Roebuck, Judy Williams, June Lee, Joyce Stephenson, Wilma Blackman, Paulette Cooke, Linda Campbell. Ruth Bass was chosen head cheerleader of this group.

OFFICERS OF W. S. C. S. MEET

The officers of the W. S. C. S. of the North Carolina Conference met at our home on September 29-30. Mrs. H. I. Glass, president, was in charge.

We are very happy to have this group hold their regular meetings here. Our home, and many young people and children are indebted to these many friends for most of their clothing.

Contributions from the societies throughout the conference, for clothing runs into the neighborhood of \$25,000 per year.

CHAPEL SERVICES HELD EACH TUESDAY NIGHT

The school chapel services held in our auditorium each Tuesday night has been highlighted recently on the part of numbers of our young people, as well as outside speakers.

Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street church in Raleigh, brought an excellent message at the last meeting, on the "Design of Christ to Achieve His Work of Patience into the Hearts and Lives of Both Students and Leaders."

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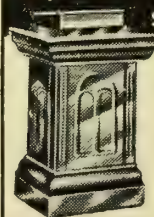


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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Education

The Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference will meet on Wednesday morning, October 28, at Duke University, Men's Graduate Center, at the corner of Erwin Rd. and Duke Hospital Rd. The Board will meet at 10 a.m. in rooms "B & C." Luncheon will be served in dining room A, at 12:30 p.m.

Allen P. Brantley, President

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will meet in the room assigned at Duke Memorial church, Wednesday, October 28, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

B. B. Slaughter, Chairman

Board of Missions

The Board of Missions and Church Extension will meet at Duke Memorial church, Tuesday, October 27, at 2:30 p.m. in the room assigned. All members are urged to be present.

J. E. Garlington, Chairman
S. J. Starnes, Secretary

Committee on Conference Relations

The Committee on Conference Relations will meet Wednesday, October 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the room assigned.

Daniel Lane, Chairman

The Board of Conference Claimants

The Board of Conference Claimants of the North Carolina Conference will meet in the room assigned at 10:30 a.m. October 28.

J. A. Staton, Chairman
W. R. Stevens, Secretary

Board or Ministerial Training and Qualifications

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications for the N. C. Conference will meet at Duke Memorial church in Durham, Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. The following men must appear before the board:

All men seeking admission on trial into the conference, and were not approved at the meeting in Goldsboro Oct. 12.

All who are in the courses of study, and were not recommended at the Goldsboro meeting.

All local preachers who have been approved by the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

All ministers asking for admission into the Methodist ministry from other denominations.

J. A. Russell, Chairman

W.N.C. CONFERENCE JOURNAL ORDERS

W.N.C. Pastors: Please send your orders for the 1953 Conference Journal. These orders must be received by November 1.

Charles D. White,
Conference Secretary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1953

BISHOP HARRELL'S SCHEDULE, 1953

October

- 4—Camden, S. C.
- 11—11:00 a.m., Startex, S. C.
- 12—Pfeiffer College
- 13—Methodist Home for the Aged, Charlotte, N. C.
- 14—Meeting of W.N.C. Conference Dist. Supts., 1st Meth., Charlotte, N. C.
- 16-25—Session of S. C. Conference, Charleston, S. C.
- 27—Emory Univ. Board of Trustees, Atlanta, Ga.

November

- 1—Wesley Memorial Church, Columbia, S. C.
- 4—Advance Program Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8—Mullins, S. C.
- 10—Atlanta, Ga.: Junaluska Board of Trustees meeting.
- 15—China Grove, N. C.
- 18—Columbia, S. C.: Meeting of Dist. Supts., S. C. Conference.
- 22—Lenoir, N. C.
- 28-29—Committee on Policy, Foreign Division, Epworth-by-the-Sea, Ga.

December

- 6—Mt. Olivet Church, Chesterfield, S. C.
- 7—Committee on Crusade for New World Order, Epworth-by-the-Sea, Ga.
- 8-11—Council of Bishops meeting, Epworth-by-the-Sea, Ga.
- 15—Columbia, S. C.: Conference Board of Lay Activities.

District Appointments

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Ralph Taylor, D. S.
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

	October
Mooresville: Jones Memorial, 7:30	14
McKendree, Rocky Mount, 7:30	15
Stony Point, 7:30	16
Helton, 11	18
Warrenville, Smethport, 3	18
Jefferson, Bethany, 7:30	18
Trinity, Shiloh, 7:30	19
Fairgrove, 7:30	20
Claremont, 7:30	21
Pisgah, 7:30	22
Shiloh, 11	25
Monticello—Rose Chapel, Monticello, 7:30	25

November

Hickory, Westview, 7:30	1
Cool Springs, Providence, 7:30	2
North Wilkesboro, Missionary Institute, 7:30	3
Hickory: First, Missionary Institute, 7:30	4
Statesville, Broad Street, Missionary Institute, 7:30	5
Harmony, Clarksburg, 7:30	6
West Jefferson, 11	8
Nathans Creek, Transou, 3	8
Millers Creek, Arbor Grove, 7:30	8
Catawba, 7:30	9
Balls Creek, Pisgah, 7:30	10
Olin, 7:30	11
Troutman, 7:30	12
Union Grove-Zion, Sandy Ridge, 7:30	13
Moravian Falls, Beulah, 11	15
Wilkesboro, 3	15
North Wilkesboro, 7:30	15
Mooresville: Broad Street, 7:30	16
Mooresville: Central, 7:30	17
Centenary, 7:30	19
Lenoir: First, 11 (Dedication of Educational Building)	22
Hickory, Highland 3	22
Hickory: Bethel, 7:30	22
Statesville Circuit, Bethel, 7:30	23
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30	24
Statesville, Broad Street, 7:30	25
Harpers, 11	29
Dudley Shoals, Ebenezer, 3	29
Grace Chapel	29
Newton: Abernethy Memorial, 7:30	30

December

Hickory: First, 7:30	2
Triplett, 7:30	3
Elmwood, 7:30	4
Taylorsville, 11	6
Mt. Bethel, 3	6
Lenoir: First, 7:30	6
Statesville: Race Street, 7:30	7
Hiddenite, 7:30	9
Newton: First, 7:30	10
Littlejohn-Gamewell, Littlejohn, 11	13
South Lenoir, Olivet, 3	13
Whitnel, 7:30	13
Shepherds, 7:30	17
Hudson, 11	27
Rhobiss, 3	27
Granite Falls, 7:30	27

MARION DISTRICT

J. G. Winkler, D. S.
102 West Fort St., Marion, N. C.
First Round

	October
Creston, Riverview 11	18
Green Valley, Roundabout 2:30	18
Watauga, Henson's Chapel 7:00	18
McDowell, Trinity 7:00	19

Rutherfordton 7:30	21
Spindale 7:00	22
Connelly Springs 7:00	23
East Marion 7:00	24
Boone 11:00	25
Boone Ct., Pleasant Valley 3:00	25
Todd, Blackburn's Chapel 7:00	25
Forest City 7:30	26
Cliffside 8:00	27
Morganton, First 7:30	28
North Morganton 7:30	29
Valdese 7:30	30

November

Elk Park 11	1
Avery, Pisgah 3:00	1
Linville Falls, Altamont 7:30	1
Rutherford College 7:30	2
Glen Alpine 7:30	3
Table Rock, Mountain Grove 7:30	4
Morganton Ct., Salem 7:30	5
St. Matthews-Zion, St. Matthews 7:00	6
Bakersville 11:00	8
Red Hill-Tipton, Dayton Bend 3:00	8
Kona 7:30	8
Hildebran-Mt. Harmony, Hildebran 7:30	9
Friendship-Shady Grove, Friendship 7:00	10
Drexel, Zion 7:30	11
Avondale-Henrietta, Avondale 7:00	12
Mt. Hebron, Centennial 7:00	13
Gilkey, Gilboa 11:00	15
Murphy's Chapel 7:00	19
Nebo 11:00	22
Marion Ct., Pleasant Hill 3:00	22
Old Fort Ct., Ebenezer 7:30	22
Caroleen-Alexander, Alexander 7:00	23
Bostic, Oak Grove 7:00	24
Sunshine, Cedar Grove 11:00	29
Broad River, Tanner's Grove 3:00	29
Mills Springs, New Hope 7:00	29

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

J. W. Fitzgerald, D. S.
83 Evelyn Place, Asheville, N. C.
First Round

	October
Acton, 7:30	22
Skyland-Avery's Creek-Skyland, 7:30	23
Abernethy, 11	25
Oak Hill, 3	25
Francis Asbury, 7:30	25
Asbury, 7:30	26
Ivy-Laurel, 7:30	27
Biltmore, 7:30	28
Emma-Riverview-Emma, 7:30	29
Elkwood-Sardis-Elkwood, 7:30	30

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

M. Teague Hipps, D. S.
11 Mock St., Thomasville, N. C.
First Round

	October
Randleman, First, 7:30 p.m.	22
Spring Hill, 7:30 p.m.	23
Dulins, 11 a.m.	25
Cooleemee, 5:30 p.m.	
Liberty, First, 7:30 p.m.	26
Thomasville, Unity, 7:30 p.m.	27
Bethel (Shiloh) 7:30 p.m.	28
Farmer, 7:30	29
Fairfield, 7:30 p.m.	30

SALISBURY DISTRICT

First Round
J. C. Cornette, D. S.
Salisbury, N. C.

The District Stewards meeting, will be held October 13, 2:30 at First church, Salisbury.

District Missionary institutes as follows: Central Concord, 7:30 p.m., October 27; First Salisbury, 7:30, October 28; Central Albemarle, 7:30, October 29.

	October
Yadkin Long St., 7:30	22
Bethel, 7:30	23
Pfeiffer, Richfield, 7:30	24
Providence, 7:30	25
Shiloh, 7:30	26
Midland, Pine Bluff, 7:30	30

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A Good Disposition

By Leon Couch

In the heart of Savannah on U.S. 17 going south is a filling station with a large sign which says "If you can't drive in, smile as you go by." Somehow after reading that sign I felt a cheerfulness spreading a kind of daylight in my mind. The heat had been smoking through me like a chimney and I was in the mood of Bobby Burns when he said "It's hardly in a body's power to keep, at times, from being sour." But after that sign I felt like breasting the dusty air and even caroling as I went. And I fell to thinking about the importance of good dispositions. If it is true, as William James said, that "Human relations are the main thing in life," why do we so little about them? If it is true, as psychologists say, that personality traits are acquired and that characteristics are changeable, why do we not try to get out the scratchy elements of personality so we would be easier to live with? The great educator Edward L. Thorndike said "We devote nearly all our efforts to training the intellect, instead of training the character and emotions, the thing we can do best."

The dictionary defines "disposition" as the act or power of disposing—a temper of mind—an inclination—a tendency. A good temper of mind, a good inclination—a good tendency isn't that the **central purpose of Christianity**? It is more than a **relaxed easy-goingness** which we sometimes think it is. It is a **proper function of the Church of Jesus Christ to manufacture good dispositions**, to develop a sincere interest in and love for people. How many people are buying self-help magazines when all they need to do is open their New Testaments and get help directly? I discovered the letter of Saint James to be a practical case in point. In this string-of-beads letter which Martin Luther once called a right strawy epistle, you have, originally out of the atmosphere of the primitive church, a sermon directed to those who would "worry and putter and push and shove to hunt little mole-hills to make mountains of."

Glistening like a silver star is the central secret of a good disposition. That theme is: The goodly inclined man, with temper and tendency to match, sees opportunity in the difficulties rather than the difficulties in the opportunity. Let us consider some of the traits as we find them in the sermon notes of James.

A Happy Warrior

The Christian is a happy warrior. Franklin D. Roosevelt was not the first man to chant in the face of difficulty "Happy days are here again." James said: "Count it all joy, brethren, when you meet various trials" (1:2). The eye of the Christian is fixed on a leader under a cross. But it does not follow that he need be an unhappy follower. Jesus said: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

"Rejoice and be glad," he said, "for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you." The Christian is not an escapist from his troubles like a man, a runaway, wearing a tight pair of shoes. He is a man capable of devotion rather than a cool "calculating average of all the virtues." He is a man who stands up to life with its various trials knowing that happiness is a fixed attitude of mind—that God's primary purpose is not that he be comfortable or happy but that he have

character and be holy—that if he can't be happy with what he has now he has no guarantee that he will be happier if he gets more.

James says that a man with a good tendency will be a lifter, showing no partiality. "Confess your sin to one another." (5:16). Lift by a shared therapy and then depart from the sheltered group to bring back a sinner from the error of his ways. (5:20). And remember it is possible that the most lonely of the lost can have on a gold ring. Partiality may be shown to the cheerful poor as well as to the miserable rich. Do we greet those with whom we work and live with a cheerful word? Do we go out of our way to make the new comer feel at home? Do we smile in greeting people even when we do not feel like it? O! the friendliness of Jesus. Good dispositions? We have sworn allegiance to One was called a friend of the outcasts and sinners!

Back Up Beliefs With Works

In the next place a man with a good tendency must back up his thinking and beliefs with works. He cannot be a double minded man. He must let steadfastness have its full effect (1:7, 8, 4) if he expects to receive help from the Lord. There must be consistent unity in what one thinks and believes and does. He cannot be like the young lady Dr. Leta Hollingsworth wrote about who wanted to be a missionary and a circus rider, who spent her mornings riding around the pasture on an old gray mare and her afternoons reading the Bible.

In the last place we always associate a good disposition with the ability to control one's temper. Every single one of us knows how the old Negro felt when he said "Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk to some of your angels." This ideling hostility which is a technical term for being on the verge of blowing one's top, is potentially a good thing. If we pray to be rid of our tempers we ask for we know not what. That would be to make us useless to the kingdom of God like a watch without a tempered spring. As Harry Stack Sullivan said of tension so we can say of temper: it is potentially for action.

But temper controlled and used in the interest of others is in a different category from refraining merely from grumbling with one another. There is some truth in the statement that a cup of water will put out a fire if poured in time—that a soft answer turneth away wrath as the wise man Solomon said. But Solomon did not say that soft answers will work after anger gets started. He meant that anger can be stopped if soft answers are given in time. The red faced tourist was having a time changing a tire when a good Samaritan of the Road drew near and asked if there were anything he could do. He took the would-be helper around behind the car and said: "My wife here has very definite views about how this should be done. If you will only talk to her and divert her attention until I can get the tire changed, I'll be eternally grateful to you." It is the stitch in time that is said to save nine. Creative patience is more than refraining from rubbing the fur the wrong way. More than relaxing all the muscles in our bodies when we get angry, though that helps too. More **even** than bridling the tongue—

though thousands of homes would be happier if the church could manufacture brides perfectly to fit specified individuals. Such homes deceive themselves according to James "If anyone **thinks** he is religious and does not bridle his tongue his religion is vain (1:26). Creative patience is being responsive to the frustrations of others—working with mind and heart and hand to build up in them the feeling that they are valuable and wanted and needed.

In the business of Christianity there is always something we can do: Build a better disposition!

"And I so small and useless am
There's nothing I can do
But God, in all His wisdom, said
Just build a better you."

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Our Readers Say . . .

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Dear Friend:

In regards to your letter I just received concerning the renewing of my Christian Advocate I haven't never subscribed for it in the first place. Just discontinue sending it. I don't ever have much time to look at it and I don't belong to The Methodist Church any more and I don't care to take no paper that advertise the Re-vise Standard Virgin.

Name Withheld

MANY REMEMBERED DURING HIS ILLNESS

Dear Editor:

I want to express through the Advocate my profound gratitude to the many hundreds of friends who came to see, or sent me cards expressing an interest in my recovery, or in other ways let me know they were thinking of me and praying for me during my stay in the Duke Hospital where I underwent a major operation. I was there for 19 days, and my people here at Fuquay Springs and former pastorates, particularly Davis Street church, Burlington, and Durham, were as lovely as anyone could ask. One never knows how much he is loved and appreciated until something like this gives the people an opportunity to show their genuine concern. To my brethren in the ministry I am also deeply grateful for their visits and prayers. God was truly with me and my recovery has been satisfactory. The doctors and nurses were kind and efficient and were used by the Great Physician in bringing me safely through. May God richly bless everyone who was so thoughtful and kind and helpful to me in that experience.

Fuquay Springs

S. J. Starnes

GRATITUDE FROM A RETIRED MINISTER

Dear Editor:

Will you please give me space in your paper to express my deepest appreciation to all the Methodist people of the North Carolina Conference for what they are doing for the retired Methodist preachers, their widows and children. Their gifts are most sincerely appreciated. When I say this, I think I am expressing the feeling of all our retired ministers and their families.

May God's richest blessings continue to rest on Methodism!

Durham

T. W. Lee

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

CONSIDER THE LILIES

By Wayne McLain

Sometime ago I was writing a letter to a beloved retired pastor of our conference who has meant much to me along the way and much to my dad and granddad's family, and as I was sealing the envelope I thought he might use or need a little cash.

Later that same day (I was participating in a spiritual life retreat at the Kanuga Assembly Grounds near Hendersonville, N. C.) as I was sitting in the warm sunlight of the Kanuga Grounds overlooking beautiful Kanuga Lake, a fine friend approached and handed me a five dollar bill, the exact amount the

BEAUTY AND LIFE

It's utterly impossible

For blossoms in the spring
To be more beautiful than trees—

Each tree a lovely thing—

Along about October time,

With color everywhere;

To look across a forest then

Means one sure call to prayer.

We call it death—each colored leaf,

That soon to earth must fall;

But look at life connected with

Each falling leaf and all:

A gorgeous covering of earth,

Protecting everything

Which may produce a plant or bloom

When comes again the spring.

Raleigh

Ernest C. Durham

Lord arranged for me to give to my pastor friend.

I asked the kind woman, "Do you have a nickel?"

"Sorry, I don't. I believe I have a dime. Why?" she replied as she handed me a dime.

I then told her that I had given the exact amount she was giving me and that to make the "deal" perfect I needed a little extra so that I would receive "good Methodist measure" pressed down and running over, and also so she would have a good story to tell her Sunday School class. I told her that I would not have said anything to anybody about the contribution which was given me to give to my pastor friend but that the entire affair was so striking and perfectly arranged that it should encourage others to realize that the Lord has His omnipotent hand in our financial affairs. I have added a little here to what I actually told her that day; but that was the essence of it. I would not be recounting this story at all were it not for my faith that it will encourage folks to stop worrying about money and inspire trust in Jesus who gives everything we receive materially and physically and gives us the love to inspire us to give to others as well as giving us something to give others.

I gave only about two regular speeches at the Retreat and received much more from other speakers and friends than I gave. During the Retreat I was given a \$100 honorarium, which more than took care of our needs financially. But that was not all. Just this past week I received a letter from a friend, who with others

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

AIR-CONDITION OUR MINDS

Yes, we can air-condition our minds. Some months ago I was in the great state of Texas. Among other things, I enjoyed the various forms of air-conditioning down there. Hotel rooms, churches, even motor cars are air-conditioned.

My Texas friends assured me that Texas is God's own country, the best country He ever made. Hence I wondered why they were not satisfied with the air God had made for them and wanted to make it over! But I was glad they did, for I enjoyed their air-conditioning.

And we can condition the air of our thoughts. But we cannot quite be trusted to do it healthily all by ourselves. We can make of our minds little ivory towers and keep cool while things around us go to the devil. We cannot live to ourselves like that and be content with our own peace of mind.

We are also in danger of closing our minds to new ideas which ought to disturb us. Closed minds are very hard to cure, because nobody ever comes to a priest or preacher asking to be cured of his narrow-mindedness.

Our minds may imprison us by confining us in vicious circles of thought. Our minds keep recurring to fixed ideas and fears. We go around in circles of frustration. We are like the Indian who thought his blanket was too short and cut off one end and sewed it to the other end, which made it longer.

We often think our trouble is to make both ends meet, when our real trouble is that we are trying to make the means of life into the ends of life.

We need higher help in air-conditioning our minds. Often, I hear people say, "I go to the church where I get something." That is in part a very valid reason for going. The Church should give people something to help them—peace of mind, courage of spirit, freedom from anxiety, even health of body.

But what so many do not go on to see, and what the Church sometimes fails to show, is that we should seek to get something from God only that we may share it. When we go to church to get something, we must ask why we want it. Why do I want peace of mind? Merely that I may be a more stable and helpful member of my group? Why do I want God to give me an attractive personality? Merely that I may be admired and be successful? Or that I may add to the welfare of those who have to associate with me?

The real gifts of God cannot be gotten by people who are wrapped up in their own self-interest. Ben Franklin was wise as usual when he said: "A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle."

Back in World War II days, when anti-Japanese feeling ran high, Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin told a certain congregation about a church which had received a Japanese-American family into membership. After the sermon an elder of the church where Dr. Coffin was preaching came up to him and said, "If one of those little yellow beasts came to this church he wouldn't get my vote for admission." Dr. Coffin replied: "But remember Christ died for them too." The elder answered, "Well, if He did, it wasn't worth His

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Let Us Pray

Our Father, we are apt

To become careless and forget to pray

To think too much about what we want

And not enough about our ability to give

Help us to be free . . . free in the spirit

So we do not bind our lives too much to

things.

We do not want either them or selfish

desires

To rob us of our spiritual freedom

Inspire our devotion to thee,

That we may never be shackled

With chains that tie us too closely

To our own selfishness.

But help us to be free to live

As children of thy Spirit. Amen.

—Carl J. Scherzer
in The Upper Room Pulpit

A LIFT FOR LIVING

while." To which Dr. Coffin quietly replied, "Were you?"

Some time ago I spent a night in a pleasantly air-conditioned hotel room. I left a call to be awakened. When the phone rang, the voice said: "It is seven-thirty and the temperature is 84." Shut in my room I was sheltered from the heat. But I had to go to work. And my business took me out into the heat of the day. Sooner or later we have to do business in God's world. And we better fit ourselves to face it. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

The Kind of Preacher One Layman Wants

Using the title "The Preacher of My Dreams," a writer in a recent issue of the *Virginia Methodist Advocate* who signs his name "An Observing Layman," states the kind of preacher he longs for, as follows:

He starts his services on time and stops on time. Tedious, long drawn-out announcements are not indulged in. Announcements are brief, to the point and as few as possible.

He knows that one of the greatest handicaps to his pulpit work is poor, unimpressive delivery, which could easily be improved by a little thought and study. Especially unimpressive is the speaker who delivers his sermon in a low, conversational tone so that many of his listeners do not hear his words and others strain to catch them. The successful preacher studies his delivery as carefully as he does his sermon.

He does not engage in wise-cracking, ill-advised puns or jokes. Humor is not out of place in the pulpit but is handled with care and judgment.

He guards very carefully his approach to politics and generally avoids politics and sticks to the Gospel of Christ which is his main business.

He does not brag nor talk about the multitude of his tasks and accomplishments, nor does he indulge in talk about his personal ailments.

He avoids peculiar mannerisms in the pulpit.

He does not complain to, nor belabor, his faithful few when the congregation is small and attendance is poor. He knows this practice does not help attendance nor raise a favorable impression among the faithful few.

It is interesting that most of the requirements set forth by this observing layman are simple, practical, down-to-earth. He makes no special demands for intellectual superiority or for unusual piety. He seems just to want his preacher to be himself, to be honest, straightforward, personable, optimistic, cheerful. So any ordinary preacher who uses good, common sense and has a reasonable degree of dedication can satisfy this layman. Of course, he does not make himself clear what he means by politics. We assume he means partisan politics. If so, we agree. But laymen must remember the Gospel has tremendous political implications. The preacher certainly has the right and the obligation to speak on all matters that bear on the spiritual and moral welfare of the people. Naturally, these are tied up with politics. Liquor is in politics. Gambling is in politics. Relations of church and state get tangled in politics. It would be hard to preach on any subject that is relevant to our times without running the risk of touching politics.

On the whole, however, we believe

the preacher who is interested in the kind of self-improvement that will make his ministry more effective will want to study these suggestions.

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Home and Church Can Raise Our Literary Tastes

Church-going parents whose children sometimes seem fonder of the comics than the Sunday School lesson will be interested in a report released recently by Cincinnati's Committee on Evaluation of Comic Books. With 84 trained interviewers, a survey was made of 418 comic books. Of the comics examined, 27 per cent received a "no objection" score; 22 per cent was classified as "some objection"; 34 was described as "objectionable"; and 16 per cent was given a "very objectionable" rating.

Criteria used as a basis for evaluating the books were three—cultural, moral and morbid emotionality.

To meet the moral requirements a comic had to have an uplifting plot, wholesome characters properly dressed for the situation and only an incidental reference to crime.

Among the 115 comics to which no objection was made are "Blondie," "Bugs Bunny," "Jigs and Maggie," "Pogo Possum" and "Popeye." Among the 90 to which objection was raised are "Gang Busters," "Hopalong Cassidy," "Joe Palooka's Adventures," "Superman," and "Dick Tracy."

We do not pretend to know the answer to this problem. Some youngsters, as well as some parents, spend more time with the comics than they do with the Bible. It will be no easy job to get objectionable literature banned from newsstands. However, we can commend newsdealers and newspapers for their efforts to remove offensive features. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, aroused over the Greenlease kidnapping episode, rendered a public service a few days ago when it announced that the "Buz Sawyer" and "Steve Roper" strips would be eliminated temporarily from its pages because both are currently dealing with kidnapping. Censorship is one approach to a very perplexing problem.

But the problem is deeper than mere censorship. By some means the church must help to lift the literary and moral tastes not only of children, but of parents. This, of course, is what all church periodicals and Church Schools are trying to do, though not always

doing the job well. With better support from the home, however, a more effective job can be done.

What we read and see in print will become a part of our lives. Therefore, every parent and church worker is needed in an effort to lift the literary tastes and habits of both children and adults. The home and the Church School working together can accomplish much along this line.

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Methodism Is a Connectional Church

Bishop Gerald Kennedy is author of the following significant words which appeared recently in the *Sunday Bulletin of Edenton Street church, Raleigh*:

Methodism is a fellowship. We are a connectional church, which means that no church can be parochial or isolated. The strong help to bear the burdens of the weak, and we belong together always. We have no place in our fellowship for the prima donna or the star. The church which desires to dwell apart in selfish unconcern for others does not understand its heritage. Methodist preachers form one of the great fraternities in the world, and Methodist churches are held together in close bonds of fellowship one with another. When an official board decides to have no part in the conference program, it is simply saying that other churches must bear an extra burden. When any Methodist preacher refuses to accept his part of a conference obligation, he is simply telling his brethren that they must bear his load in addition to their own. Methodism believes that we are members one of another and we bear one another's sorrow, and one another's joy.

One genius of Methodism is its connectionalism. Its program is connectional; its causes are connectional; its ministry is connectional. When laymen and ministers alike are willing to submerge their own interests and desires for the good of all, the connectional system works with remarkable effectiveness. It is when we begin to develop a congregational system that injustices and inequities arise.

The connectional system, of course, is not perfect. But it works extremely well when individual pastors and congregations in big churches and little churches are willing to lose themselves for the good of the whole. The connectional system calls for sacrifice, love, vision. The system is sound. It can succeed only as all of us believe in it and cooperate to keep it succeeding.

History Of Methodism In Durham

By Dr. B. G. Childs



Church and community records are both quite meager as to the historical beginnings of Methodism in Durham and Durham County. It is known that Bishop Francis Asbury, one of the "founding fathers" of The Methodist Church in America, often visited this section of North Carolina, preached a number of times in Hillsboro, and helped to establish several small churches in this vicinity during the latter part of the 18th century.

In 1830, just half a century after Asbury began his circuit-riding through Carolina, a small day school was established at Orange Grove on the Raleigh and Hillsboro Road about one mile east of the present city of Durham. One of the school's outstanding students was Malbourne A. Angier, who later became the first mayor of Durham.

Two years after the school was opened a Methodist congregation of 30 members was formed, and Rev. William Haynes became their first pastor. The little school-house served the double function of an institution of learning and a house of worship.

In 1861 the members of the Orange Grove congregation, after deciding to remove the church to Durham's (as it was then known), purchased a lot in a grove on the Roxboro Road, now Cleveland Street. This land was sold to the congregation by William Green for the sum of \$150. It is on this same site that the \$500,000 temple of worship, known as Trinity church, now stands.

The new Orange Grove church was built for \$650 and was constructed of "pine lumber with shingle roof, furnished with plain benches and capable of seating 200 to 250 persons." Among the first trustees were William J. Duke and his brother, Washington Duke, together with James Stagg, Archibald Nichols, D. M. Cheek, Z. I. Lyon, and James Barbee.

In 1865 the church was changed in name to the Orange circuit and the following year was changed again, this time to Durham's (or Durham) Methodist Church.

On the twentieth of August, 1869, two motherless boys in their early teens stood before the altar of this plain little Durham meeting-house and spoke the solemn vows of church membership. To pastor and people they promised to support the church and its institutions, and right well did they redeem that promise. Scarcely a single one of the 17 churches built in Durham over a century but has been the recipient of benefactions from one or both of these boys and their aid in promoting the Kingdom has reached around the world. Those two teen-age boys were James B. and Benjamin N. Duke.

The decade which began in 1880 saw a large number of changes of significant interest to Durham Methodists. In 1881 a new structure for the Durham Methodist Church was completed under the leadership of Rev. Jesse A. Cunningham. In 1886 the name of the church was officially designated by the North Carolina Conference as Trinity church, and this name it proudly bears, along with the title of Mother of Durham Methodism.

Trinity Church

The history of Trinity church subsequent to 1886 is no less inspiring than that of the earlier years before she took herself the new name. Its membership and activities continued to grow rapidly, due in large measure to strong pastoral

administration and capable lay direction from outstanding industrial and educational leaders in the city.

The church was enlarged and remodeled several times. In 1893 a handsome structure of brick and granite was erected and it soon came to be recognized as an edifice of extraordinary beauty and attractiveness. Its tall spire drew the attention of all who saw it. Within its walls were numerous inspiring memorials, prominent among them a sculptured interpretation of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper. It was placed there in loving remembrance of Mrs. Nannie Graham Parrish Carr by her husband, General Julian S. Carr.

Within 40 years from the erection of this new structure the membership of Trinity had risen to well over 1,000 persons and the worth of its sanctuary and parsonage had come to be reckoned at approximately \$175,000. Into such a picture the finger of destiny rudely thrust itself when fire destroyed all of the church property on an early Sunday morning in January, 1923.

With characteristic devotion the people set themselves to the task of rebuilding. The cornerstone of a Greater Trinity was laid in October of 1924, and in September following the opening service was held. This new church represented an expenditure of nearly \$400,000 and gave its members opportunity for stronger religious growth and wider service to their fellows. Today Trinity church counts over 1,500 persons on its rolls and estimates its property holdings at half a million dollars.

Duke Memorial

Duke Memorial church had its beginnings in a small Sunday School, established in May, 1886, in one of the factory buildings owned by Washington Duke. Known as Bethany Sunday School, it had only 33 charter members. Shortly after its organization its members began to plan for the development of a church. A lot on the corner of West Main and Gregson streets was donated by Brodie L. Duke and soon afterwards a brick church was erected on the site. Forty-four persons became charter members of the new church, which was given the name of Main Street church, and Rev. Amos Gregson, who had been preaching to the group since its early Bethany days became the first pastor. Washington Duke made a generous donation to the cause, and this permitted the new church structure to be dedicated almost immediately after its completion.

Due to the rapid growth of the congregation, which was stimulated by the opening of Trinity College in Durham, additional building space became necessary. Within two years after the new church was occupied, one annex had to be added, and still another was effected in a short time, made possible through the munificence of Benjamin Duke.

By the turn of the century it became evident that even larger quarters must be provided, so a large lot at the corner of Chapel Hill and Duke streets was purchased in 1906. In the following year the cornerstone of a new church structure was laid and the new sanctuary was opened in June, 1912. Dr. Michael Bradshaw became the first minister to the congregation in its new home.

The change of location from Main Street necessitated a change in name. Since the days of modest beginnings, the Duke family had been actively devoted to all the interests of the new church, both in financial contributions and in service. It was most fitting, then, that the new name should become Duke Memorial church.

In May, 1931, enlarged facilities became available in an Elementary Department building. This splendid new structure has been devoted to the housing of departments of the church school and of administrative offices as well as a church parlor.

Duke Memorial church has two substantial memorial trust funds, one known as the Perpetual Memorial Fund and the other as the Memorial Church Fund, Incorporated. Income from the former fund is to be used in the current budget of the church and the latter for the purposes of the maintenance and extension of the church and its property.

In recent years a handsome church parsonage, worth \$35,000, has been constructed. The present worth of all the church property totals approximately \$750,000. Duke Memorial, with nearly 2,000 members, is the largest Methodist church in Durham and ranks second in size for the North Carolina Conference.

Asbury

Asbury church has every right to think of the contributions of Rev. Reuben Hibberd and Benjamin Duke as being largely responsible for the founding of that church. Mr. Hibberd, who came from England about 1880, soon became very active in religious work in Durham, and at Mr. Duke's suggestion organized a Sunday School in West Durham during the construction of the Erwin Cotton Mills. Mr. Duke gave generously to the cost of constructing the first church building, which was erected at the corner of West Main and Ninth Streets about 1884.

In 1926 the church was moved from its original site to its present location at the corner of West Markham Avenue and Church Street. The congregation voted in 1944 to change the name of the church from West Durham to Asbury. The present church membership of 1,050 persons, which has grown steadily from its 44 charter members, worships in a sanctuary worth more than \$150,000, and presents a church program of real worth to the entire city.

Bethany

The original Bethany church was built in 1892 on the Guess Road just outside the Durham city limits. The land for the church was donated by J. B. Warren and money for the building was contributed by the Washington Duke family and other Methodists.

Bethany has met with its share of problems but has refused to accept ultimate defeat. Circumstances closed its doors once for a decade but with faith and loyalty its members renewed their efforts and re-opened the doors to the ringing of the old bell which has hung in the tower since 1892.

In 1916 Bethany was made a part of the Durham circuit but in 1914 became a station. A new church building was begun in 1949 and completed early in 1951. As of today Bethany church has 350 members, occupies a \$75,000 sanctuary, and finds itself well organized in its church school

program, its women's work, and its youth activities. Difficulties of the past are forgotten; the future is bright because its leaders have reason to hope for years of growth and service.

Branson Memorial

The founding of Branson church appears to have followed the same pattern as discovered in nearly all the other Methodist churches in the city. In 1897 Rev. R. Hibberd and his consecrated wife, together with their little portable organ, opened a small Sunday School on Glenn Avenue, in that part of eastern Durham known as "Little Washington."

Shortly afterwards a plain, frame church was erected on Alston Avenue, and this structure served the congregation for nearly a quarter of a century. In 1923 a new sanctuary, costing \$60,000, was built at the corner of Alston and Angier Avenues and came to be known as Branson Memorial church in honor of Wm. H. Branson. No more fitting tribute could have been paid to the memory of this devoted man, who gave a life of service in church and Sunday School work.

After another 25 years Branson finds itself surrounded by loyal sons and daughters. The church membership is now 600, and the property is estimated to be worth nearly \$100,000. It is rendering invaluable service in its part of our city.

Calvary

The history of this thriving church dates back to the "early eighties," when E. A. Whitaker, an enterprising music dealer and a devoted churchman, opened a small Sunday School mission in the 800 block of North Mangum Street. When Mr. Whitaker moved from Durham, his work was continued by Peter Briggs, Captain E. J. Parrish, and James H. Southgate, all of them consecrated and vigorous laymen in Durham Methodism.

Near the end of the decade in which the mission was formed, Rev. Reuben Hibberd and his wife took over the work of the mission and carried on the Sunday School program and other regular church services. A lot was purchased near the intersection of Cleveland and Mangum Streets, and a chapel was built through the financial aid of Benjamin Duke. The new church was given the name of Mangum Street Methodist Church by the North Carolina Conference upon its admission to that body in 1902.

In 1916 the church was removed to a site at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street and give the title of Calvary Methodist Church. At present the 1,000 members of Calvary church worship in a beautiful \$100,000 edifice and continue to furnish a significant contribution to the religious life of Durham.

Carr

Carr church began in a Sunday School conducted by Mr. W. H. Branson on the fourth floor of the East Durham Cotton Mill. In 1885 Rev. Amos Gregson was appointed to serve as pastor for the congregation, along with his work as pastor of the "West End Mission," later Main Street church and still later Duke Memorial. The following year a church was built and formally organized under the name of Carr church in honor of Julian S. Carr, a devoted churchman for many years.

The first structure consisted of only one room and was used until 1908, when some additions were made. Still another addition was built in 1917.

About 1925 property was secured for a new church on Driver Avenue. In 1932 a Church School unit was constructed and

in 1948 the building of the sanctuary was begun, with completion and occupancy in 1950. The present enrollment at Carr is about 1,000 and the church property is valued at nearly \$20,000.

One of the most unique features in the program at Carr is the Y. E. Smith Community Library, named in memory of the late Y. E. Smith and his wife. It was opened as a branch of the Durham Public Library on January 26, 1944 and to date has loaned out more than 100,000 books. It is open every afternoon during the school year and for the entire day during vacation time.

Duke's Chapel

One of the most inspiring chapters in the history of Durham Methodism could well be written about Duke's Chapel church. Few churches in America, large or small, have exerted greater influence upon a community nor have they extended influence into more remote places of the earth.

Duke's Chapel may well be called "the lengthened shadow of one godly man" —William J. Duke, older brother of Washington Duke. It is rather well known that "Uncle Billie," as he was affectionately called far and wide, was directly influential in getting his younger brother to become a Christian and join the church in the latter's early boyhood. It is not unsafe to say that much of the devotion of Washington Duke to his church, as well as that of the sons who followed, may be traced to the inspiration of William Duke.

For its beginnings Duke's Chapel dips well back toward the opening of the last century. Records show that in 1840 William J. Duke donated one acre of land at a point where the Oxford-Chapel Road crossed the Roxboro-Raleigh Road, several miles north of the present city of Durham. A simple log building, only 30 x 36 feet in dimensions, became the first house of worship, which bore the name of Hebron church. This house was replaced later by a board structure, which is still used for a church, and stands near

the intersection of the Duke Homestead Road and Durham-Roxboro highway.

All of the Duke family attended services here, and the circuit-riding preachers in their regular rounds were often entertained in the Duke home. It is said that in later years James B. Duke paid this tribute to the Methodist circuit-rider of the days of his boyhood: "He was the greatest influence of my whole life save that of my own father."

Some years after 1840 Hebron church was moved to a site on the old Durham-Oxford highway. In time it came to be known as Duke's Chapel, ministering to the needs and aspiration of its people for several generations.

In 1927 the old church building was replaced by a handsome stone structure, pronounced at its completion as one of the most beautiful rural churches in the South. Within the quarter-century which has passed since, Duke's Chapel has continued to serve and to inspire. For several years student pastors from the Duke University Divinity School were its ministers but more recently full-time pastors have been appointed to the church. A splendid stone parsonage, built to match the sanctuary, has been built for the minister and his family.

Today Duke's Chapel has nearly 300 members. Its church property is valued at \$75,000 and its usefulness as a religious center is among the strongest among the institutions of the community.

Epworth

The youngest among the 17 Methodist congregations in Durham and its vicinity bears the name of John Wesley's birthplace, Epworth. Epworth church was formally established in 1951, when the North Carolina Conference officially approved the formation of a congregation and appointed Rev. Carl Newton as its first pastor. Regular Sunday services were begun immediately in the Hope Valley High School, which is conveniently situated within the area to be served.

Within the last few months a one-acre lot on the south-west corner of University

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LEADERS IN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT DURHAM THIS WEEK



Dr. E. L. Hillman, left, as superintendent of the Durham District, is superintendent-host. W. Jasper Smith, conference lay leader, who is in charge of the laymen's activities at the conference.

Alamance Church Dedicated; 450 Attend Young Adult Meet; Sells Has Lake Program

SALEM CHURCH IN ALAMANCE DEDICATED OCTOBER 25

Salem church on the Salem-Chapel charge in Alamance County was dedicated Sunday, October 25, with Dr. E. L. Hillman, superintendent of the Durham District, bringing the message and leading the dedicatory rites. Assisting were two former pastors, Rev. John R. Poe of Burlington and Rev. W. K. Babington of Swepsonville, the present pastor, Rev. W. E. Sewell and the chairman of the building committee, Ted Crawford.

Completed at a cost of \$45,000, the new building contains a sanctuary which seats 250 and twelve classrooms. The church hut, located close by, contains facilities for social occasions. Citizens of the community gave labor, material and money to complete the project. The Duke Foundation also made a contribution.

The building committee, in addition to Ted Crawford, included W. J. Smith and W. G. Shore.

Salem church had its beginning in the first half of the eighteenth century. The first place of worship was a brush arbor which was located near the present building. The first church building was used by various denominations as a union church. Between 1824 and 1828 the church affiliated with the Methodist Protestant Church in which communion it remained until Methodist unification in 1939. The present building is the fourth to be constructed by Salem congregations, the first two being made of logs and the third being a frame structure.

Salem is considered to be the oldest Methodist church in Alamance County.

Mr. Poe was pastor when the new building was begun in 1950 and Mr. Babington was pastor last year when the building program was completed.

GREENSBORO SUBDISTRICT YAF MEETS AT WEST MARKET

The Young Adult Fellowships of the Greensboro Subdistrict met October 17 in the Fellowship Hall of West Market St. church for their regular meeting.

A barbecue supper highlighted the occasion, with an interesting program of music and fellowship arranged by members of the staff of the subdistrict. Some 450 Young Adults attended this meeting.

Special guests for the meeting were Miss Soo Kim, Korean native and student of Greensboro College, who sang hymns with the group; and the Gate City Four Quartet, composed of Paul Frank, Jim Henderson, Baxter Westmoreland, and Bill Baucom, who sang familiar folk songs and barbershop specialties.

An election of "Mr. and Miss Subdistrict" climaxed the meeting with coronation rites, J. C. Troxler of Glenwood and Laura L. Ingram of Muir's Chapel, receiving the honors.

St. Paul's church again won the Attendance Banner, a regular presentation made to the church with the greatest number in attendance at these meetings.

Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, formerly of Centenary church in Greensboro, was past District Director of the Greensboro Subdistrict Young Adult Fellowship. Walter Adams, Jr., President of the Subdistrict, presided at the meeting.

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SELLS TO DIRECT LAKE JUNALUSKA PROGRAM

Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta, executive secretary of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, has been named program director of the denomination's summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

He will assume primary responsibility for program planning in addition to his

regular administrative duties in the council office, it was announced by Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, council chairman.

In mapping the annual agenda of summer conferences, leadership schools and platform speakers, Sells will work closely with Methodist boards and agencies, and officials of the assembly, including Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, chairman of the program committee, and Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., new superintendent of the assembly.

Trustees of the assembly will hold their annual meeting November 10 in Atlanta to review current operations and map future plans.

Lake Junaluska serves Methodists of nine southeastern states as summer program headquarters. Residents of other states also visit the assembly grounds every year.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SET FOR NOVEMBER 11-15

How can Protestants do a better job of teaching religion?

Methodists hope to come up with some of the answers at their national conference on Christian Education November 11-15 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The more than 600 delegates expected will include the church's professional workers in the field, regional volunteer leaders, college teachers, and staff members of the Methodist Board of Education and other general agencies.

"We will not follow the usual pattern of many speeches and tight schedules, but conduct our program on an educational level, using educational methods," promises Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, Los Angeles, conference president. He is executive secretary of the church's Southern California-Arizona annual conference Board of Education.

To avoid the conventional type of meeting, Dr. Harvey and his executive committee called in as consultants three experts in group work to help plan the program. They are: Dr. Ross Snyder, University of Chicago; Dr. Paul Maves of Drew University, and Dr. Warren Schmidt, Cleveland, Ohio, of the Adult Education Association in the U. S. A.

"The general sessions will be build around the program theme, 'Growing Together in Christian Disciplines for Our Task,' especially as this applies to the whole matter of human relationships in our work as educators," Dr. Harvey said.

Laboratory experiences in educational techniques and procedures will be provided daily as delegates divide into six groups to conduct panels, forums and demonstrations. There will be plenty of "buzz sessions," too, Dr. Harvey, said.

Principal speakers will include Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Pittsburgh; Dr. Oscar C. Plumb, pastor of Kenmore Methodist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Chicago, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Social Action and Economics.

The three executive secretaries of the Methodist General Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., will lead discussions on churchwide objectives in the field of religious education. They are: Dr. John Q. Schisler, Division of the Local Church; Dr. John O. Gross, Division of Educational Institutions, and Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of church school publications.



Salem Church

Dual Dedication Held; Benevolent Giving Up; Missionaries Sought for Africa

ASHEVILLE CHURCH, PARSONAGE DEDICATED OCTOBER 25

On Sunday, October 25, the congregation of Abernethy church, Asheville, dedicated the church building and parsonage. Preacher for the occasion was Dr. Edgar H. Nease, Sr., of Mount Airy, and others participating in the impressive rites were: Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, superintendent of the Asheville District; Rev. T. A. Groce, former pastor; and Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., present pastor, who was in charge of the service.

Other events in connection with the dedication were held as follows: October 22, fellowship dinner at which time Mr. Groce gave a summary of his ministry; October 23, open house at the parsonage; and Sunday evening, October 25, when a service of thanksgiving was held, with the charge lay leader, J. Robert Groce, presiding, and members of the Trinity church congregation as guests.

Words of greeting were extended by Judge Guy Weaver, lay leader of the Asheville District, and L. J. Brookshire, president of the Asheville Mission Society. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Louis Shelton, brought special music.

Abernethy church was born out of a meeting of the Asheville Mission Society on March 15, 1946. The name Abernethy was chosen for the new church to honor the late Dr. Logan Berge Abernethy.

Rev. T. A. Groce was appointed pastor and the organization meeting was held October 1, 1946, with 16 members expressing a desire to unite with this new church. The time for closing the charter was set as December 1, 1946, and at that time the membership had grown to 54. At that time the board of stewards was organized with E. D. Chandler as its first chairman, and he continues to serve in this capacity. Mr. Chandler has also served as chairman of the building committees.

The first service was held September 26, 1946, in a building at 1155 Haywood Road. Services continued to be held there until the present church was erected and ready for occupancy. A seven acre tract of land was purchased and a portion of this property was selected for the erection of the church parsonage, the remaining acreage was sold in lots, the proceeds being applied to the building fund. Ground was broken March 26, 1947, for the church building at 1186 Haywood Road, and construction was begun immediately. The church was completed and the first service held December 19, 1948. The formal opening was held March 20, 1949.

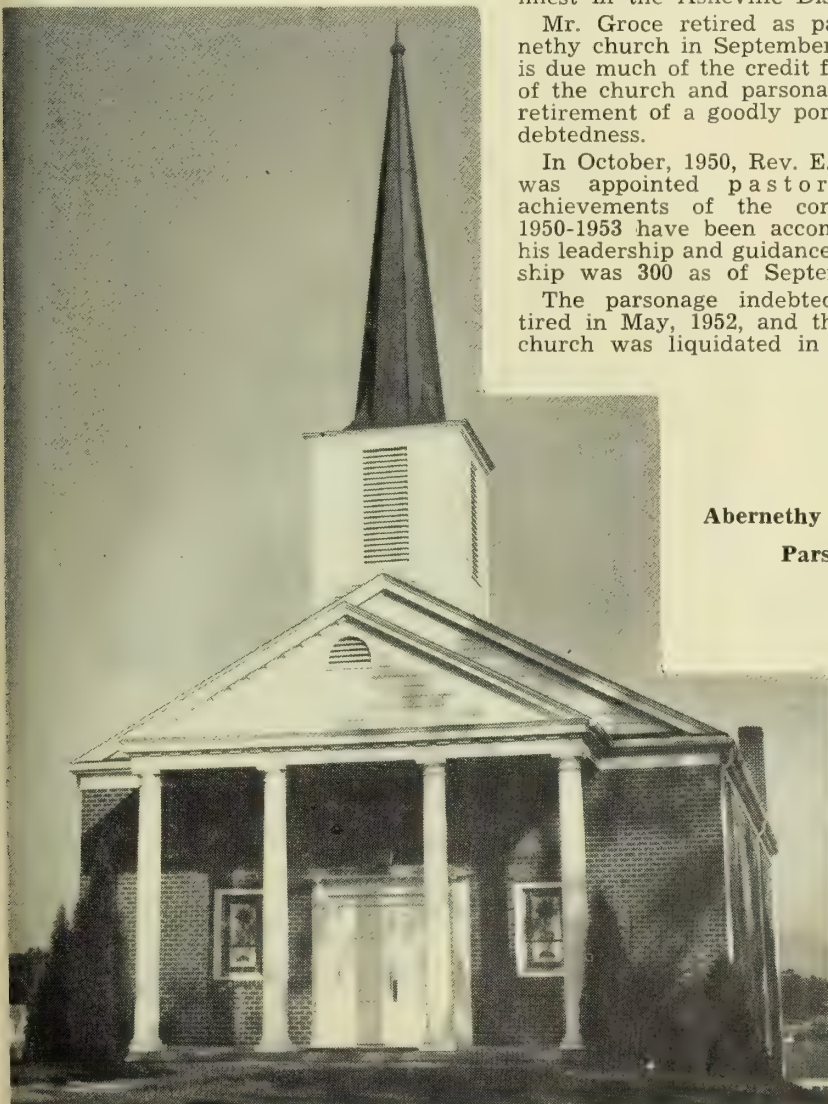
Work on the parsonage was begun in December, 1949, and completed in September, 1950. This building is located at 67 Ormond Avenue and is one of the finest in the Asheville District.

Mr. Groce retired as pastor of Abernethy church in September, 1950. To him is due much of the credit for the erection of the church and parsonage and for the retirement of a goodly portion of the indebtedness.

In October, 1950, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., was appointed pastor. Outstanding achievements of the conference years 1950-1953 have been accomplished under his leadership and guidance. The membership was 300 as of September 30, 1953.

The parsonage indebtedness was retired in May, 1952, and the loan on the church was liquidated in May, 1953.

Abernethy Church and Parsonage



WORLD SERVICE RECEIPTS UP 20% OVER LAST YEAR

Receipts for Methodist World Service during the first third of the current fiscal year totaled 20% more than during the same four-month period last year, according to Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

September receipts amounted to \$743,265.56, bringing the World Service total since June 1 up to \$1,738,779.99. Receipts for September last year were \$504,594.59 and for the first four months of last fiscal year—\$1,447,901.70.

World Service specials and General Advance specials showed a decline of approximately 11 per cent in contrast to the same four-month period last year. Receipts for most other funds administered through the World Service office showed healthy gains.

World Service specials amounted to \$5,816.34 for September. General Advance specials for the month were \$225,406.74. The Week of Dedication receipts totalled \$6,073.67.

The Fellowship of Suffering and Service for September amounted to \$10,338.49, bringing the total for the fiscal year so far up to \$37,713.42—a gain of more than 70 per cent over the first four months last year.

Administrative funds were received as follows during September: Episcopal Fund, \$105,288.36; General Administration, \$30,734.01; International Co-operation Fund, \$27,366.21.

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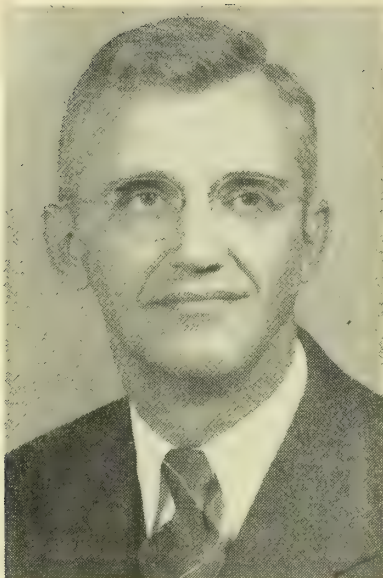
FIFTY ARE SOUGHT FOR AFRICA

Fifty young men and women will go to Africa in 1954 for three years of service under sponsorship of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

Applications are being considered for candidates who will take six weeks of intensive training beginning June 26, 1954. They will begin sailing for Africa in August. Candidates must be unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 28, graduates of accredited colleges, and active members of the church. Their health should be good. They should have an above-average record in scholarship and practical achievement. A knowledge of French, Spanish, or Portuguese will be helpful, but not necessary.

Salary on the field will be approximately \$1,200 per year. In addition, there will be provision for housing, medical care, and sharing in the pension plan of the Board. Travel expenses will be paid to and from the field.

Persons interested in applying should write to Miss J. Marguerite Twinem or Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.



Rev. Burr Baughman

BAUGHMAN TO SPEAK IN MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

Rev. Burr H. Baughman, missionary of The Methodist Church, who has spent the past twenty years in service among the Dyaks of Borneo, as well as among the millions of Malays and Chinese who inhabit that island, will be the speaker in the Statesville, Asheville, Waynesville, Marion and Winston-Salem subdistrict missionary institutes. Mr. Baughman went to the Malay Peninsula as a teacher, shortly after his graduation from college; and while there was ordained to the Methodist ministry by the late Bishop Edwin F. Lee.

When the Japanese invaded the Malay

Peninsula in 1941, Mr. Baughman was serving as principal of the Methodist Boys School in Kuala Lumpur, and also was engaged in evangelistic work among the Sakais, a primitive tribe of people inhabiting the interior jungles of the center of the Peninsula. For a while he evaded arrest by living with the Sakais; but was eventually jailed by the Japanese in a prison in Kuala Lumpur, and later transferred to the notorious Changi Internment Camp near Singapore, Straits Settlements. Here he remained until the end of the war and the liberation of the camp.

In 1948 Mr. Baughman was assigned to take charge of Methodist work among the Sea-Dyaks, the former headhunters who made popular the name of the "wild man from Borneo." He served as district missionary, teacher and district superintendent, with Kapit in the tiny principality of Sarawak as his headquarters.

"My principal work," says Mr. Baughman, "has been in the fields of rural evangelism and in teaching. When I return to Borneo (in 1954) I will have charge of the training of men for the preaching ministry; and I will work also in the preparation of Christian literature for the Dyaks. We hope to erect a new school building Kapit and there minister to Dyaks, Malays and Chinese. Our hope is to make the ministry both Christian and democratic: in this area the Chinese, principally, are being deluged with communist propaganda, and we want to show them another way of life."

Born in Buittenzorg, Java, the son of Methodist missionaries to that Island, Mr. Baughman calls Hendersonville, N. C., where his mother lived until her death a short time ago, his American home. He was educated at the Henderson High School, Duke University, and Garrett Biblical Institute. He first entered mis-

sionary service in 1932 as a teacher in the Anglo-Chinese School in Ipoh, Malaya. Later he served both as pastor and school executive in Singapore, Penang, Seremban, and Malacca, before his assignment to Kuala Lumpur.

The schedule of institutes follows: **Statesville District:** Nov. 3, North Wilkesboro; Nov. 4, Hickory, First; Nov. 5, Statesville, Broad Street. **Asheville District:** Nov. 6, Burnsville; Nov. 8, Asheville, Central; Nov. 9, Hendersonville. **Waynesville District,** Nov. 10, Franklin; Nov. 11, Murphy; Nov. 12, Whittier; Nov. 13, Waynesville. **Marion District:** Nov. 15, Rutherfordton at 2:30 p.m. and First church, Marion, at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 16, Spruce Pine; Nov. 17, Boone; Nov. 18, First Moranton. **Winston-Salem District:** Nov. 19, Ardmore, Winston-Salem; Nov. 20, Central, Mt. Airy; Nov. 22, First, Elkin. The meetings are set for 7:30 p.m. and are in charge of Rev. H. R. McSwain, conference missionary secretary.

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UNITED NATIONS WEEK OBSERVED AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

United Nations Week, October 18-23, was observed at Greensboro College under the auspices of the International Relations Club. "The U. N.'s Part in the World" was the theme of a panel discussion Monday evening. Mrs. Raymond A. Smith discussed the U. N. in chapel Tuesday. WFMY presented a TV panel Wednesday afternoon. Also that afternoon Dr. Green of Catawba College gave an address on World Federalism and the U. N. "The Religions of the United Nations" was the theme of a panel discussion Thursday morning at chapel. In charge was Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president, with the panel made up of Ann Acey of Virginia, Lee D. Weiland of Brazil and Jo Schwartz of Europe.

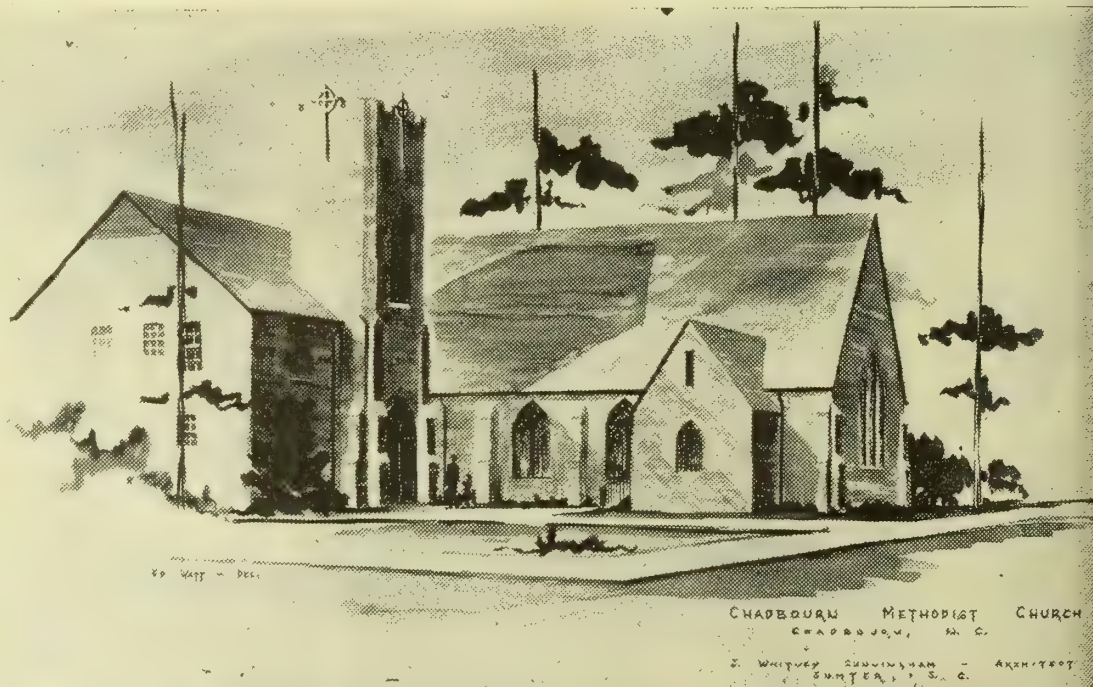
CHADBOURN METHODISTS OPEN NEW CHURCH BUILDING

On Sunday, October 4, Chadbourn Methodists held the opening service in the new church. Conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Vale, this service climaxed a building program begun in February, 1951, and recently completed.

The building fund was begun in 1942, during the pastorate of Rev. W. L. Loy, who received a gift of \$1,000 from D. D. Bruton, present lay leader of Chadbourn charge, to initiate a building fund. Successive pastors J. W. Lineberger, C. J. Andrews, and C. E. Vale continued this fund-raising project. During Mr. Vale's pastorate it was decided to start the building and raise funds simultaneously.

In the three year period of construction, 215 loyal Methodists have raised approximately \$36,000 for the building and have received a gift of \$1,500 from the Board of Missions and Church Extension. When completely furnished and equipped, the church will have cost an estimated \$75,000.

Members of the Building Committee are D. D. Bruton, chairman, J. B. Bardin, J. E. Koonce, T. O. Goodman, Mrs. W. F. Yates, J. W. Mooney, and W. D. Bullard.



The modified English Gothic church, built of Wake County Brownstone, replaces the frame structure which has served the congregation for fifty years. It contains an adequate education division

which is being furnished by various organizations within the church.

Mr. Vale is completing his fourth year on the Chadbourn charge.

N. C. Conference Reports 12,994 Subscriptions to N. C. Christian Advocate

Churches of the North Carolina Conference report 12,994 subscriptions for the Conference year just ending. Churches sending the Advocate to every family are indicated with a *. Additional stars indicate the number of churches on the charge 100%. Unassigned subscriptions bring the total to more than 13,500, to make a total of 24,500 weekly circulation for both conferences.

Durham District		Perquimans**	45	Grifton	8	Conway***	209
H. B. Lewis,		Plymouth	60	Grimesland	6	Elm City	23
district director		Roper	14	Havelock	31	Enfield	36
Undesignated	57	South Camden	30	Hookerton	18	Evansdale-Winstead	39
Alamance	77	South Mills	27	Kinston, Queen St.	82	Farmville**	157
Andrews-Fletcher	1	Stumpy Point	9	Westminister	10	Gaston-Shiloh	80
Bahama	6	Swan Quarter	10	LaGrange*	125	Halifax	22
Brooksdale	3	Wanchese	25	Marshallburg	43	Kenly	48
Burlington, Fountain Pl.	3	Washington, First	11	Maysville	18	Littleton	75
Davis Street	45	Washington Ct.	26	Morehead City*	213	Littleton Ct.	14
Bynum	29	Williamston*	95	Franklin Memorial	19	Middleburg	16
Front Street	37	Windsor	18	Mt. Olive	20	Nash Ct.	7
Glen Raven	21	TOTAL	1452	Mt. Olive Ct.	3	Nashville	131
Trinity*	70	Fayetteville District		New Bern, Centenary	36	Norlina	51
Webb Avenue	4	L. A. Tilley		New Bern, Riverside	18	Northampton*	116
West Burlington	19	district director		Newport	21	Pinetops	9
Burlington Ct.	4	Aberdeen*	58	Ocracoke	3	Rich Square	129
Butner	4	Biscoe***	175	Oriental	5	Roanoke Ct.	4
Carrboro	11	Broadway*	47	Pikeville*	74	Roanoke Rapids, First	86
Cedar Grove*	119	Caledonia**	50	Pine Forest*	91	Rosemary*	205
Chapel Hill	11	Carthage*	134	Pink Hill	30	Robersonville	61
Durham, Asbury	18	Cordova	25	Seven Springs	7	Rocky Mt. Clark St.	31
Bethany	26	Ellerbe	100	Snow Hill	34	First	56
Branson	2	Calvary	18	Stonewall	23	Marvin	13
Calvary	3	Eastover***	107	Straits	15	St. Paul*	35
Carr	2	Gardner's Chapel	9	Trenton	8	Scotland Neck	36
Duke Memorial	39	Fayetteville, Haymount	65	Vanceboro	1	Seaboard	5
Duke Chapel	2	Hay St.*	505	Vanceboro Ct.*	19	Spring Ch-Garysburg	20
Lakewood	2	Northmount*	104	Walstonburg	8	Spring Hope	22
Maybrook	1	Johnson Memorial*	46	Wayne Ct.*	60	Stantonsburg	33
St. Paul	4	Wesley Heights*	52	TOTAL	2243	Tarboro	3
Trinity	19	Person St.*	33	Raleigh District		Warren	28
Durham Ct.	1	Fayetteville Ct.**	215	W. L. Loy, district director		Warrenton**	119
Fairview	16	Glendon	56	Raleigh Undesignated	64	Weldon	106
Graham	44	Goldston****	80	Apex	11	West Halifax	13
Hillsboro	22	Hamlet*	356	Bailey	8	Whitakers*	65
Haw River	13	Hope Mills*	38	Benson	10	Wilson	71
Leasburg	9	Laurel Hill**	90	Cary	11	TOTAL	2293
Mebane	22	Laurinburg*	169	Clayton	24	Wilmington District	
Merrits-Orange	4	Maxton	11	Creedmoor	16	W. A. Crow	
Milton	2	Mt. Gilead*	94	Dunn	36	district director	
Mt. Herman	4	Mt. Gilead Ct.	19	Erwin	6	Undesignated	25
Mt. Sylvan*	23	Parkton	25	Four Oaks	6	Barnesville	1
Mt. Tirzah	11	Spring Lake*	10	Franklinton	1	Bladen	4
Orange	6	Pine Bluff	23	Fuquay Springs	63	Burgaw	6
Person	67	Raeford*	64	Garner Ct.*	82	Carolina Beach	5
Pittsboro	32	Red Springs	63	Garner-Ebenezer	17	Carver's Creek	2
Pittsboro Ct.	1	Robbins*	84	Granville	9	Chadbourn	6
Rougemont	17	Robbins Ct.	27	Gray Rock Ct.	2	Clinton	79
Roxboro-Caval	12	Roberdell*	54	Henderson, First	64	Clinton Ct.	5
Long's Chapel	17	East Rockingham**	87	White Memorial	8	Council	5
Roxboro Ct.	5	West Rockingham	82	City Road	10	Dublin Ct.	4
Salem	2	Rowland*	72	Kipling	48	Elizabethtown**	224
Saxapahaw	37	Rockingham, First*	244	Fair Bluff	47	Faison	18
Sweepsonville	22	St. Johns-Gibson	46	Lillington	19	Fairmont	18
Whitney Cross	2	St. Pauls	93	Louisburg	12	Garland	7
Yanceyville	17	Jonesboro Heights*	87	Louisburg Ct.	1	Hallsboro	4
TOTAL	1046	Sanford, Steele St.	63	Mamers	5	Jacksonville	17
Elizabeth City District		Siler City	43	Moncure	7	Lumberton Ct.	2
E. B. Edwards		Siler City Ct.	59	Mt. Pleasant*	21	Lumberton	52
district director		Stedman	15	Newton Grove	30	Pembroke Ct.	20
Undesignated	42	Troy*	164	Oxford	56	Pembroke, First	11
Ahoskie	90	West End	15	Oxford Ct.	7	Richlands	30
Aulander	49	West End Ct.	2	Princeton	4	Rocky Point Ct.	2
Bath	49	Vass*	39	Raleigh, Edenton St.	55	Roseboro	7
Belhaven	45	Fayetteville District	34	Fairmont	5	Rose Hill	9
Chowan	41	TOTAL	4182	Hayes Barton	9	Scotts Hill	46
Columbia	74	New Bern District		Jenkins Memorial	2	Shalotte	27
Creswell	22	C. M. Fogleman Jr.,		Longview	1	Southport	3
Currituck	2	district director		Trinity	3	Swansboro	1
Edenton	9	Undesignated	51	Wesley Memorial	8	Tabor City	49
Elizabeth City, City Rd.	13	Atlantic	27	Pleasant Grove	26	Town Creek	2
First	33	Aurora	25	Selma	6	Waccamaw	13
Gatesville**	69	Ayden*	140	Smithfield	57	Wallace	12
Hatteras	82	Beaufort	9	Stem-Bullocks	7	Warsaw	32
Hertford	33	Beaufort Ct.*	60	Tar River	27	Whiteville	15
Kennakeet	1	Bridgeton	15	Vance	11	Wilmington, Grace	6
Kitty Hawk	39	Dover*	37	Zebulon-Wendell	25	Trinity	24
Manteo*	89	Fremont	22	TOTAL	950	Fifth Avenue	21
Mattamuskeet	55	Goldsboro, Daniels Mem.	25	Rocky Mount District		Sunset Park	7
Murfreesboro	62	St. Luke*	121	Rocky Mt. Undesignated	25	Wesley Memorial	2
North Gates**	116	St. Paul*	590	Battleboro	3	TOTAL	828
Pasquotank	77	Goldsboro Ct.*	41	Bethel*	92	GRAND TOTAL	12,994
		Greenville, Jarvis Mem.	41				
		St. James	2				

YOUTH EMPHASIS DAY

North Carolina Annual Conference

DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, DURHAM, N. C.

Saturday, October 31, 1953

PURPOSE: *To arouse the entire church—ministers, workers with youth, laymen—to give special attention to youth during the quadrennium 1952-56.*

- Strengthen the Faith of Youth
- Win Youth to Christ
- Improve the MYF

3:00-5:30 p.m. Workshop for Adult Workers With Youth

- *For:* Pastors and Adult Workers with Youth—teachers, counselors, church school superintendents—in the North Carolina Conference.
- *Purpose:* To study Ways and Means of improving and extending the Youth Program in the local church.
- *Leaders:* Miss Clarice Bowman of High Point College; Rev. F. R. Dail, Chairman of the Youth Emphasis Committee; Rev. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary; Rev. Wallace Kirby, Acting Director of Youth Work; the District Directors of Youth Work; and members of the Youth Emphasis Committee.

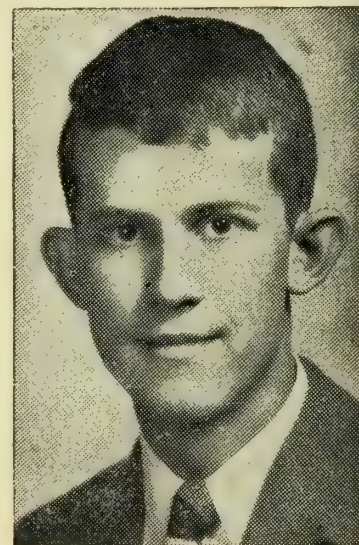
7:30 p.m. Youth Emphasis Night

- Bishop Paul N. Garbèr, Presiding
- *Hymn Sing:* Led by Rev. Wallace Kirby, Acting Director of Youth Work.
- *Drama:* MYF, St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, N. C.
- *Panel Discussion:* "What Can Adults Do About the Youth Emphasis?"
Moderator: Miss Clarice Bowman, of High Point College.
- *Worship:* Led by Rev. Robert Regan, Jr.
Address: Mr. Jameson Jones, Editor of *Concern*, Nashville, Tennessee.
Special Music: Durham High School Glee Club, R. Glenn Starnes, Director.



MISS CLARICE BOWMAN
Professor of Philosophy and Religious Education, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

Charter a bus. . . .
Fill a car. . . .
Ride the train. . . .
Come by plane. . . .
Hitchhike your way. . . .
but Come to
"Youth Emphasis Day"
of the Annual Conference,
Duke Memorial Church,
Durham.
Saturday, October 31



MR. JAMESON JONES
Editor of "Concern" magazine, Nashville, Tennessee, and past president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Women Protest Liquor Ads; News from Raleigh, Rocky Mt., Durham, Elizabeth City Districts

A WORTHY EXAMPLE

Presidents of the local Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the New Hanover Subdistrict, meeting at the home of the subdistrict leader, Mrs. Thomas Hunter of Wilmington, voted to present a petition to the women of their respective churches, protesting the advertisement of alcoholic beverages. "This may not stop the advertising altogether," Mr. Hunter told the group, "but it will at least let people know how Christian women feel about it."

This action by the women of New Hanover subdistrict was commended by members of the conference executive committee at their fall meeting at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh recently, as one worthy of emulation by all local WSCS and WSG.

RALEIGH DISTRICT OFFICERS MEET

"Raleigh District led the other six districts in finances last year, and the Week of Prayer and Self-denial offerings were larger than in any other year," Mrs. H. A. Davis, conference treasurer, told members of the Raleigh District executive committee meeting at the S & W Cafeteria in Raleigh on October 2.

Other advances in the work were noted in the report of each district officer, particularly in the field of literature and publications when Mrs. L. D. Gill reported that sales of literature in the district have increased from \$20.95 in 1949-50 to \$105.97 in 1952-53. Others officers reporting were Mrs. R. E. Prince, vice president; Mrs. E. G. Royster, treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, promotion secretary; Mrs. J. M. Carr, missionary education and service; Mrs. Ralph Johnson, CSR and LCA; Mrs. D. H. Sutton, student work; Mrs. Frank Spruill, youth work; Mrs. Tom Collins, children's work; Mrs. T. G. Stem, spiritual life; and the subdistrict leaders, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. Harry Ellington, and Mrs. P. G. Parker. Mrs. Stem led the devotional. Mrs. M. M. Person, district president, gave the highlights of the recent meeting of the conference executive committee.

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT BOARD

Nineteen district officers and one conference officer attended the fall meeting of the Rocky Mount District WSCS in the home of Mrs. J. R. Braswell, Whitakers, with Mrs. S. W. Anderson as co-hostess.

A workshop was held, programs for the subdistrict meetings were planned, and reports of officers were heard.

The recording secretary was asked to write to the secretary of defense, Washington, D. C., protesting the new order relating to selling alcoholic beverages in the armed services.

Mrs. J. C. Burwell, conference secretary of spiritual life, urged that the observance of the Week of Prayer shall be truly a Week of Prayer and Self-denial.

DURHAM DISTRICT SEMINAR

The Durham District Seminar, held in the Pittsboro Methodist Church, September 25, featured a skit, "The Local Program Committee Discusses the Total Educational Program of the Local Society for 1953-54," a talk on the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Norman Wood, Conference Secretary WSG; group meetings for the presentation of the current mission study courses, and the opening and clos-

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ing devotionals by Rev. Brooks Patten, and Mrs. Sudie B. Warren, respectively.

The group meetings were led by Mrs. C. G. Jennings, Mrs. C. M. Allen, Mrs. C. C. Wiggers and Mrs. J. E. Garlington. Resource persons for the meeting were Mrs. J. A. Warren, Mrs. C. D. Barclift and Mrs. C. M. Allen.

DURHAM SUBDISTRICT MEETS

"The School of Missions and Christian Service for The North Carolina Conference WSCS will be held at Duke University, August 21-26, 1954," Mrs. H. I. Glass, conference president, announced in an address before the Durham subdistrict in session at Fletcher's Chapel, Oct. 8. "Plans have been underway for sometime to have the school set up at Duke University," Mrs. Glass said, "but only this morning was the date definitely set for next August."

Mrs. Wilmer Smith, leader for the Durham subdistrict, presided, and announced the theme, "Sowing Good Seed." Rev. Frank E. Weir, pastor of the hostess church, led the opening meditation.

Mrs. Ed Roberts was presented a life membership by Mrs. R. E. Sutherlin, president of the Bethany WSCS.

A committee, named to study the feasibility of dividing the subdistrict, included Mrs. A. H. Borland, chairman, Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. R. E. Sutherlin, Mrs. Mae Brady and Mrs. A. T. Weatherly.

Mrs. E. S. Raper, district secretary of literature and publications, presented the "Combination O" plans for subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and The World Outlook.

Mrs. John R. Poe, district secretary of promotion, emphasized the good points brought out in the reports of the presidents of the local WSCS.

Lunch was served to approximately 80 women, representing 14 societies in the Durham District.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT WSG MEETS

Challenging and inspiring were the reports of the officers of the Elizabeth City District Wesleyan Service Guild at the annual meeting in the Methodist church, Edenton, on October 4, according to Mrs. M. O. Fletcher, district WSG secretary.

Among other chief features of the meeting were talks including "The History of the District WSG," Miss Elizabeth Raulfs; "Highlights of The Spiritual Life Retreat," Mrs. Earl Ross; "Supply Work," Mrs. Dorothy Johnson; the devotional led by Mrs. Frank Elliott, and a film strip, "Christian Social Relations." Mrs. Harry Lassiter extended the welcome. Mrs. Mary Grady Barnhill responded.

The 1954 meeting will be held in the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR LOCAL WSCS

Mrs. J. B. Hipps, missionary to China for thirty years, guest speaker at a recent dinner meeting of the Ruth Mercer Circle of the WSCS of the Franklinton Methodist Church, presented a picture of life in China before and after the invasion by the Communists. Pointing out that the Chinese are hungry, both physically and spiritually, she said that they will be fed either by communism, or by Christianity. "In spite of the dark picture," she said, "Christian women should always remember that God is on their side."

Miss Mary Ayscue told members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Hayes Barton Methodist Church at their September meeting that now we live in an age entirely different than the one in which "Pilgrim's Progress" was almost the only book with a religious theme, with the exception of the Bible. "Now the book stores and libraries are literally full of hundreds of volumes of religious literature," she said.

Miss Ayscue, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Raleigh, was introduced by Mrs. Roger Moore.

The speaker graphically related something of the type of approximately 20 current books, through each of which runs a religious theme, the class of people to which each book might appeal, and facts concerning the authors.

WFMW IN AUSTRIA

"In Austria we have in our churches 10 missionary societies, with 218 women," Mrs. Hermine Dressler, official correspondent for the World Federation of Methodist Women Unit in Austria, reports. "These are small numbers, but our women's societies are important in our mission work in Austria. I can say that our women are exerted to fulfill the great program of 'Twelve Fruits To His Glory.' We had our yearly conference last October. Much Christian service and many works of charity were reported. We are all poor people, manifold in great need, widows and orphans, but creative faculties of our women are helpful. Perhaps you cannot imagine what a great help your parcels containing clothing, remnants of linen and woolen materials are to us. This is the only way many of our women can make the necessary things. For some time after the war, we could not work for foreign missions; we had to hold together all strength in the interest of home missions. How dreadful had been the destruction. How terrifying was the despair. But also, how glorious was our Heavenly Father's consolation and keeping, we can never forget it, and never, too, what you have done during the times of our most severe needs, to help us. Last year, and also this year, we tried to help foreign missions for North Africa. Our strength is small, but our hearts are wide. We are informed of the program of missions in India, East Africa, and Malaya by literature from America. This year is a special year here for evangelism, and we pray that God may prepare our congregations, and have many children born of the Holy Spirit.

"You see, the Austrian women are going forward toward the same goal as yours, and we are happy to be a little link in the chain which is encircling the world with prayer and thoughts of love and peace. Receive our best greetings, and do not forget us in the future."

Health Record Good; Crop Yields Fair; Team Has 4-2 Record; Clothing Checks Arrive

LINE UPON LINE

Some weeks ago we inquired of the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate as to whether it would be fair to other church interests for The Children's Home to have one full page free of charge in every other issue of the paper. The editor replied on this wise: "I think that both the Advocate and The Children's Home would sustain a loss if The Children's Home page would be eliminated." We are therefore continuing to write about our family as it grows and goes from one interest into another. We deeply appreciate the consideration that the editor of our church paper gives our project.

GOOD HEALTH

We were at the infirmary this morning when four promising young doctors alighted from their car to come into our infirmary for such routine checking as happens at least twice a week. We noted that this group listed one woman doctor, one who had not lost her ability to smile. Of course all the doctors were promising in their field of service and from time to time render mighty good aid to our children. We note that there are more women in this field of service than used to prevail. A visit made to the infirmary a few days earlier indicated that only one child was in bed. This morning there were five children who had to come in with some minor ailments. When greeting the youngsters from time to time we have noticed that they have very much in mind the time when they will be released and can be about their normal activities. The health record of our youngsters has been unusually good for the past several months.

BUSY YOUNGSTERS

Every day and every hour of the day offer something worth while for our youngsters to do. Now that school days are back with us, there is a time for eating, a time for working, and a time for playing. The school days are so arranged as to offer interesting opportunities for enjoying the comradeship of one another. Ample playgrounds offer our boys and girls an opportunity to enjoy the physical activities that are so meaningful to them. During these fine Indian summer days our youngsters are dated up in such a way as to be most profitable to them. When the day is over there comes a study period and after that a brief worship period and then off to sleep they go. The getting up time next morning runs all the way from 3:30 to 6 o'clock. Certain ones of the dairy boys are up and about the milking of the cows very early in the morning. These fine young fellows alternate, one group getting up very early every other morning, thus enabling the youngsters to get the necessary amount of sleep.

BUNDLE OF SMILES

The picture herewith presented is June Harris. When this same picture was presented two weeks ago the little girl was listed as being sponsored by the Builders Class at College Place, Greensboro. As a matter of fact, the credit for sponsoring little June should have been listed with the Davidson Bible Class of Gibsonville, Mrs. D. M. Davidson being the correspondent. Jane Harris is sponsored by the

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A Bundle of Smiles

Builders Class but June is sponsored by the fine body of women in Gibsonville. Our Gibsonville friends have been interested in sponsoring one of our children for a long time and not for a moment would we desire to get tangled up in listing June where Jane belongs.

OUR BALL TEAM

At the beginning of the season we had some wonder as to what our "Little Boy Blues" would do on the varsity football team this fall. We sometimes shuddered at what might happen to them when going up against some big weighted fellows on the other teams in the South Piedmont Conference. So far our team has played good ball, having won four games and lost only two games. In the last game played little "Peanut" Perdue, weighing only 130 pounds, took the kick-off and ran through the entire opposing team for a seventy-yard touchdown. Other games are to be played and they may cause the ratio of wins to lessen in comparison to the lossage. However this may be, our boys will no doubt give a good account of themselves.

FARMING RECORDS

Two of our big trucks have just passed by loaded with corn. In spite of the severe drought our corn crib will be filled with matured ears of good corn. We were fortunate in having some forty acres of bottom land in corn which yielded a right good crop. Most of the upland corn

was not worth much. Over a hundred acres of small grain has been sowed and has come up with a good stand. Other sowings will be delayed until the corn can be gathered from the fields. The truck farm force reports a yield of over sixteen hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, a much larger crop than last year. The Irish potato crop was small and from now on throughout the winter we will have to purchase the Irish potatoes we will need.

SPONSORING CHILDREN

We are receiving a number of inquiries as to whether there is an available child for sponsoring. We so far have been enabled to provide the youngsters for the inquiring groups. Due to the fact that there is a continued turnover of boys and girls coming to us and returning to re-established homes it is necessary to have a relisting of some of the sponsored children. Our friends have been mighty good about accepting such changes as we have conferred with them about from time to time. Due to the fact that so many inquiries have reached us, we have discontinued the allocation of more than one child to the group, except in instances where there are twins. Our sponsors are now forwarding their checks for payments for the purchases of clothing already made. Some of our sponsors have increased their contributions as they remind us that their sponsored child is growing larger and therefore needs additional articles of clothing. This is a matter each group of sponsors does without any reminders from us. The sponsoring of our children is intended to be a happy matter and, therefore, freed from any anxiety about raising the money that goes with it.

CHRISTMAS INQUIRIES

Already enterprising correspondents from the sponsoring groups are writing us with reference to what they may give as a Christmas present to their sponsored child. Within a short while we will receive a list of our boys and girls in each building, with a notation of what they would like to have sent to them in the event their sponsors inquire about it. This process will be continued on up into December. This voluntary consideration ties the sponsors to their sponsored children in a very personal way.

SENIOR PICTURES

It seems almost unbelievable that we are now sufficiently far along in another school year as to attend to the matter of photographing each member of our senior class for being placed in the high school annual. This year we have fourteen boys and seven girls in the senior class, a very unusual set-up so far as the number of boys is concerned.

FIFTY-TWO YEARS

This scribe while in attendance upon the Commission of Education for the Local Church, had an opportunity to hobnob with his long-time friend, T. B. Dixon, superintendent of the Centenary Winston-Salem church school. In our conversation Friend Dixon stated that he had been superintendent of a Sunday school for fifty-two years, including the time he was superintendent of a Sunday school in Georgia. There is not a better fellow anywhere than Friend Dixon. He never stops to think about whether he is tired when an opportunity comes for him to aid in the matter of Christian education in the local church.

The Liquor Traffic

By Charles M. Laymon

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 5:21; 6:4

If we were told that within the next 12 months 40,000 delinquent children would be committed to institutions in the United States, we would find such a statement difficult to believe. And if we were informed further that within the same period over 200,000 additional boys and girls would become involved in serious misdemeanors, our incredulity would be expressed openly. Yet this is the estimate which is given us.

"But is this inevitable?" we ask. The answer is a definite "No." Among those who have faced the question, invariably the conclusion has been that if home life were adequate, juvenile delinquency would lessen greatly.

In thinking of this ideal home environment which is needed, we are helped by the author of Deuteronomy in today's lesson. He urged the parents of his time to teach their children the great commandment: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall Love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut. 6:4).

He advocated further that this word should be discussed as they sat in their

houses. Home instruction in religion, he insisted, was a major responsibility for mothers and fathers. Shall we not agree?

Nothing can take the place, likewise, of family love if young people are to be kept from becoming social delinquents. A loveless home breeds insecurity in the lives of children.

The words of Ephesians concerning love in the household between husbands, wives, and children are much to the point here (Eph. 5:21-33). If the love of Christ binds the family together, it will be difficult for one to turn from such an atmosphere into a life of crime.

In addition to love, there should be obedience in the ideal home. Today's Scripture stresses this also when it says: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Eph. 6:1). Respect for all authority begins in the family circle. If it is not found here, it will not show itself later in public life.

If religious instruction, Christian love, and respect for authority had been more marked in our homes, perhaps the newly appointed Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency might never have been named. As it is, 20 cities are to become targets for youth probes.

HISTORY OF METHODISM IN DURHAM

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Drive and Hope Valley Road has been purchased for \$10,500 cash. Leaders entertain strong hopes for erecting a structure in the not too distant future as a church home for this young, pioneering congregation. Occupying a most strategic location, Epworth should grow into one of the outstanding Methodist churches of the community.

Lakewood

It has been said that every Methodist Church in Durham, except Trinity, had its beginning in a Sunday School; Lakewood church is no exception to that general assertion. A Methodist Sunday School was begun in the Lakewood School building during the early years of the twentieth century. To this effort Reuben Hibberd lent his usual devotion and leadership. A church was formally organized in 1909 with the late Dr. Thos. M. Grant as the first pastor, and a new church building was erected on Lakewood Avenue in 1911. Later a parsonage was constructed, as well as a log cabin, which was used for educational and recreational purposes.

Within the last few years the Lakewood congregation has decided to move from its original site and erect a new church edifice. In November of 1952 ground was broken on a beautiful lot situated at Huron Circle and Chapel Hill Road. A new church structure, to cost approximately \$75,000 and be capable of seating 300 persons, is now under construction—and, it is hoped, will be occupied before the close of the present conference year.

Maybrook-Massey

By a recent decision of the North Carolina Conference one of the youngest and one of the oldest of the Methodist churches within the environs of Durham have been placed upon the same pastoral charge. The older of the two, Massey's

Chapel has a long and honorable history. It was erected prior to the Civil War, with John Massey as the principal donor. One of his sons, Rev. L. S. Massey, retired, is the second oldest living member of the North Carolina Conference in terms of seniority. The church is situated in the southern part of Durham County, just off the Fayetteville Road and about eight miles from the city. It has about 40 members and its church property is worth about \$2,000.

Maybrook church was erected in 1949, largely through the assistance of the Durham Methodist Society. It stands on Ellis Road, not far from the site of old Orange Grove church, forerunner of all Methodist churches in and around Durham. There are 70 members in the Maybrook congregation and its sanctuary is estimated to be worth \$10,000.

St. Paul

St. Paul church, located in the northern section of the city, is one of the newer churches in Durham Methodism. The earliest efforts at congregational worship were in the nature of twilight vespers, sponsored by the Durham Methodist Society and conducted during the summer of 1943.

The executive secretary of the Durham Methodist Society, Rev. Leon Couch, was placed in charge of the vespers and was requested to explore the possibilities of establishing a church in that area. Sufficient interest was found to justify the organization of a congregation, and Rev. M. D. Fleming was appointed the first pastor by the N. C. Conference. Upon Mr. Fleming's transfer Mr. Couch took over the pastorate on a part-time basis.

In March, 1944 the church was formally constituted as St. Paul Methodist Church with 23 charter members. Property was purchased at the corner of Roxboro Road and Hammond Street and The Little Chapel was built. The chapel was occupied on Jan. 21, 1945.

Not too many years have intervened

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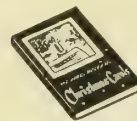
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MAGNANIMITY

By S. L. Morgan

Recently the **Smithfield Herald**, one of the best small-town newspapers in the state, carried a story that was a gem. It was the story of two Negro country girls, Ardesial Williams and Elizabeth Barnes. They graduated together from high school, first and second in their class, and have entered college together. They were close rivals, also close friends.

The newspaper properly gave the story front-page space under the striking headline, "Johnston County Training School Graduate Splits Scholarship So Her Friend May Also Attend College." I do not recall a story of a finer act in a lifetime.

Ardesial showed remarkable talent as a student. She was valedictorian of her class, winning the \$100 Alumni Scholarship "for excellence in conduct and scholarship." She also made the highest possible score on her test for entrance to North Carolina College in Durham—120 of a possible score of 120. Her friend and rival, Elizabeth Barnes, scored 110.

This is but the prelude to a finer story. Her friend Elizabeth was short of money for college. Ardesial reasoned, "Why should I have all the \$100 scholarship? Elizabeth trailed but a short step behind me—she was salutatorian of our graduating class. And she needs money for college—maybe worse than I do."

So Ardesial split the scholarship, giving Elizabeth half, so her friend may also attend college!

Johnston County and North Carolina should be proud to tell the story of this Negro girl. The nation needs to hear it to shame the egoism and selfishness of our time. I think it will go down as one of the nation's finest stories of the year. It is an act as magnanimous as it is rare. Ardesial has done honor to her race—and nation—and the Christian religion. Many will feel a warming of the heart at her story. Many would like to keep up with the girl who "split her scholarship so her friend may also attend college!"

CONSIDER THE LILIES

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operates the camp, saying that the camp had been much more of a financial success than they had anticipated and enclosing another check for \$100. And that's not all! But I promised another friend to keep quiet about the whole business, so I will stop here.

It is anxiety about money that keeps money away from us; it is the love-filled desire to do Jesus' will in all things which enables Him to take care of our every need. While the principle is true that if we seek first God's kingdom in our life and affairs and community everything else will be added, if we consciously seek to make this principle work, or better, if we seek to "work the principle," the principle will not work! If we tithe to become millionaires, we may not become millionaires, and if we do we shall not be happy millionaires. If we tithe and more than tithe because we love Jesus and our fellowman, whether or not we are channels of the use of great or small amounts of money, we shall be joyous, love-filled, radiators of the Spirit that feeds both the hungry of soul and body.

"Consider the lilies of the field," Jesus says, "how they toil not neither do they spin. Yet I say unto you that Solomon in

all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Adam worked by the sweat of his brow because he was not content to be a husbandman in God's garden. Through Jesus, the federal Head of the new humanity, we become grafted into Him, the Supernatural Vine, and all our life and deeds become means of bearing the Love-Fruit of life in Him, and though the body may perspire as we labor, the new man is redeemed forever from the "sweats" of worry, tension, doubt and hate.

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since the days of the twilight vespers but as of 1953 St. Paul occupies a new \$100,000 sanctuary, with ample church school facilities. Its enrollment total 350 persons and the membership awaits with eagerness the challenge which the future holds.

Andrews-Fletchers

Andrew's Chapel is situated on the old Durham-Leesville Road, about nine miles east of Durham. It was founded well over 100 years ago and was given its name in memory of one of Christ's followers. In other years Andrew's Chapel was a part of the Durham Circuit but more recently it has been combined with Fletcher's Chapel. There are 80 members of the congregation at present and the church property is valued at \$15,000.

Fletcher's Chapel appears to have begun as a church organization about 1837, when the first small church was built and named in honor of Mr. Wiley Fletcher, one of the leading contributors and workers in the congregation. The original site, seven miles from Durham on the Fletcher's Chapel Road, has known four separate structures in turn. The present house of worship has just been completed at a cost of more than \$45,000 by its 250 members.

McMannen's Chapel-Pleasant Green

These two rural churches now make up the Durham circuit. They are among the smaller churches whose influence for good is not to be measured in terms of enrollment or budget.

McMannen's, located near the old Hillsboro highway, was built in 1880 on land donated by Henry Neal. It was named in honor of Rev. Jno. D. McMannen, and active circuit-rider of that period. Pleasant Green dates back to September, 1832, when land was deeded near the Eno River and services were begun in a log structure. William J. Duke and William R. Scarlett, strong laymen of earlier days, were identified with this church.

The two churches are about equal in enrollment, with a total membership of about 250 and property worth about \$15,000. A new parsonage recently completed on the Cole Mill Road, is valued at \$17,000.

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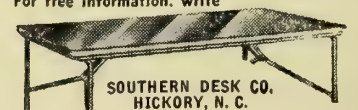
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Announcements

TEA FOR LADIES ATTENDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Friday, October 30, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., a tea will be given at the home of President and Mrs. A. Hollis Edens on Myrtle Drive, West Campus, by the wives of the faculty of the Divinity School and the Department of Religion of Duke University. Invited guests are the wives of the ministers and lay delegates to the conference, the women who are lay delegates and special guests of the conference.

MINISTERS' WIVES LUNCHEON

The fall luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Ministers' Wives Association will be held Saturday, October 31, at 1:15 p.m., at Trinity church, Durham. Plates are \$1.50 each. Reservations should be sent not later than Thursday, October 29, to Mrs. Edgar Fisher, 2000 Cedar St., Durham.

Mrs. James A. Auman, acting secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER—W.N.C. CONFERENCE

October			
29:	Salisbury Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Albemarle: Central.		
30:	Gastonia Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Gastonia: Main Street.		
31:	Reformation Day.		
November			
1:	Gastonia Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Lincolnton: First.		
2:	Gastonia Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Shelby, Central.		
3:	Statesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	North Wilkesboro: First.		
4:	Statesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Hickory: First.		
5:	Statesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Statesville: Broad Street.		
6:	Asheville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Burnesville.		
8:	Asheville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Asheville: Central. World Peace Sunday.		
9:	Asheville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Hendersonville, First.		
10:	Conference Committee on World Peace,		
	Salisbury: First. Waynesville Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Franklin.		
11:	Waynesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Murphy.		
12:	Waynesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Whittier.		
13:	Waynesville Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Waynesville.		
15:	2:30 p.m. Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Rutherfordton: First.		
	7:30 p.m. Marion Subdistrict Missionary Institute, Marion: First.		
16:	Marion Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Spruce Pine.		
17:	Marion Subdistrict	Missionary Institute, Boone.	
18:	Marion Subdistrict	Missionary Institute, Morganton: First.	
19:	Winston-Salem Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Winston-Salem: Ardmore.		
20:	Winston-Salem Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Mount Airy: Central.		
22:	Winston-Salem Subdistrict	Missionary Institute,	
	Elkin: First.		
26:	Thanksgiving Day.		

District Appointments

GASTONIA DISTRICT

C. W. Kirby, D. S.
606 South York St., Gastonia, N. C.
First Round

October	
Trinity, 11	11
Belmont—First, 7:30	18
Hoyle Memorial, 6:30	20
Rock Springs, Denver, 11	25
Terrell, Rehobeth, 3	25
Boger City, 7	25
Maylo, 7	26
El Bethel, 7:30	27
Crouse, Lander's Chapel, 7:30	28
Concord-Mary's Grove, Mary's Grove, 7:30	29
Shelby-Central, MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, 7:30	30
November	
Maiden-First, 11	1
May's Chapel, 3	1

Main Street, Gastonia—Missionary Institute, 7:30	1
Lincolnton-First, Missionary Institute, 7:30	2
Gastonia, Main Street, 7:30	3
McAdenville, 7:15	4
South Fork, Plateau, 7:30	5
Mount Holly-First, 7:30	6
Belwood, Laurel Hill, 11	8
Polkville-Rehobeth, Polkville, 2:30	8
Cleveland, Oak Grove, 4:30	8
Shelby Circuit, Pine Grove, 7:30	8
Pisgah-High Shoals, High Shoals, 7:30	9
Myrtle, 7	10
Shelby-Central, 7:30	11
Lowell-South Point, S. Point, 7:30	12
Sharon, 11	15
Sulphur Springs, 2:30	15
Lafayette Street, 5	15
Kings Mountain-Central, 7:30	15
Riverbend, 7	16
Snow Hill, 8	16
Asbury, Laboratory, 7:30	17
Cherryville-First, 7:30	18
Bradley Memorial, 7:30	19
Smyre, 7:30	20
Clover Hill, 11	22
Beulah, 3	22
Kings Mountain-Grace, 7:00	22
Bethesda-West Cramerton, Beth., 7	23
Lawndale, Lawndale, 11	29
Casar, Casar, 3	29
Fallston, Friendship, 7:30	29
Lincoln Circuit, McKendree, 7:30	30

December

Belmont-Park Street, 7	1
Lincolnton-First, 7:30	2
Belmont-Ebenezer, 7	3
Lincolnton-Rhine Heights, 7:30	4
Lowesville, Fairfield, 11	6
Dallas-First, 5	6
Stanley, 7:30	6
Gastonia-Faith, 7	7
Bess Chapel-Bethlehem, B. Chapel, 7:30	8
Gastonia-West End, 7	9
Vale, Macedonia, 7	10
Cramer Memorial, 11	13
Odell Memorial-Betha, Odell Memorial, 7:30	13
Big Hill, 11	20

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Ralph Taylor, D. S.
Statesville, N. C.
First Round

November	
Hickory, Westview, 7:30	1
Cool Springs, Providence, 7:30	2
North Wilkesboro, Missionary Institute, 7:30	3
Hickory: First, Missionary Institute, 7:30	4
Statesville, Broad Street, Missionary Institute, 7:30	5
Harmony, Clarksburg, 7:30	6
West Jefferson, 11	8
Nathans Creek, Transou, 3	8
Millers Creek, Arbor Grove, 7:30	8
Catawba, 7:30	9
Balls Creek, Pisgah, 7:30	10
Olin, 7:30	11
Troutman, 7:30	12
Union Grove-Zion, Sandy Ridge, 7:30	13
Moravian Falls, Beulah, 11	15
Wilkesboro, 3	15
North Wilkesboro, 7:30	15
Mooresville: Broad Street, 7:30	16
Mooresville: Central, 7:30	17
Centenary, 7:30	19
Lenoir: First, 11 (Dedication of Educational Building)	22
Hickory, Highland 3	22
Hickory: Bethel, 7:30	22
Statesville Circuit, Bethel, 7:30	23
Statesville, Boulevard, 7:30	24
Statesville, Broad Street, 7:30	25
Harpers, 11	29
Dudley Shoals, Ebenezer, 3	29
Grace Chapel	29
Newton: Abernethy Memorial, 7:30	30

MARION DISTRICT

J. G. Winkler, D. S.
102 West Fort St., Marion, N. C.
First Round

October	
North Morganton 7:30	29
Valdese 7:30	30
November	
Elk Park 11	1
Avery, Pisgah 3:00	1
Linville Falls, Altamont 7:30	1
Rutherford College 7:30	2
Glen Alpine 7:30	3
Table Rock, Mountain Grove 7:30	4
Morganton Ct., Salem 7:30	5
St. Matthews-Zion, St. Matthews 7:00	6
Bakersville 11:00	8
Red Hill—Tipton, Deyton Bend 3:00	8
Kona 7:30	8
Hildebran-Mt. Harmony, Hildebran 7:30	9
Friendship—Shady Grove, Friendship 7:00	10
Drexel, Zion 7:30	11
Avondale—Henrietta, Avondale 7:00	12
Mt. Hebron, Centennial 7:00	13
Gilkey, Gilboa 11:00	15
Murphy's Chapel 7:00	19
Nebo 11:00	22
Marion Ct., Pleasant Hill 3:00	22
Old Fort Ct., Ebenezer 7:30	22
Caroleen-Alexander, Alexander 7:00	23

Bostic, Oak Grove 7:00	24
Sunshine, Cedar Grove 11:00	29
Broad River, Tanner's Grove 3:00	29
Mills Springs, New Hope 7:00	29

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

J. W. Fitzgerald, D. S.
83 Evelyn Place, Asheville, N. C.
First Round

October	
Emma—Riverview—Emma, 7:30	29
Elkwood—Sardis—Elkwood, 7:30	30
November	
Balfour—Moore's Grove, 3	1
Edneyville, 7:30	1
Mills River, 11	1
Bald Creek—Pensacola, 11	8
Newdale, 3	8
Burnsville, 7:30	8
Hendersonville, 7:30	9
Fletcher, 7:30	10
Brevard, 7:30	12
East Flat Rock, 7:30	13
Saluda, 3	15
Tryon, 7:30	15
Browns View, 7:30	16
Swannanoa Ct.—Azalea, 7:30	17
Swannanoa, 7:30	18
Bell, 7:30	19
Montmorenci, 7:30	20
Davis Chapel, 3	22
Piney Mountain, 7:30	22
Candler Ct.—Pleasant Hill, 7:30	23
French Broad, 7:30	24
Haywood Street, 7:30	25
St. Paul, 7:30	27
Sandy—Western Chapel, 3	29
Leicester—Brick, 7:30	29
Oakley, 7:30	30
December	
Fairview—Bethany, 7:30	1
Central, 7:30	2
Groce, 7:30	3
Brevard Circuit—Rosman, 3	6
Ecusta—Oak Grove, 7:30	6
Marshall—Walnut, 7:30	20
Missionary Institute: Burnsville, 7:30, November 6	
Asheville Central, 3:00, November 8	
Hendersonville, 8:00, November 9	

The only report needed for the first Quarterly Conference is the written report from the Committee on Records

Be prepared to elect delegates to the District and Annual Conferences. Be prepared to set your goal for the year on new members on profession of faith.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

M. Teague Hipps, D. S.
11 Mock St., Thomasville, N. C.
First Round

October	
Farmer, 7:30	29
Fairfield, 7:30 p.m.	30
November	
Concord (Liberty), 11 a.m.	1
Trinity-Bethel (Johnsontown), 7:30	1
Fairview, 7:30 p.m.	3
Thomasville, Memorial 7:30 p.m.	4
Lexington, Trinity, 7:30 p.m.	5
Liberty Circuit (Staley), 7:30	6
Midway, 11 a.m.	8
Thomasville, Fairgrove, 7:30 p.m.	10
Shiloh (Shiloh), 7:30 p.m.	10
Asheboro, Central, 7:30 p.m.	11
Asheboro, West Bend, 7:30 p.m.	12
Seagrove, 7:30 p.m.	13
South Randolph (Pisgah), 11 a.m.	15
Thomasville, West End, 7:30 p.m.	15
South Davidson, 7:30	16
Advance, 7:30	17
Eldorado (Chandler's Grove), 7:30 p.m.	18
Greers (Mt. Carmel), 7:30 p.m.	19
Farmington, 7:30 p.m.	20
Richland (Browers), 11	22
Mt. Vernon, 7:30	23
Davie (Salem), 7:30 p.m.	23
Asheboro, Calvary, 7:30 p.m.	24
Asheboro, West Side (Piney Grove), 7:30 p.m.	25
Asheboro Circuit (Cedar Falls), 7:30 p.m.	27
Davidson (Archadia), 11	29
Trinity-Hopewell (Trinity), 7:30 p.m.	29
Cid (Pleasant Grove), 7:30 p.m.	30

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Impressions From The Holy Land

By Robert G. Tuttle

Written last summer during a visit to the Holy Land

Here in Israel the Jews are making marvelous progress. Last Wednesday we had to walk alone through war-torn no-man's land between Jordan and Israel. In one block we passed from one world to another—from the East to the West, from the ancient to the modern. Yet my heart bleeds when I see Arab village after Arab village in complete desolation—no people, no goats, no sheep, the terrace returning to nature, the olive trees uncared for—and remember the million Arab refugees I have seen living huddled together in camps with bare subsistence and little hope. The Jewish refugees from Europe are making the desert to blossom like the rose—yet one million Arabs are displaced. Under God there must be some fairer solution to this problem—and I believe that solution is partly our problem.

On the Jewish side we went to Nazareth. The traditional shrines do not look authentic. The ancient well in the middle of the old village could, however, easily be the well from which Mary carried water to her little home accompanied by the boy Jesus. Life goes on here much as it did 2,000 years ago. While standing at the well, a lovable little Arab boy with eyes shining passed on his donkey where I could almost touch him. For a moment time turned back to the year 12 AD, and this was the Son of the Carpenter.

Can of Galilee

Nearby was Cana of Galilee, a fruitful little village set among barren hills. Not too many miles beyond we had our first glimpse of the Sea of Galilee, God's blue water 600 feet below sea-level, surrounded by a wall of desert mountains. There below lies Tiberias, across lies the steep country of the Gadarenes, to the north a spot of green indicates all that is left of Capernaum, between Tiberias and Capernaum you can still see the village of Magdala lighted by the setting sun.

While staying in Tiberias we walked as if on holy ground. We crossed the Sea. This was the Sea that Christ had crossed many times. When we walked upon the hills, these were the hills He had walked upon. These were the rugged landscapes He had gazed upon and had loved. The air was full of whispers; the presence of Christ was here.

On the second morning here I walked a great while before day. I could not resist the urge to leave my room and to pray, looking from the hillside out across Galilee. These were the stars that He had looked upon time after time in the early morn. The coloring dawn yonder above the hills of Syria, had spoken to Him of God's light that should pervade the world. Humanity was asleep, the tired Earth was at peace, God was mysteriously near. Here on the hillside Christ had discovered God's love, and by day had carried it back to struggling men. Here He had found God's peace, and God's strength to do the impossible. This is Holy Ground; the hills come alive with memories; the heavens are filled with the unseen cloud of witnesses. Slowly I repeated the Lord's Prayer. The words and the phrases meant what they had never meant before—it was as if He were speaking them again.

A Rugged Young Fisherman

Later in the day I took the picture of a

rugged young fisherman at his oars. This could have been Simon Peter in his stormy youth. It would be a wonderful thing if some one would work out here by the sea-side a reenactment of those incidents in the life of Christ and the Disciples—the calling of Peter and James and John, the multitudes following the master in their native dress, the fishing boats, the Sermon on the Mount, and the like. Due to its natural setting, this could have an appeal equal to that of the Passion Play.

We flew a new British turbo-jet four engine Viscount to Athens. The smoothness of this new ship is amazing. It was like flying in the future. Cyprus, Rhodes, and the islands off the coast of Turkey were beautiful in their setting of deep blue. The whole geography book was spread out below us.

In Athens the Acropolis carried us back to 400 B.C. to Socrates and Plato and Aristotle. The softness and the strength and the perfect proportions of the Parthenon move you with awe, while below on Mars Hill Paul proclaims to the Athenians the unknown God.

The past has "spoken its word"; it has "done its deed". It is for us to create an honest today, and to lay solidly the foundations of tomorrow. For this cause were we born!

News in Brief

DR. HAROLD H. HUTSON, president of Greensboro College, will bring the message Sunday morning, November 1, at St. Paul church, Goldsboro.

MRS. E. L. HILLMAN of Durham was elected corresponding secretary of the United Church Women in their sixth annual meeting held recently in Atlantic City, N. J.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP members of Pleasant Hill and Spring churches on the Spring Church-Garysburg Charge recently honored the pastor's wife, Mrs. Walter C. Feltman, with a surprise picnic supper on her birthday. The group presented Mrs. Feltman many gifts.

HODGIN MEMORIAL CHURCH, formerly Stoneville Methodist Church, has announced homecoming for Sunday, November 1. A former pastor will preach at the 11 a.m. service, picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour and an interesting program is planned for the afternoon. Former pastors and friends are invited.

"SPIRITUAL LIFE THROUGH TITHING" is the title of a new volume by Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, director of the department of spiritual life of the Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church. To secure the widest distribution, the volume is priced at 35 cents for single copies; \$1.00 for three copies; 25 cents each for twelve or more copies. Order from Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 4, Tenn.

BLAINE M. MADISON, assistant director of State Prisons, Raleigh, has been named lay leader of the Raleigh District, succeeding Samuel W. Ruark who died

last summer. Mr. Madison, who was formerly principal of the Methodist Orphanage School, Raleigh, and is an active layman in Edenton Street church, Raleigh, was also named acting treasurer of the North Carolina Conference Board of Lay Activities. This information comes from Conference Lay Leader W. Jasper Smith of Bethel.

LAUREL HILL WSCS was hostess to around 100 women from Robeson and Scotland Counties recently for the sub-district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. W. Z. Pate, president of the subdistrict, presided, and Rev. R. I. Epps, pastor of the Laurel Hill charge, brought the devotional message. Mrs. L. M. Hall of Red Springs spoke on "Widening Fellowship" and ladies of the Maxton church presented a playlet entitled "The Solution." Mrs. Pate spoke on "Highlights of South America," followed by lunch.

THE METHODIST CHURCH'S BOARD OF PUBLICATION, which has its national headquarters here, will hold its annual meeting October 28-29, in Chicago, it has been announced by William H. Swigart, chairman. The 45-member board, composed of ministers and laymen, will review business aspects of the church's publishing interests, which include branches in 13 cities and printing plants here and in Cincinnati. Annual reports will be made by the two publishing agents, Lovick Pierce, Nashville, and Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, New York.

THE WHITE HALL HOME FOR THE AGED of Council, N. C., Route 1, officially opened its doors the fifteenth of October. This home was made possible by the noble efforts of Mrs. H. V. Sanderlin, a member of Carvers Creek church of Council. This home is county and state certified and will measure up to the top standards required of a home of this type. Mrs. Sanderlin, owner and director, is now accepting applications for admission from those who can qualify under the standards for admission to a home. Already five have been accepted, which will at first care for fourteen persons. Interested persons are asked to write Mrs. Sanderlin at Council, N. C., or Rev. A. D. Byrd, Jr., pastor of the Carver Creek charge, Council, N. C. Information will be sent upon request.

THE UPPER ROOM, the world's most widely circulated periodical in the religious field, will set a new all-time record for the September-October issue when final figures are compiled, it has been announced by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor. The figure for this issue will be at least 200,000 copies above that for the corresponding issue of last year, which was the best figure up until that time. Dr. Potts points out that every issue since July-August of 1949 has shown a sizeable increase over the corresponding issue of the year before. Largest gains have been registered in the last year, however. Since 1949 the circulation has increased more than three quarters of a million in the American edition. THE UPPER ROOM, which provides a Bible verse, a Bible reading, a meditation, prayer, and thought for the day is distributed in 60,000 churches as a part of their ministry, while more than 200,000 individuals receive subscriptions directly in their homes. The interdenominational and international nature of this devotional guide is indicated by the fact that it is published in 21 editions and seventeen languages around the world. Circulation figures apply only to English editions.

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Some of the leaders in the ground-breaking exercises for the new Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., held Friday, October 30, at Durham during the session of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Left to right: L. L. Wren, Siler City, chairman of the board of trustees; M. M. Fowler, Durham; Mrs. Marshall T. Spears, Durham; Rev. W. V. McRae, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Bishop Paul N. Garber; Dr.

H. I. Glass, executive director; Rev. Bernard S. Via, Richmond, Va. Inset shows Mr. McRae, pioneer in the movement to establish a retirement home for the aging, lifting a spadeful of dirt. The site of the home, construction on which is expected to begin next year, is located on a 37-acre tract of land west of the Duke University campus on Erwin Road.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

WALKING WITH GOD

This is the Old Testament way of describing a holy life, and it is worth remembering. Enoch "walked with God," and he walked with men at the same time. He did not leave the earth to do it. He did not even get out of business, nor shut himself out from all the activities of men. We cannot imagine that he failed in any of these things—and yet he walked with God. He simply found God's way in the forest and the field, in the market and in the home, and he took it. He found out where God was, and he went with him. He became God's man, and as such he shared the peace of God, the joy of God, and finally the rest of God.—Source Unknown.

GREAT THINGS TAKE TIME

God is not defeated; though clouds may be heavy, they will break. If Christianity is a failure there is no hope for men. Nineteen centuries and more have gone, and the kingdom is not established in its fullness. Great things take time. Science asks for millions of years to account for the fashioning of the earth for the habitation of man. Shall we expect man to be fashioned to moral and spiritual perfection in a few hundreds of years? Moral and spiritual changes are more difficult to be reached than material changes. It is harder to fashion a soul than it is to fashion a body. The kingdom which Christ establishes is a kingdom of free men, convinced in mind, moved in heart, definitely committed in will to the good; and that comes slowly.

—Clarence A. Barbour

THE CHURCH

The church has to be seen in a certain way, under certain conditions. Some people never see it at all. You must understand, this is no dead pile of stones and unmeaning timber. It is a living thing. When you enter it you hear a sound—a sound as of some mighty poem chanted. Listen long enough, and you will learn that it is made up of the beating of human hearts, of the nameless music of men's souls—that is, if you have ears. If you have eyes, you will presently see the church itself—a looming mystery of many shapes and shadows, leaping sheer from the flood to the dome. The work of no ordinary builder!

The pillars of it go up like the brawny trunks of heroes: the sweet human flesh of men and women is moulded about its bulwarks, strong, impregnable; the faces of little children laugh out from every cornerstone; the terrible spans and arches of it are the joined hands of comrades; and up in the heights and spaces there are inscribed the numberless musings of all the dreamers of the world. It is yet building—building and built upon. Sometimes the work goes forward in deep darkness; sometimes in blinding light; now beneath the burden of unutterable anguish; now to the tune of a great laughter and heroic shoutings like the cry of thunder. Sometimes, in the silence of the nighttime, one may hear the tiny hammerings of the comrades at work in the dome—the comrades that climbed ahead.—Charles Rann Kennedy.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BEING GOOD IN A TOUGH WORLD

So often it is said, "When a place is bad, get out of it." Sometimes the best thing to do in a bad situation is to pick up and leave. A good man should try to get out of a business which is a perpetual rebuke to his conscience. It may be necessary for him to separate from a social group which lowers his ideals and demeans his conduct.

But as a rule righteous people do not save a situation by withdrawing from it. I may pull out of a firm whose aims and methods run counter to my conscience, but if I am to make a living I cannot easily withdraw from the whole business system. I may feel impelled to leave a political party, but if I am to have any influence in civic life, I must vote in some party. And unless good men go into politics, what hope is there for better government?

We are human beings living in social systems, and we cannot cut ourselves off from all groups which do things contrary to our consciences. Being good in the kind of world we inhabit is a tough assignment. Some say it is impossible.

Edna Ferber in her book "So Big" tells of a young woman teacher who was so baffled by the difficulties of her situation that she wanted to run away. An old Dutch housewife said to her: "You can't run away from life, missy; you can't run far enough."

The temptations which threaten a person's ideals begin even before he gets out into the world on his own. Many a student faces some of the fiercest moral struggles of his life. The change from the parental rooftop to the freedom of the campus is one of the severest tests of character. It comes at a time when the animal spirits of youth are at the full. To keep one's purity and temperance and integrity on a modern campus is not easy.

And the test of being good in bad places may come even before college age is reached. Not all our homes are good places for growing children. When a home is poisoned by the presence of a bad parent, or is pervaded by a materialistic atmosphere, or is weakened by deceit and distrust—then the home itself is a hard place to be good in.

The first thing it takes to be good in a bad place is conviction. During the Senate Crime Commission's investigation a few years ago, a U.S. Senator said that one trouble of our time is that so many people have no strong convictions about right and wrong. They never take a firm stand. We never know where and when we can count on them.

But a good person's convictions must be clear as well as strong. Here is the difference, as I see it, between stubbornness and steadfastness. A stubborn person has strong convictions; a mule may take a stand and hold it. But in the eyes of a balky mule I have never seen much light of intelligence. Of course, I have never had much personal association with mules, but I have known many of their relatives.

A steadfast person has a reason for his convictions. His mind is not closed by prejudice or bigotry. It is open to reason, yet firm in purpose.

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Let Us Pray

AN EVENING PRAYER

Accept, we beseech Thee, our evening thanksgiving, O Thou Fountain of all good, who hast led us in safety through the length of the day; who daily blessest us with so many temporal mercies, and hast given us the hope of resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.—An Ancient Collect from "Prayers of the Early Church," edited by J. Manning Potts.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

The soldiers of King Charles I said of George Fox, the founder of the Quakers, that he was "stiff as a tree and pure as a bell." What a tribute from a man's enemies! Fox could not be bent. In prison after prison he was beaten and bruised, but he held to his convictions, illumined by an inner light which so shone before men that many came "to see his good works."

Ah, that's the point. The person who can keep his virtues under temptation, who can keep sweet when things go sour, who can keep his courage when others are giving up—that person shows that he "has something." Others see it and want it.

Remember, goodness can be as contagious as badness. Yes, even more so. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Highlights of the North Carolina Conference

"Progress" and "optimism" are perhaps the two words that best characterize the 1953 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference held October 28-November 1 at Duke Memorial church, Durham. Bishop Paul N. Garber, who presided over the long but interesting session, reminded the 600 ministers and laymen of progress in his opening message Wednesday evening as he reviewed the achievements of the 319 charges during the year which had just closed. On Sunday morning at the final service of the conference he sounded a clear and strong note of optimism before an audience of 1,500 that jam-packed the large sanctuary and spilled over into other parts of the building.

"Progress Has Been Made"

Speaking Wednesday evening on the theme "Progress Has Been Made," Bishop Garber pointed out that during the United Evangelistic Mission held last April 6,643 persons made commitments to Christ and the church and that, according to the General Board of Evangelism the North Carolina Conference was first among the sixteen annual conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction in results achieved. Progress, he added, has been made in church extension, with five new churches being started during the year and \$20,000 being raised through a special fund for this purpose.

He reported progress in the institutions of higher learning, pointing out that the churches during the year had accepted \$600,000 to be raised over a ten-year period through the sustaining fund and that more than \$400,000 had been secured in cash and pledges to complete the campaign for \$1,000,000 for Brevard, Greensboro, High Point and Louisburg Colleges. He commended the conference for the progress made during the year toward the erection of a retirement home to care for the aged. He stated that during the year World Service giving had increased \$27,000, that gains had been made in contributions to the Methodist Orphanage, to Golden Cross, to retired pastors and that salaries of pastors had been increased. He pointed out that nearly one-third of the families in the North Carolina Conference are now receiving the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the highest proportion in recent years. He particularly noted the spiritual progress that had been evidenced both on the part of laymen and ministers, stating that this was perhaps the most significant gain made.

Concerning optimism, Bishop Garber in the conference sermon Sunday morning declared that even in the face of much pessimism today there are grounds for optimism in the Scriptures, in the lives of men like St. Paul and Wesley, in the lives of many people today who in spite of trials are keeping the faith. He reminded his hearers that the fact that Christ can and is changing human life is the cause for great optimism.

Church Extension Plans

Encouraging notes were sounded throughout the conference. For example, he ministers and laymen set out on a church extension program that is far more ambitious than anything ever undertaken by the conference. A plan was adopted whereby individuals can give \$10 or larger sums when each new

church is started. Rev. T. A. Collins of Raleigh was appointed to serve as extension secretary to aid in the establishment of new churches and Walter Anderson, also of Raleigh, was chosen to head a fund-raising program that will give financial aid to new congregations.

Ground-breaking Exercises

Further evidence of progress was observed in the program launched for the erection of a retirement home. At noon Friday more than 600 persons gathered on the picturesque site of the future Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., for ground-breaking exercises. Participating in the impressive rites were Bishop Garber, L. L. Wren of Siler City, president of the board of trustees; Rev. O. W. Dowd of Raleigh; Dr. H. I. Glass, executive director of the Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc.; and Rev. W. V. McRae of St. Petersburg, Fla., one of the pioneering spirits in the movement to build a home for aged persons. It was announced that an anonymous donor had given a check for \$20,000 toward the building program which is expected to get under way some time next year.

Still further evidence of progress was noted Saturday morning when the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance was given. The report called for around eleven per cent increase over last year's budget, the increases mainly for the Methodist Orphanage and for raising minimum salaries. After considerable debate, the conference adopted the full increase proposed by the Commission. Perhaps the spirit of the conference was summed up by Rev. A. S. Parker of Sanford, who made a motion that the base established last year be continued, but who also stated that if the increase was voted he would support it heartily. Everyone seemed to want the church to go forward at every point.

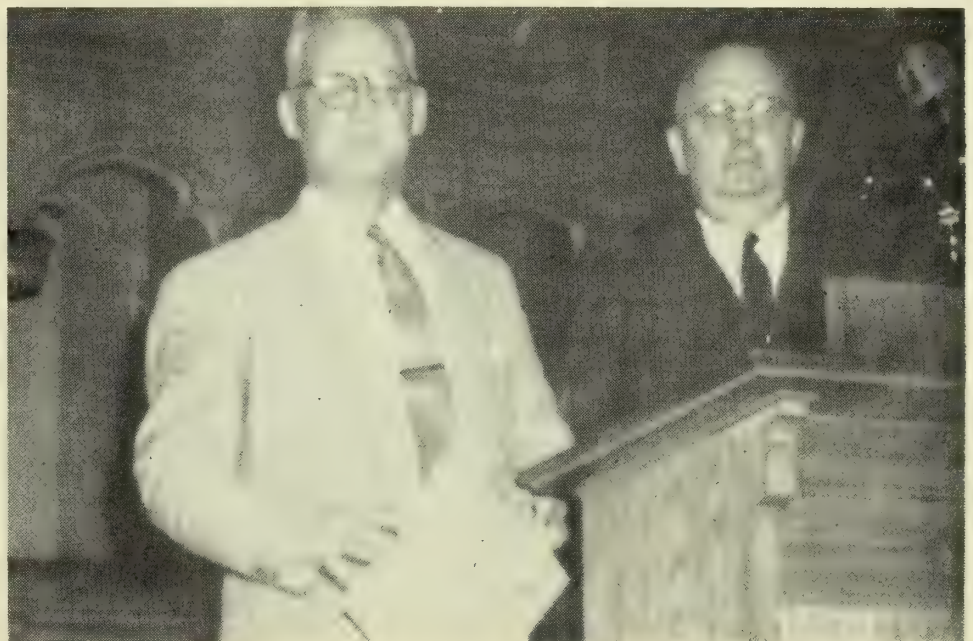
Full-time Conference Treasurer

Still on the progressive side was the election of a full-time conference treasurer to handle the various funds. Given this assignment was Marvin J. Cowell, Rocky Mount insurance man, who has been secretary of the Commission World Service and Finance for a number of years, and is well acquainted with the financial program of the church. Mr. Cowell, who will have headquarters in Raleigh, replaces C. A. Dillon of Raleigh, who has served in this capacity for many years. Haslin Simon has been assistant treasurer.

A Sober Note as Well

But along with the encouraging note sounded there was a sober note as well. The conference was reminded, in effect, that it had been dragging its feet at many points by the chairman of the survey and long range planning committee, Rev. C. W. Robbins. Pointing out that there was a growing feeling that the North Carolina Conference needs a long range program and strategy, Chairman Robbins cited four areas where the Conference has been moving too slowly: evangelism, church extension, stewardship and ministerial recruitment. Reporting for the committee Thursday afternoon, the speaker quoted from a survey directed recently by Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke University Divinity School with financial aid from the Ormond Fund showing that from the period 1940-1952 the churches of the conference increased their membership only 18.2%, or 1.3% per year, which was at a slower rate than the population of the state was increasing. He reminded his audience that during this same period the number of churches dropped from 806 to 802, that in the Durham District, which seemed to be typical of the conference, while the Methodists were establishing one new church the Baptists started fifteen.

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The new conference secretary, Rev. W. C. Wilson, and Bishop Garber. Mr. Wilson, who has been on the statistical staff for 27 years, is pastor of the Northampton charge.

Concerning stewardship, the speaker pointed out that in 1952 the per capita giving in the North Carolina Conference was \$26.15, compared with \$27.39 per capita in the church at large, that Baptists the same year averaged \$30.94 and Presbyterians \$42.31 per member. He quoted figures showing that in the thirteen-year period while expenditures on church buildings and parsonages were increased well over \$2,300%, pastors' salaries went up only 88.4% and district superintendent's salaries only 47.7%, neither of which was in keeping with the rising cost of living.

In the matter of ministerial recruitment, he stated that in 1952 of Methodism's 22,834 charges, 7,472, or nearly one-third, were being served by supply pastors. The North Carolina Conference, he stated, in 1940 had 248 ministers in full connection and in 1952, it had 257, while the number of charges had increased from 245 to 319. In 1940 the Conference had 12 supply pastors serving charges and in 1952 it had 44, an increase of 32.

Advance must be made in evangelism, in church extension, in Christian stewardship and in ministerial recruitment, the speaker concluded, if the conference is to meet the needs of a growing section.

At the opening session Wednesday afternoon the conference elected Rev. W. C. Wilson of Jackson as conference secretary. Mr. Wilson, who has served on the statistical staff for 27 years, fills the vacancy created by the death of Dr. T. McM. Grant who was conference secretary for 30 years. Mr. Wilson named Rev. C. J. Andrews, Rev. C. W. Barbee and Rev. R. L. Bame as assistant secretaries. Rev. D. D. Traynham of Roxboro was named statistician and Rev. M. R. Chambers was made assistant statistician.

The conference got under way Wednesday afternoon with a sermon by the conference preacher, Dr. Carl J. Sanders of Richmond, Va. Dr. Sanders, who drew large congregation to hear his practical, down-to-earth, heart-warming messages, preached on Thursday and Friday even-

ings and was the speaker for the Board of Temperance on Saturday.

The reports of the seven district superintendents, given Wednesday afternoon and evening, indicated progress along many lines.

On Wednesday evening, in addition to Bishop Garber's message on progress, laymen and ministers heard Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham on "A Century of North Carolina Methodism in Durham."

Thursday's program began with the Communion of the Lord's Supper, administered by Bishop Garber and the district superintendents, followed by warm greetings from Judge Marshall Spears, chairman of the official board of the host church, and fraternal greetings from the Virginia Conference, brought by Dr. Sanders.

Board of Education

The next program was in charge of the Board of Education, with reports by Rev. C. P. Morris, executive secretary; Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, Inc.; and an address on Christian literature by Dr. Henry M. Bullock, executive secretary of the editorial division of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. Dr. Bullock stated that efforts were being made to improve the content and appeal of Methodist literature and called upon ministers and laymen to help in seeing that Methodist literature is used in every church and that all Methodists study church school lessons.

Mr. Morris reported that during the year 32 leadership training schools had been held with 3,351 enrolled, that several thousand youth had been reached in the camping program, in youth conferences and other special youth meetings, and that 397 churches reported 24,526 boys and girls enrolled in Vacation Church Schools. Special emphases next year will be upon stewardship, youth, Christian worker's schools, subdistrict institutes for church school workers and Church School Rally Day.

The Board of Conference Claimants, in its anniversary observance Thursday

afternoon, reported that annuity rates for retired ministers were being increased from \$42 per service year to \$45 for next year, third highest rate for any Conference in the Missouri Corporation. The Board recommended that all supply pastors who have served for ten years or more receive an annuity rate of one percent of the average salary of the regularly appointed approved supply pastors, including house rent at a valuation equal to 15% of the cash salary. A. R. White representing the Methodist Publishing House, presented a check for \$4,881.68 representing the conference's share in profits from the Publishing House which is designated for aid to retired pastors. John M. Dozier of Durham, a member of the Board, delivered the address.

Board of Evangelism Reports

That evening, following the sermon by Dr. Sanders, the Board of Evangelism observed its anniversary with an address by Dr. A. J. Walton of the Duke Divinity School. The Board recommended and the conference adopted evangelistic objectives for the new year as follows: Cooperation in the youth emphasis program including a youth spiritual quest in each subdistrict; community surveys to determine prospective church members, a revival in every church, Fisherman's Club in every church, membership training class in every church, church attendance campaign from January to Easter, a conference wide day apart for ministers.

On Friday morning the Board of Missions held its anniversary with the emphasis on church extension. During this period Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., discussed the organization of Longview Garden church, Raleigh, consummated during the year. Even though this church is less than one year old, pledges for the new year average more than \$100 per member to the budget and building program. Rev. R. L. Nicks told about the building now under construction for the two-year old congregation of Trinity church, Burlington. Rev. M. W. Lawrence related benefits that had come to Queen Street church



MEN WHO APPROPRIATE THE MONEY

The Commission on World Service and Finance make recommendations for the Conference budget. Next year more than \$1,000,000 will be raised for the causes under surveillance by this hard-working group. Seated fourth from left is the new conference treasurer, Marvin J. Cowell. Left to right, seated, Rev. J. H. Lanning, Graham; Rev. J. V. Early, Smithfield; Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh, president; Mr. Cowell, who has been secretary; Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham; standing, J. H. Waldrop, Greenville vice-president; Rev. C. S. Hubbard, Raleigh; G. S. Garris, Troy; Rev. W. J. Nease, Sanford; G. H. Jackson, Hertford. Absent, M. Carr Gibson, Lumberton.

Kinston, in its program of sponsoring two new churches in Kinston. Last year this church of which he is pastor contributed \$28,000 for local purposes and \$50,000 for outside causes, including Westminster and St. Mark churches in that city. The mother church, he stated, has received incalculable spiritual blessings in its generous program of church extension.

The Board in its report called upon all churches to accept a mission special during the year, to hold a school of missions, using the text "Heritage and Destiny" by Bishop Gerald Kennedy, to increase the circulation of "The World Outlook" and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, to take an offering at Christmas for the church at Jacksonville, N. C., to promote the "Ten Dollar Club" by getting members to subscribe \$10 every time a new church is begun as a part of the program of church extension. It also recommended the appointment of an executive secretary of church extension.

Conference Missionary Secretary O. L. Hathaway, in his report, stated that the eight churches organized since 1949 began with a charter membership of 640, but now have a membership totaling 1,546. They have budgets next year totaling \$44,687 and property valued at \$367,000, with an estimated indebtedness of \$183,000.

Lay Activities

The Board of Lay Activities held its anniversary also on Friday morning. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. Dr. Mayfield stated that objectives of the Board of Lay Activities are as follows: To organize more Methodist Men's Clubs, to have more lay speakers in the 18,000 Methodist pulpits that are without preaching services on Sunday morning, to set up a sound financial program for the local church.

The Board, in its report, called for a goal of 156 Methodist Men's Clubs by 1956, support of the church extension program, the observance of Laymen's Day in every church and the wider use of laymen for preaching services in churches where services are not held regularly.

The Commission on World Peace, in its report, urged support of the Crusade for World Order to begin this fall, reaffirmed

its stand against universal military training and spoke out for freedom of speech and press.

The Commission on Town and Country Work, in its report, called for, minimum salary schedules to be obtained during the quadrennium as follows: unmarried ministers, \$3,000; married ministers, \$3,300; married ministers with children, \$3,600. Rates now are \$2,600, \$2,800 and \$3,000, respectively. It also requested that before declining churches are closed that the Commission on Town and Country Work be consulted so that a study can be made surveying the church's potentialities.

The Board of Temperance, in its report, called for a more effective program of alcohol education in public and private schools and in churches. It urged voters to elect judges, solicitors and sheriffs who will enforce effectively all laws against liquor. It called for a statewide liquor referendum, protested beer, wine and liquor advertisements in newspapers and other publications, over radio and television and on billboards along highways. Rev. G. W. Blount was designated as director of Commitment Day.

The North Carolina Conference Brotherhood reported receipts of \$8,365.93 during the year and disbursements of \$7,544.93, leaving a balance of \$821.

Youth Emphasis Night

Youth Emphasis Night was observed Saturday evening. The program began with a hymn sing led by Rev. Wallace Kirby, followed by a drama, "White Is the Field," given by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, and directed by Miss Mary Hester Hunt, director of Christian education at St. Paul church. A panel discussion on the theme "What Can Adults Do About the Youth Emphasis" followed with the following participating: Miss Clarice Bowman, Rev. F. R. Dail, Rev. James Auman, Belton Joyner and Maxine McLohon. Rev. Jameson Jones, editor of Concern magazine, was the speaker. He called upon pastors and youth leaders to be daring enough to help this generation of youth to find God. He pointed out that of the nation's 28,000,000 youth, only 7,000,000 are affiliated with the church.

The observance was a part of the youth emphasis program being held throughout Methodism during the coming year.

A special committee on alcohol education and Christian action mapped out a program which the conference adopted as follows: District-wide seminars in alcohol education with special efforts to reach laymen, seminars for ministers on pastoral care of alcoholics, a conference-wide school of alcohol studies and Christian action, radio and television programs aimed at keeping alive the moral aspects of alcohol.

The Commission on World Service and Finance presented recommendations that will yield \$1,024,596 during the next year, as follows: Orphanage, \$159,444; hospitals and homes, \$59,792; church extension within the Conference, \$59,792; college sustaining fund, \$159,444; Camp Don-Lee, \$26,574; World Service and other causes, \$203,495; ministerial support, including bishops, district superintendents, conference claimants, minimum salaries and retirement fund, \$356,296. This represents an increase of \$114,382.

Receives 22 On Trial

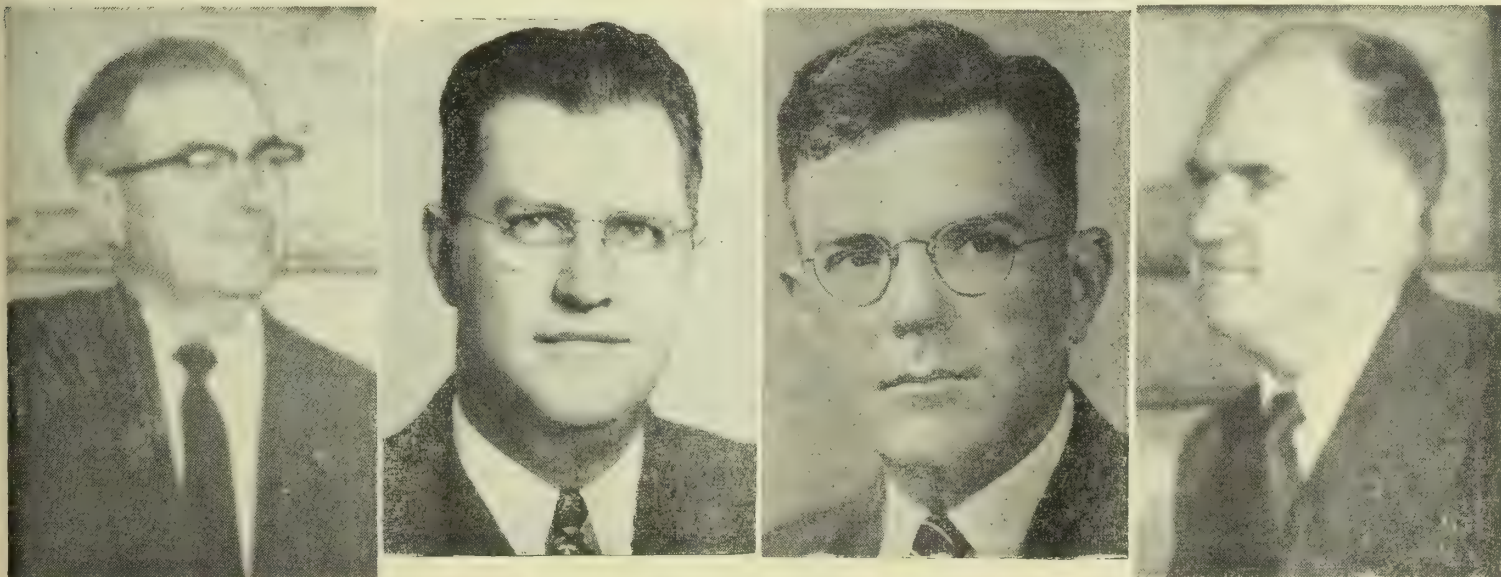
The conference received 22 on trial, as follows: Pernecie Cooper Yelverton, Harry Bynum Johnson, Symeon Foster Cummings, Noah Bright Hill, Jr., Charles Hall Mewborn, Earl Ray Meekins, Amos Henry Stone, Edwin William Rogers, Sr., George Robert McKenzie, Jr., Robert Bruce Pate, Richard Norris Robertson, Robert Wallace, Charles Franklin Grill, James Winfred Hamilton, Ralph Lane Fleming, Charles Edward Owens, Walter Needham Bass, Robert Keith Glover, John Hammond Crum, Joseph Land Allen, Clark R. Cahow and Edwin Charles Boulton.

The following were admitted into full connection: Warren Eastwood Atwater, Jr., Marvin Dewey Tyson, Norman Alfred Desrosiers, Walter Russell Johnson, Henry Arthur Bizzell, Jr., Arthur Lewis Greene Stephenson, James William Goodwin, Tommy Tyson, Clarence Lee Warren, Albert Dewitt Byrd, Jr., Robert Harry Jordan, Ernest Hermon Smotherman, Herbert Morehouse Jamieson, Raymond Lee Wilkinson, William Albright Seawell, John Herbert Waldrop, Jr., Ralph Eugene Fowlkes, Chester Darrell Brown.

Deacons ordained Sunday morning include: Mrs. Frances Lowe Fouts, J. T. Smith, W. O. Connor, A. C. Regan, A. L.

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NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE



Left to right, Rev. C. F. Heath, who was appointed to the Elizabeth City District, succeeding Dr. F. S. Love, who retired; Rev. R. G. Dawson, who was assigned to the Raleigh District, succeeding Rev. W. A. Cade, also retired; Dr. W. L. Clegg, who was named as superintendent of the Durham District, succeeding Dr. E. L. Hillman, who was appointed to Siler City; and Rev. O. L. Hathaway, who was given the Fayetteville District, succeeding Dr. W. C. Ball

G. Stephenson, E. M. Jamieson, E. W. Rogers, Sr., G. R. McKenzie, Jr., H. L. Smith, M. D. Tyson, W. K. Kirby, R. B. Pate, C. F. Grill, J. W. Hamilton, C. R. Cabow, E. C. Boulton, R. L. Fleming, J. M. Owen, III, W. N. Bass, J. W. Goodwin, Tommy Tyson, E. R. Goodwin, A. D. Byrd, Jr., G. H. Tyson, W. S. Lambert, R. K. Glover, R. L. Wilkinson, W. A. Wentz, L. A. Dillman, C. E. Owens, M. A. Rawson.

Elders ordained are: J. H. Parrish, W. R. Johnson, W. C. Feltman, W. R. Crowder, J. M. Savell, R. F. McKee, W. E. Atwater, Jr., F. O. Fitzgerald, Jr., R. S. Gibson, J. L. McAllister, Jr., C. H. Dunn, J. H. Waldrop, Jr., J. R. Regan, Jr., H. A. Bizzell, Jr., K. B. Sexton, W. G. Brogan, C. E. Lee, E. H. Smotherman, R. H. Jordan, R. E. Fowlkes, C. D. Brown.

Fourteen ministers retired as follows: Elders, J. O. Long, D. M. Sharpe, E. W. Downum, R. N. Fitts, Daniel Lane, F. S. Love, Marvin Y. Self, J. J. Boone, G. W. Lowe, D. F. Lowry, J. D. Cranford; supply pastors, W. Y. Stewart, J. K. Worthington, W. J. Freeman. Supernumeraries are: Edward A. Stevens and Robert S. Barefield. T. J. Barrett was re-instated to the active relations and R. L. Vickery, who retired in 1943, was re-admitted into active relations.

Six ministers transferred into the Conference, including Chester Darrell Brown, Ernest Smotherman, Ralph Fowlkes, Henry F. Pollock, Foster L. Jones and Barney Lee Jones. Those transferring out were: John Franklin Whitts, W. B. Sherman and Daniel S. Bowers.

The following ministers have died during the year: H. A. Chester, M. E. Tyson, W. C. Jones, B. P. Robinson, R. E. Brown, E. H. Davis, T. McM. Grant, Jesse L. Usury. Wives or widows of ministers who passed away during the year are: Mrs. J. D. Cranford, Mrs. J. P. Bartak, Mrs. E. E. Rose, Mrs. W. P. Constable, Mrs. W. T. Phipps, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. E. G. Cowan, Mrs. W. L. Loy, Mrs. J. J. Porter, Mrs. Eli C. Sells.

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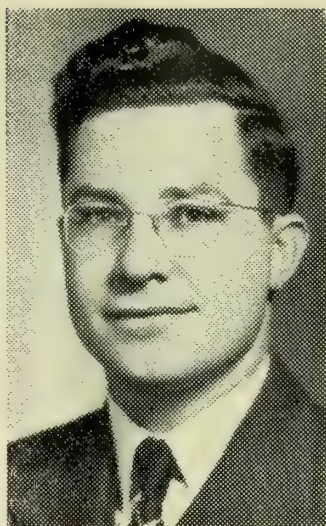
The report of Conference Statistician Traynham revealed that during the year 6,024 members were received on profession of faith and that total membership now is 171,215; Enrollment in church schools totals 124,547; Woman's Societies now number 652 with 29,843 members, with \$143,533 raised for missions and \$212,814 raised for local work; Week of Dedication offerings amounted to \$9,183; Advance causes amounted to \$106,439; World Service and conference benevolences amounted to \$200,993; and a total of \$5,339,219 was raised for all purposes.

The conference passed a resolution endorsing the stand Bishop G. Bromley has taken for religious freedom. It also went on record opposing capital punishment and called upon the Governor of North Carolina to commute to life imprisonment every person now sentenced to death.

Duke Memorial church did an exceedingly good job in providing entertainment to their guests. The large sanctuary and educational building were adequate for all meetings, except for the service Sunday morning. Methodists in Durham were generous in their hospitality to their guests. Bishop Garber presided over the sessions with extreme fairness and graciousness. His genial, warm-hearted spirit did much to make the conference an outstanding event.

A resolution requesting the bishop to set the 1954 conference between October 1 and 15 was adopted.

No church extended an invitation for the 1954 conference.



Rev. Tom A. Collins, above, is the new executive secretary of church extension of the North Carolina Conference. His task will be to help start new churches in unchurched areas. Bishop Garber reports that 23 new churches are needed now and that around 80 will be needed within the next ten years. Mr. Collins, who has been pastor of a young congregation, Wesley Memorial church, Raleigh, will have his headquarters in Raleigh.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS

1953-1954

Durham District—Honorary District Lay Leader, B. G. Childs; District Lay Leader, L. Stacy Weaver, Box 2246, Durham; Associate Lay Leader, J. O. Gunn, Yanceyville; Associate Lay Leader, R. C. Compton, Cedar Grove; Associate Lay Leader, Phorse Bean, Mebane; Associate Lay Leader, John M. Dozier, 1411 Ruffin St., Durham.

Elizabeth City District—District Lay Leader, H. L. Swain, Williamston; Associate Lay Leader, D. L. Berry, Swan

Quarter; Associate Lay Leader, B. J. Harrison, Old Trap; Associate Lay Leader, C. S. Meekins, Manteo; Associate Lay Leader, Fred Ritter, Ahoskie; Associate Lay Leader, Hannis T. Latham, Washington; Associate Lay Leader, Norman I. Pendleton, Elizabeth City.

Fayetteville District—District Lay Leader, J. N. Gibson, Jr., Gibsons; Associate Lay Leader, W. D. Sabiston, Carthage; Associate Lay Leader, Milford F. Grantham, Rockingham; Associate Lay Leader, Terry Sanford, Fayetteville; Associate Lay Leader, Wade Cranford, Troy.

New Bern District—District Lay Leader, Sam B. Underwood, Jr., Greenville; Associate Lay Leader, W. V. Westmoreland, Goldsboro; Associate Lay Leader, Alonzo C. Edwards, Hookerton; Associate Lay Leader, C. B. Wade, 800 Bridges St., Morehead City; Associate Lay Leader, Roy Turnage, Jr., Ayden.

Raleigh District—District Lay Leader, Blaine M. Madison, Raleigh; Associate Lay Leader, R. E. Prince, Fuquay Springs; Associate Lay Leader, Jesse W. Hollowell, Wake Forest; Associate Lay Leader, M. M. Person, Jr., Louisburg; Associate Lay Leader, Herbert Ridgeway, Raleigh.

Rocky Mount District—District Lay Leader, J. A. Glover, Nashville; Associate Lay Leader, C. W. Everett, Bethel; Associate Lay Leader, W. B. Terrell, Warrenton; Associate Lay Leader, Ballar S. Gay, Jackson; Associate Lay Leader, D. S. Johnson, City Schools, Rocky Mount.

Wilmington District—District Lay Leader, H. H. Hodgins, 2742 Harrison St., Wilmington; Associate, J. T. Doughtie, Clinton; Associate Lay Leader, Jesse Sumner, Willard; Associate Lay Leader, Graham Walton, Wrightsville Beach; Associate Lay Leader, Carl Gibson, Lumberton.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors receiving new assignments are requested to send their change of address to the Advocate immediately. State old and new address.



BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS LEADERS

Leaders in the Board of Conference Claimants who have aided in increasing Conference Claimants funds 365% from 1940-1952. The North Carolina Conference next year will pay its retired ministers \$45 for each year of service. Left to right, John M. Dozier of Durham; Rev. W. R. Stevens, Lumberton, secretary; Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Haw River, vice-president; and J. A. Staton, Bethel, president.

North Carolina Conference Appointments, 1953-54

DURHAM DISTRICT

District Superintendent W. L. Clegg
 Alamance B. E. Bingham
 Andrews-Fletchers Frank Wier
 Assistant W. E. Thomas
 Bahama D. A. Clarke
 Bethel W. S. Lambert
 Brooksdale D. D. Traynham
 Burlington—Davis Street T. R. Jenkins
 Fountain Place W. B. Starnes
 Front Street Walter C. Ball
 Glen Raven E. F. Shuler
 Trinity R. L. Nicks
 Webb Avenue I. S. Richmond
 West Burlington J. R. Poe
Burlington Circuit P. C. Browning
 Butner R. C. Stubbins (RS)
 Bynum W. C. Shaw
 Carrboro G. W. Crutchfield
 Cedar Grove R. Z. Newton
 Chapel Hill C. S. Hubbard
 Durham—
 Asbury W. B. Petteway
 Bethany J. M. Cline
 Branson R. L. Crossno
 Calvary A. C. Lee
 Carr T. J. Whitehead
 Duke Memorial E. B. Fisher
 Duke's Chapel J. C. Chaffin
 Epworth D. M. Sharpe (RS)
 Lakewood M. W. Maness
 Maybrook-Massey E. E. Hiatt
 St. John's C. H. Dunn
 St. Paul's B. B. Slaughter
 Trinity C. D. Barclift
Durham Circuit L. A. Aitken
 Eno C. F. Grill
 Fairview M. D. Tyson
 Graham J. H. Lanning
 Haw River J. W. Goodwin
 Hillsboro A. M. Williams
 Leasburg P. W. Aitken
 Mebane T. M. Vick, Jr.
 Merritts-Orange E. C. Shoaf
 Milton W. F. Meacham
 Mount Hermon E. E. Whitley
 Mount Sylvan E. E. Branstetter
 Mount Tirzah R. N. Robertson
 Orange J. R. Hailey
 Person M. C. Henderson
 Pittsboro Brooks Patten
 Pittsboro Circuit J. C. Loy
 Rougemont E. Ray Goodwin
 Roxboro—Cavel W. G. Wegwart
 Long Memorial J. E. Garlington
Roxboro Circuit K. B. Sexton
 Salem-Chapel W. A. Seawell
 Saxapahaw J. C. P. Brown
 Swepsonville W. K. Babington
 Whitney-Cross C. C. Wiggers
 Yanceyville W. G. Brogan
 Associate Editor, Upper Room B. B. Little
 Chaplain U. S. Army W. K. Anderson
 Chaplain U. S. Army M. K. Glover
 Chaplain, U. S. Army Air Force F. M. Patterson
 Chaplain, State Hospital N. A. Desrosiers
 Chaplain to Duke University Barney Lee Jones
 Chaplain, Veterans Administration W. K. Barrs
 Deaconess (on leave), Durham, Miss Sarah McCracken
 Director, Public Relations, Greensboro College, C. R. Cahow
 Director, Wesley Foundation, University of North Carolina, Joel M. Savell
 Director, Religious Activities, West Campus, Duke University, Roland W. Rainwater
 Executive Director, Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., H. I. Glass
 Executive Director, The Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., D. D. Holt
 Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Education, C. P. Morris
 Librarian Worker, Duke University Divinity School, Isawo Tanaka
 Missionary to Austria J. P. Bartak

S means supply; RS means retired supply; AS means accepted supply. New appointments are in bold face type.

Missionary to Brazil C. B. Dawsey, Jr.
 Missionary to Africa E. F. Smith
 Secretary, Peace Education, American Friends Service Committee, J. D. Andrews
 Professor, Duke University D. G. Bradley
 Professor, Duke University, R. E. Cushman
 Professor, Duke University R. L. Dicks
 Professor, Duke University H. E. Myers
 Professor, Duke University J. J. Rudin
 Professor, Duke University R. H. Sales
 Professor, Duke University A. J. Walton
 Student, Yale University Divinity School, Front Street QC, J. L. Allen
 Director of Religious Activities, Louisburg College, R. F. McKee
 Student, Duke University Divinity School, Trinity QC, G. I. Ingram
 Student, Duke University Divinity School, Trinity QC, E. F. Bennett
 Student, Duke University Divinity School, Asbury QC, P. H. Layfield
 Youth Director, Conference Board of Education, C. R. Gatlin
 Acting Youth Director, Conference Board of Education, W. H. Kirby
 Director of North Carolina Christian Advocate, W. B. Petteway
 District Missionary Secretary T. M. Vick, Jr.
 District Secretary of Evangelism, T. J. Whitehead
 District Secretary of Temperance A. C. Lee
 Supernumerary E. H. Stevens
 Retired: L. S. Massey, H. E. Lance, J. W. Hoyle, Sr., H. C. Ewing, B. M. Williams, P. H. Fields, H. E. Spence, J. O. Long, K. F. Duval, W. T. Phipps, J. L. Smith, F. A. Lupton, C. T. Thrift, T. W. Lee, M. T. Plyler, J. M. Ormond, W. V. McRae, D. M. Sharpe, J. D. Cranford.

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District Superintendent C. F. Heath
 Ahoskie E. G. Purcell, Jr.
 Aulander J. Earl Richardson
 Bath Wilford Wise
 Belhaven L. P. Jackson
 Chowan C. H. Beale
 Columbia E. R. Meekins (S)
 Creswell A. C. Regan
 Curituck R. L. Vickery, Jr.
 Edenton E. B. Edwards
 Elizabeth City—City Road D. J. Reid
 First Church R. L. Jerome
 To be supplied
 Henry A. Bizzell, Jr.
 Dan E. Meadows
 A. L. Chaplin
 W. S. Davenport (AS)
 P. M. Porter (S)
 W. B. Gregory
 H. R. Ashmore
 H. S. Garriss (AS)
 R. N. Knight (S)
 Van T. Crawford
 J. M. Joliff (RS)
 R. T. Commander
 A. S. Lancaster
 H. M. Jamieson
 D. L. Fouts
 Vance Lewis (S)
 W. A. Wentz, Jr.
 Key W. Taylor
 Aaron Tyson
 A. H. Stone
 C. W. Guthrie
 N. W. Grant
 E. L. Earnhardt
 R. E. Walston
 C. G. Nickens
 Student, Duke University Divinity School, J. L. McAllister, Roper QC

Student, University of North Carolina, Carl R. Newton, Cedar Grove QC
 District Missionary Secretary, Henry A. Bizzell
 District Secretary of Evangelism D. J. Reid
 District Secretary of Temperance, H. M. Jamieson
 Director of North Carolina Christian Advocate, E. B. Edwards
 Retired: L. E. Sawyer, M. O. Fletcher, J. M. Joliff, W. J. Freeman.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent O. L. Hathaway
 Aberdeen W. A. Tew
 Biscoe J. F. Coble
 Broadway Charles Tilley
 Cordova C. A. Johnson
 Carthage George Blount
 Caledonia Robert S. Gibson
 Ellerbe J. K. Bostick
 Fayetteville—
 Calvary-Victory Holland Hale (S)
Eastover W. E. Howard
 Gardner J. F. Coble
 Haymount W. Stanley Potter
Hay Street G. S. Eubank
 Associate Robert Regan
 Northmount B. L. Davidson
 Associate Fant Steele (AS)
 Person Street J. E. Spenberg
 Fayetteville Circuit J. A. Auman
 Glendon Chester R. Brown
 Goldston E. G. Cowan
 Hamle H. M. McLamb
Hope Mills R. E. Fowlkes
 Laurel Hill R. I. Epps
Laurinburg H. C. Ruark
 Maxton Warren Atwater
 Mount Gilead C. S. Boggs
 Mount Gilead Circuit F. B. Brandenberg
 Parkton N. P. Edens
Pinebluff James Hamilton
 Raeford J. H. Miller
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CHANGES IN CHARGE BOUNDARIES

Elizabeth City District

Authorize a new church within the city limits of the city of Elizabeth City to be known as the Riverside Community Methodist Church. That a church be authorized for the area immediately north of Elizabeth City on Highway No. 17 to be known as Grace Methodist Church. That these points be combined to form the Riverside-Grace charge.

Divide the Roper charge, making two charges: The Roper Charge to consist of Mackeys, Pleasant Grove and Roper. The new charge to consist of Jamesville and Siloam churches, to be named the Jamesville Circuit.

Fayetteville District

Take Regan church and Barkers church from the St. Pauls circuit and place them on the Lumberton Circuit in the Wilmington District. Make St. Pauls a station.

Put West End station and Vass together, forming the West End-Vass Charge. (Preacher to live in the parsonage at West End.)

Change the name of Downing Street Methodist Church on the Eastover Charge, Fayetteville, to "CULBRETH MEMORIAL."

New Bern District

Divide Bridgeton Circuit into two charges as follows: (a) Bridgeton-Reelsboro; (b) Beech Grove Circuit: Beech Grove, Rhems, Clarks.

Divide Grifton Circuit into two charges as follows: (a) Make Grifton a station; (b) Make Sharon and Edwards a two-point charge.

Take Maury from the Hookerton Circuit and put with Mount Hermon from the Snow Hill Circuit to form the Maury-Mt. Hermon Charge.

Change name of Goldsboro Circuit to the Salem Charge.

Take Maysville Church from the Maysville Circuit and make Maysville a station.

Take Riverdale from the Newport Circuit and put with Trinity, newly organized church in New Bern to form the Trinity-Riverdale Charge.

Divide the Pink Hill Circuit into two charges as follows: (a) Pink Hill Circuit: Pink Hill, Nobles, Woodland; (b) Woodington-Webb Charge.

Take Jerusalem Church from Snow Hill Circuit and put with Garris-Grove to form the Garris Chapel Circuit.

Take Tabernacle Church from the Snow Hill Circuit and put with Walstonburg to form the Walstonburg-Tabernacle Charge; thus dissolving the Snow Hill Circuit.

Take Hobucken Church from the Stonewall Circuit and place it with the Aurora Circuit.

Divide the Trenton Circuit into two Circuits as follows: (a) Shady Grove Circuit: Cy-
 nes Creek, Foye's Memorial, Shady Grove;

(b) Trenton Circuit: Maple Grove, Oak Grove, Trenton.

Take Bethlehem and Wesley churches from the Walstonburg Circuit and place in the Rocky Mount District with Monk Memorial church, from the Farmville Charge, to form the Wesley Memorial Circuit.

Raleigh District

Divide the Garner-Ebenezer Circuit and make Garner a station. Put Ebenezer with Knightdale, making the Knightdale-Ebenezer Circuit.

Take Wake Forest and Youngsville churches from the Knightdale Circuit, making the Wake Forest-Youngsville Charge.

Take Pleasant Grove from the Westover-Pleasant Grove Charge, making a station of each of them, to be known as Westover and Pleasant Grove.

Take Stewarts Chapel from the Coats Circuit and make it a mission of the Divine Street Church, Dunn.

Mt. Carmel Church on the Granville Circuit, having been transferred temporarily during the year to the City Road Charge, is put back on the Granville Charge.

Rocky Mount District

Take Wesley and Bethlehem churches from the Walstonburg Charge in the New Bern District; Monk Memorial from the Farmville Charge in the Rocky Mount District, and form Wesley Memorial Charge, and place in the Rocky Mount District.

Close Lasker Church, Northampton Charge, and place the membership with New Hope, on the same charge.

Wilmington District

Take Goshen and Keener Churches from the Faison Charge and form a new charge to be called Goshen-Keener.

Take Friendship Church from the Duplin Charge and place with Faison.

Take Peace Church from the Hallsboro Charge and place with the Whiteville Circuit.

Take Vernoa Church from Jacksonville and place with Scott's Hill.

Take Pleasant Grove, Perdrie, and Singletary Churches from the Lumberton Circuit and form a new charge to be called Dublin. Hickory Grove.

Take Fairview and Hickory Grove from the Pembroke Parish and form a new charge to be called Fairview-Hickory Grove.

Take Pleasant Grove from the Ashpole-Center Charge and Community Center from the Prospect Charge in the Pembroke Parish and form a new Charge to be called Pleasant Grove.

Take Sandy Plains from the Prospect Charge, Pembroke Parish, and form a station to be called Sandy Plains.

COMMONWEALTH CHURCH, Charlotte, has completed its first year with a prayer vigil. Rev. J. L. Pittard is pastor.

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY T. YATES announce the birth of a son at Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C., on October 26. Mrs. Yates is the former Janie Bartlett of Goldsboro, N. C.

ALCOHOL—A CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY is the title of a course being given each Wednesday evening at Main Street church, Gastonia, by the pastor. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. Sponsoring organization is the church's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Summary Of Budget For Local Church

Attention: All Conference items shall now be remitted to the central treasury which has been set up at this Conference. The mail address, until further notice is given will be:

Marvin J. Cowell, Treasurer
 North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Church
 P. O. Box 468, Raleigh, North Carolina

Definition of "total money raised" as used herein. Reference: Annual Conference Journal for year 1951-52, tables 2 A and 2 B with deductions for amounts shown in seven columns, i.e. (a) Paid on Principal of Indebtedness, (b) Paid on Buildings and Improvements, (c) Special gifts to World Service, (d) Advance Fund, (e) Week of Dedication, (f) Fellowship of Suffering and Service, (g) Schools and Colleges.

Orphanage: 6% of "total money raised."

Hospitals and Homes: 2¼% of "total money raised." ⅓ for Golden Cross, ⅔ for Methodist Retirement Home.

Board of Missions and Church Extension: 2¼% of "total money raised."

College Sustaining Fund: 6% of "total money raised."

Camp Don-Lee Building Fund: 1% of "total money raised."

Minimum Salary Fund: 4% of "total money raised."

World Service and Conference Benevolences: Your acceptance as agreed with the District Superintendent.

The following items are apportioned on basis of salary of pastor and any associate pastor under episcopal appointment:

Episcopal Fund: A sum equal to 2% of current year salary.

District Superintendents' Fund: A sum equal to 5% of current year salary.

Conference Claimants: A sum equal to 16% of current year salary.

Ministers' Retirement Fund: A sum equal to 1% of current year salary.

All Special Offerings on a Conference-wide basis shall be remitted to the central treasury and should be done promptly. They are

General Advance Specials for National or World Missions. Indicate whether "directed" or "undirected."

Conference Advance Specials for Church Extension within the Conference. Indicate whether "directed" or "undirected."

Bishop Garber Church Extension Fund.

Overseas Relief Special Offering.

Week of Dedication

Fellowship of Suffering & Service (World Communion-Sunday)

Race Relations Sunday

Church School Rally Day

Methodist Student Day

Methodist Youth Fund

Christmas Special Offering for Church Extension, Jacksonville, N. C.

Mothers Day Special Offering for Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc.

Report on Greensboro School; Workshops Listed in Charlotte, Statesville; Harbin Named

THE GREATER GREENSBORO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

An all time conference record was set last week when 1949 persons enrolled and attended the opening session of the Greater Greensboro Leadership Training School. Thirty-seven churches from Greensboro and vicinity sponsored the school. Plans had been in the making since January. Anticipating use of the facilities in the new education building at West Market Street church, an elaborate schedule was developed. Rev. Herman F. Duncan, District Superintendent, took the initiative and was ably assisted by R. Harold Hipps, Dean; Wallace Dodds, Publicity Chairman; Ernest M. Scarboro, Business Manager; Mrs. Agnes E. Kirk, Text Books; Dr. E. C. Few, host pastor and other ministers and laymen of the Greensboro area.

Courses and Instructors

Twelve courses covering a wide range of interest were taught by Mrs. A. M. Dietterich, Kenmore, N. Y.; Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury; Miss Barnett Spratt, Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. L. B. Hazzard, Westminster, Maryland; Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point College; Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va.; Dr. W. A. Kale, Durham; Dr. Robert S. Clemmons, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. J. Rives, Falls Church, Va.; Dr. J. G. Phillips and Dr. G. T. Rowe, Durham and Aubrey M. Speer, Washington, D. C.

The First Session

The opening worship service on Sunday night was led by Herman F. Duncan assisted by R. Harold Hipps, Dr. E. C. Few and the men's chorus of West Market Street Methodist Church. The 1900 people in attendance filled the sanctuary, the annex, the balconies and overflowed to the fellowship hall of the educational building. This very effective worship service thrilled the hearts of the huge audience. This excellent service provided what was perhaps the greatest opening session for any training school ever held in this annual conference.

Other Features

In addition to the twelve very effective classes, other features of the school were outstanding. At the close of classes on Monday evening, a reception for the school was held in the spacious fellowship hall of the education building. On Tuesday evening Mrs. W. R. Reed, Salisbury, spoke on Children's Work in The Methodist Church. The topic for Wednesday evening was The Youth Emphasis in the Church and Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point College was the speaker. Robert S. Clemmons, Nashville, Tenn., spoke on Teaching Religion to Adults at the closing assembly of the school. Aubrey M. Speer, Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C., interpreted the position of The Methodist Church on prohibition in ten class sessions during the week.

General Courses

Among the general courses which were well attended were Personal Christian Living, Dr. J. J. Rives; The Story of Protestantism, Dr. G. T. Rowe; The Work of the Local Church, Dr. W. A. Kale and New Testament; Content and Values by Dr. J. G. Phillips; and Understanding Ourselves for young people only by Mrs. E. H. Ould. A hearty thank you to com-

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mittee chairmen, the district superintendent, ministers and laymen for featuring Christian education magnificently not only for one week but throughout the several months during which preparation was being made for the school.

OTHER TRAINING SCHOOLS

Eleven training schools for Christian workers are being held in the conference during October and early November. While not as large in attendance as the Greater Greensboro School, they are just as significant in featuring the cause of Christian education and in helping the 15,000 officers and teachers of our church schools to be more effective witnesses in the teaching ministry of the church. Schools have been held as follows: Hickory, October 4-8; North Wilkesboro, October 11-15; Salisbury, Newton and Statesville, October 18-22; Asheboro and Greensboro, October 25-29; Asheville, Marion and Wadesboro, November 1-5; and in Thomasville, November 8-13. Ministers, teachers and church school workers in general show their appreciation for the service rendered with their continued loyalty to and presence in the schools and with a constantly growing ministry of Christian education in the church schools of the conference.

IREDELL COUNTY SUBDISTRICT YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

Meeting at Broad Street, Statesville and with every minute of the time from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, filled with interesting and helpful activities, the young adults of Statesville and vicinity participated in a training program of a different nature. Plans for this occasion were developed over a period of weeks by Jack Sherrill, President of the Subdistrict; Andrew L. Pendleton, President of the sponsoring class at Broad Street; and Mrs. Sally McClelland, Secretary of the Conference Young Adult organization.

Introductions and Discussion Groups

Following introductions and announcements at the opening session the following discussion groups had two sessions each: Methods and Materials for Teaching Young Adult Classes, Mrs. Carl H. King; District and Subdistrict Work, Julian Lindsay; Recreation and the Creative Arts, Mrs. Gerry Rash White; Family Life, Rollin P. Gibbs; Program and Worship for Young Adult Classes, Carl H. King.

Fellowship Meal

At six o'clock the classes adjourned to the dining room where the evening meal was followed by games and fellowship singing led by Mrs. White. The group then assembled again for a presentation by Rollin P. Gibbs of The National Family Life Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 8, 9, 10, 1954. After another discussion hour, the classes assembled in the chapel of the church for a very effective worship message given by Rev. Ralph H. Taylor, District Superintendent.

Persons in attendance felt that the hours from four til nine o'clock on this particular Saturday afternoon and evening were filled with instruction, fellowship and inspiration of the type that can be provided only under the auspices of the church. It would be a magnificent achievement if a few hundred gatherings of this type could be held among the young adults of the conference during this year.

MYF WORKSHOP

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Under the leadership of E. Stuart Shannonhouse, district director of youth work in the Charlotte District, an MYF Workshop for subdistrict and local church officers was held at Central Methodist Church, Monroe, on Saturday, October 24.

Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., led the opening worship service. Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr., directed the singing of hymns and fellowship songs. Leaders for the four workshops on "Building our MYF Program" were: Miss Elsie Ellen Moore, director of Christian education at Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte; Miss Kathryn Bannister, director of Christian education at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro; Jerry Murray, Davidson; and Glenn R. McCulley, associate pastor at First Methodist Church, Charlotte. The youth and adult leaders reported enthusiastically about the helpfulness of these workshop groups.

The Youth Emphasis was presented by Miss Marion Craig, conference director of youth work. Suggestions for carrying out the program of the emphasis in the subdistrict and local church were made and copies of the goals for 1953-54 were distributed.

Miss Clarice Bowman, associate professor at High Point College, guided the thinking of the group in a summary session. She helped the group focus attention on the importance of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the responsibilities of the officers and members, and the challenge to youth today to live radiant Christian lives.

The closing communion service was conducted by A. J. Cox, pastor at Central Methodist Church, Monroe. Frank Jordan, Jr., of Charlotte served as pianist for this service of worship.

The women of the host church served a delicious lunch to the group. Recreation, fellowship singing, and a "get acquainted" time added to the fun of the day.

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Rev. M. E. Harbin, pastor at Oakley Methodist Church, Asheville, is the new district director of youth work in the Asheville District. He has been active in the youth program in the churches he has served and in the subdistrict work, and has been a popular leader at assemblies at Lake Junaluska.

I MET WITH GOD

I met with God.
He took my hand,
And softly said,
"I understand."

I looked at him,
And then I knew
That what he said
Was really true!

There is no problem,
Grief, or care
That can't be solved
With God in prayer!

By Bryson Schreiner

—in Christian Advocate

Mrs. Harbison Writes; Thomasville, Greensboro News; Supply Askings Listed

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM MRS. HARBISON

The following is an urgent letter from our president, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, which is not being mailed, as usual, to all local presidents, but is published only on this page of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and is addressed to EVERY MEMBER of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for her information and guidance, with the request that she help give wide publicity to its contents.

"Dear Friends:

"There is great concern felt about the large number of requests of all kinds that are coming to our Societies and Guilds and to individuals. We feel we must alert you to the danger of responding with cash from the treasuries of our societies. None of these outside projects are sponsored by the Woman's Division, and these unauthorized solicitations can deplete our treasuries of funds we need for the on-going of the work that is our obligation.

"Requests have been received to help at least two missionaries who have been sent out by the General Board of Missions. These are worthy of our support as Methodists, but the responsibility of the support of these projects is not the responsibility of our Woman's Society, which includes the Wesleyan Service Guild. If our members, therefore, wish to contribute it should be done through the church, and by all means the treasuries of the local Woman's Societies and Guilds should not be opened for these appeals. Certainly we will give of our means to national and civic causes as individuals, and as members of The Methodist Church, but these have no claims on Woman's Society funds.

"We really need every dollar our members give for the glorious completion of tasks and dreams within the scope of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In our own Conference we need to increase our contributions to care for two new missionaries who have been sent out by the Woman's Division this year, and whose support we have joyously assumed. We have two Rural Work openings that have been approved, and as soon as we can locate workers, we will need increased funds for their salaries and cars for each of them. There are other opportunities for service that are only waiting for increased funds—our Conference Treasurer can place to good use every dollar we send her. Please, be alert to channel our Woman's Society dollars through the Woman's Society.

"With every good wish for you, and the prayer that our efforts this year will be worthy of Gods richest blessing,

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. W. Harbison
Conference president"

WORTHY PROJECTS OF OUR WOMAN'S DIVISION

As a follow up of Mrs. Harbison's letter and to answer inquiries which frequently are asked by individuals and Woman's Societies, we have from Miss Lilian Walker, conference secretary of Missionary Service (or Projects) the following:

In answer to the question, What is a Missionary Project?—"A Missionary Project is a portion of the work within the appropriations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, such as a scholarship, the salary of a worker, a share in the

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maintenance of an institution for the support of which a specified amount may be assumed (or pledged) annually by an individual or a group."

Foreign projects include schools, all levels from kindergarten through college plus schools for nursing and Union Theological Seminaries, hostels and boarding homes, hospitals, rural centers, social settlements, and evangelistic work.

In the Home Field, Methodist women support 211 national projects and institutions and 97 conference projects. These fall into four classifications—homes for children, for young business women, rest homes for missionaries and deaconesses, schools ranging from kindergarten through college, hospitals, clinics and two schools of nursing, social service work through individual workers, settlements and community centers in rural and urban areas.

588 missionaries and hundreds of nationals carry on the work in foreign fields. 283 deaconesses, 22 enrolled home missionaries, and approximately 1,200 consecrated employed workers serve in home fields.

Methodist women maintain approximately 700 projects in foreign fields alone or through joint responsibility with the Division of Foreign Missions of our Board of Missions, or in cooperation with other denominational boards.

We have work in 29 countries. Although work in China, Bulgaria and Poland is withdrawn for the present, it will be resumed in these countries as world conditions permit.

Missionary projects should be supported for more than one year. Projects help financially and educationally.

The new list of Home Projects for the Western North Carolina Conference are: Erie School and Aiken Hall, Olive Hill, Ky.; National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo.; Sue Bennett College, London, Ky.; Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Methodist Settlement, Montgomery, Ala.; Western North Carolina Rural Work, David and Margaret Home, LaVerne, Calif., and Wilson Inn, Richmond, Va.

From this list we may find a variety of work to appeal to every individual and society, worthy projects of our Woman's Division, any or all of which would welcome any additional support we may give them. Write to Miss Lilian Walker, 2005 Beverly Drive, Charlotte, if you can possibly accept any one of these projects. The amounts for each year are varying, so get information from her before deciding on a project. The need is great, the projects are worthy, the time is urgent, the Master is calling. Who will be the first to respond?

SUPPLY WORK—REPORT AND ASKINGS

Following the above two urgent appeals comes a report from our conference secretary of supply work, Mrs. Ira Shelley, saying we failed to grasp an opportunity

during the first quarter to give as generously as we should to supply work. The total amount of cash and cash value on articles was \$12,547.61. Of this \$6,696.25 was our love offering for Korean children given at Lake Junaluska. The Greensboro District led in the amount of cash and cash value, with Charlotte running second. The Greensboro District also led in the amount of cash in the Wesleyan Service Guild. Winston-Salem District led in the number of coupons sent to the Bethlehem Center, and Charlotte led in pounds of used garments sent to the institutions. However, the Western North Carolina Conference led in the Jurisdiction for supply work the first quarter, with Virginia second with a total of \$4,259.68 for cash and value.

The "Askings" for the third quarter are: Asheville—Pfeiffer College, \$350.00 for booster tank for dish washer; Charlotte—Pfeiffer College, \$450.00 for glass washer; Gastonia—Cash to help buy a jeep for evangelistic worker in Belgium; Greensboro—Pfeiffer College, \$600.00 to help buy dish tables for dish washer; Marion—Allen High School, cash for bed sheets, blankets, also small gifts for special occasions, such as hose, underwear, school supplies; Salisbury—India, help Gastonia District buy jeep for evangelistic work; Statesville—Rural Worker in Watauga County, gas for car, school supplies, etc.; Thomasville—Pfeiffer College, \$680.00 for Steam Chef like the one recently bought for Scarritt; Waynesville—Philippines, undesignated cash for emergencies; Winston-Salem—Pfeiffer College, \$500.00 to help buy dish tables for dish washer. Total cost \$1,500.00.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

First church, Asheboro, is having a full program of activities during October and November. A joint meeting of the Woman's Society, Wesleyan Service Guild, and Youth Fellowship, was held recently when the young people of Shiloh church presented the play "Ba-Thane," under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Lamb.

October 26 Mrs. Frank Little lead this group in a "Quiet Day" observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Mrs. J. W. Payne is teaching the course on "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" November 16, and for the November general meeting of the Society "Family Night" was held at the church and Mrs. Ira Shelley showed the slides depicting some of the work of the Woman's Division.

SUBDISTRICT MEETINGS IN GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Combined educational seminars and subdistrict meetings are being held in the Greensboro District, the third to be held at Main Street church, High Point, October 29. Around 300 women have been reached in this way and the programs have been well presented under the leadership of Mrs. O. H. Westmoreland, district secretary of missionary education. One of the finest presentations of Children's Work is being given at all these meetings by the district secretary, Mrs. J. D. Hicks of Mayodan. She has an approach that is thought provoking as well as challenging.

The four studies are given as follows: The Life and Task of the Church Around the World, Mrs. O. H. Westmoreland; Spanish Speaking Americans in the U.S.A., Mrs. Horwood P. Myers; Alcohol and Christian Responsibility, Mrs. C. A. York; The Prophet Jeremiah, Mrs. Frank Little. Workshops are held for the various officers following the studies.

Annual Orphanage Football Game Draws Much Attention

Enthusiasm and team spirit were very much in evidence long before the all important game . . . but it really reached the peak the week that led to the Sixth Orphanage Bowl Game which was played at Riddick Stadium, Saturday, October 24.

Our football team, having won two, lost two and tied one up to that time, had a new determination to give their all for dear ol' Methodist Orphanage High School . . . and those who watched the game know they did, and more.

Coach Jim Brown, together with Mr. Fred Smith, worked hard, and spent long hours getting the boys in shape . . . going over plays . . . checking offense and defense. As a result of this our Red Raiders were all fired up for this special game.

Our thanks go out to each and every one that had a part in making this Orphanage Game the big success that it was.

To the Shriners . . . the Methodists . . . the pastors throughout our conference . . . the men, women and children that purchased tickets, we would like to say, "thank you very, very much." You all had a part in making this game the best one yet.

To the housemothers and youth on our campus, also go our genuine thanks for their unified spirit and co-operation in making this week-end one that will long be remembered in the lives of the boys and girls.

All of our boys and girls, together with housemothers gathered for the huge bonfire on Friday night and the air was filled with the ringing voices as they gave their cheers, songs and speeches.

Then came the day, Saturday. Early in the morning you found the boys and girls busily engaged in decorating their homes. Signs appeared, just about everywhere you turned. "Come on Raiders" and "Beat Oxford" seemingly the favorites.

Prizes were to be given to the home that was decorated the best, and the winners were: The Baby Cottage, Burwell girls, and the Cole boys. The baby cottage will spend their prize money for hard candy . . . the Burwell girls have decided to have their record prayer repaired, and the Cole boys, you might have known, will have a hamburger fry.

The following Shriners served as judges: Noble Lester H. Gillikin, Illustrious Potentate; Fred Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Raleigh; C. A. Dillon, President of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage; Noble Frank T. Watson, Past Potentate; Noble Vic Mansfield and Noble Herbert Ruffin, General Chairman. They say the decision was hard to reach, for each cottage was so colorfully and cleverly decorated.

Our special thanks to Herbert B. Ruffin for lining up the judges, and for the thousand and one other things he did as General Chairman of the Orphanage Bowl Game.

On Saturday afternoon the Shriners and guest bands from Elizabeth City, Oxford, Goldsboro, Durham, Cary, Dunn, Smithfield, New Bern, Ahoskie, and Creedmoor high schools, and the Sudan Temple Band; Sudan Temple Drum and Bugle Corps, and Sudan Temple Oriental Bands marched, and rode, down Fayetteville Street in a display of color; music and frivolity.

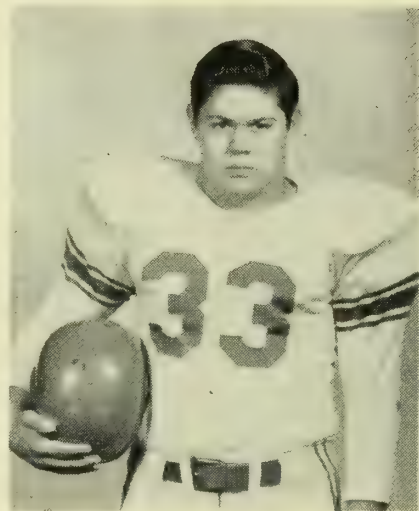
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a bus load of boys and girls to the game, sharing in the afternoon and evening activities with our group.

Also sharing in the supper meal and adding a great deal to the entire week-end were the Oxford Orphanage boys and girls who attended the game.

When the three bus loads came on the campus they were greeted with a "Welcome Oxford" at the gate, decorated with white and red crepe paper by Miss Beth Hedden.

The Oxford and Farmville and Methodist groups shared bag lunches and supper together . . . wholesomely kidding each other about the game . . . renewed acquaintances and made new friends. Why don't we do this more often was the comment from both Oxford and Methodist youth.

Colorful Festivities and a Good Game

Festivities for the Big night at Riddick Stadium began at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Shrine bands and ten bands from various towns over eastern North Carolina performed on the field and received awards of merit.

Upon the appearance of both teams, for warm-up practice . . . the stands themselves seemed to shake . . . the cheers and songs put everyone in the spirit for the great event that was soon to follow.

On the Methodist side, the Varsity Cheerleaders stood in front of the section, while the Junior Varsity cheerleaders stood in the stands and cheered. The crowd really got a thrill as little Jimmy Barrett with his white sweater and red M.O. stepped up to the microphone and yelled, "Let's Go Red Raiders," "Beat Oxford," and finally ended with "Where's Mommy."

In the first few seconds, it seemed, Oxford scored twice, making the extra point on the first, and it seemed to all present that this was to be a runaway for Oxford. It was then that John Horne

intercepted an Oxford pass, deep in Oxford's territory. Several plays later, halfback Richard Newton took a hand-off and ran the ball over. A pass play failed on the extra point. The half ended 13-6.

In the third quarter, halfback, DeRoy Hobson picked up a fumble and to the delight of the Methodist rooters, ran 85 yards for another tally, making the score 13-12. Bruce Lamm, Captain of the Methodist team, blocked the only man who had a chance to get Hobson. The Methodist stands went wild with excitement, yelling "Make that point." But the point was missed. Oxford, not to be denied, came back and scored two more touchdowns and made another extra point. The final score being 25-12. Everyone present felt that it was a most exciting game.

During halftime the 10 bands came on the field in an array of color, and played several school songs in unison, led by Shriner Millard Burt. Each band marched off separately, playing a song of their own choice. While this was going on, Rev. Leon Gray, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, and Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, spoke over the radio.

All in all it was a weekend which will go down as a high water mark in developing school spirit, and team morale.

Something new was added this year—three Indian Red Raider mascots, Ray Partin, John Berry Fleming and Paul Horne, did capers and helped to keep up the spirit all through the game. They, together with the Varsity cheerleaders marched in the Shrine parade.

Throughout the stands could be heard some of our Alumni shouting, "Hey Geraldine, am I glad to see you," or, see some of them slapping each other on the back in friendly greeting. Some were hustling over other's feet in order to grab a seat by one another, and were soon lost in deep memories of the many years they spent at M.O.

Our hat is off to the Oxford team for the good game they played. Now, they too have won three straight games entitling them to a trophy. We hope that they are as proud of theirs as we have been of the one we won.

The game in 1954 will find us on an even basis, in that we will both want to win . . . so that we will have at least a little hold on the new trophy. Hurry back to see us Oxford . . . you are always welcome.

REV. LANGSTON VISITS CAMPUS

Rev. E. L. Langston, Episcopal minister from Bournemouth, England, visiting Edenton Street Methodist Church for a series of two addresses on the deeper things of the spirit, spoke to the afternoon high school bringing them a message on the twenty-third Psalm. The group had the opportunity of going to the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at Edenton Street church to hear Mr. Langston, and of chatting with him afterwards on the matter of abundant living in Christ.

"This was a meaningful experience," voiced one of our girls, Claudette King. "After these two addresses and the informal discussion I felt a new religious experience, I felt that I was not as close to God as I ought to be, and discovered that I wanted to get on my knees and ask God to forgive me and to strengthen me in this new found faith."

It is experiences like this that make our work worth while, and we cherish more of them for our boys and girls.

Sunday School Lesson for November 8

Church and Community

By Charles M. Laymon

Acts 2: 41-42; Philippians 2: 12-18

Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee, speaking at a recent meeting in Memphis, said: "A lot of people think that politics and religion don't mix. Well, if they don't mix, there's certainly something wrong with our political system."

The governor was attempting to awaken church members to realize their responsibility to public institutions such as state hospitals and reformatories. If Christians do not show an interest in these wards of the state, he asks, who will?

The early church did not have to be reminded of its responsibility to the community. At the very outset it showed a lively concern for those in need. Luke records in the Acts of the Apostles that "they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2: 45). Widows, orphans, outcasts and the dispossessed were helped in this manner.

Had these first Christians closed their eyes to the conditions of those around them, they would have been untrue to their Lord, who made the needs of everyone he met a personal cause. The communities of Palestine were different because Jesus had walked their streets!

This should be true today wherever the church is found. The Wesley Quarterly, in presenting this lesson, quotes Washington Gladden, author of the great hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," as saying that "the effectiveness of a church is not to be measured by its degree of financial prosperity or by the size of its membership, but by the moral state of the community it is supposed to serve." It is not statistics but living conditions that tell the story of the church's success or failure.

And yet statistics may suggest to us the greatness of our opportunity to improve community life. The figures just released in the "Yearbook of American Churches" show that there are 92,277,129 persons belonging to churches in the continental U.S. This represents a gain of more than three and a half million over last year's figures. There was nearly a two million gain in Sunday-school enrollment.

If this tremendously large number of church members took seriously the memory selection of today's lesson: "Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27), the level of our community life would be lifted beyond belief. Why don't we?

THE HILLS AHEAD

The hills ahead look hard and steep and high,
And often we behold them with a sigh,
But, as we near them, level grows the road,
We find on every slope, with every load,
The climb is not so steep, the top so far—
The hills ahead look harder than they are.
And so with troubles, though they seem so great
That men complain and fear and hesitate,
Less difficult the journey than we dreamed,
It never proves as hard as once it seemed.
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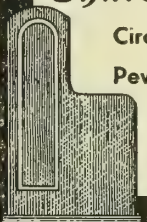
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News in Brief

SHILOH CHURCH in Catawba County had open house at the new parsonage Sunday, November 1, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members and friends were invited. Rev. Donald Funderburk is pastor.

ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH, welcomed the new pastor, Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, Jr., and family on Wednesday, October 14 with a fellowship supper and a pounding following the supper.

REV. Y. D. POOLE, who retired at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference, has moved from Midland to Statesville. His address is P. O. Box 136.

REV. B. REID WALL, superintendent and minister of the Methodist Home, represented the General Board of Hospitals and Homes at the recent session of the South Carolina Annual Conference.

WEST END CHURCH, Gastonia, announces a series of evangelistic services November 8-15, with services daily at 7 p.m. Rev. R. A. Taylor, former pastor, will preach and W. W. Collins, director of music and recreation at Main Street church, Gastonia, will lead the singing. Two meetings in preparation for the series were held with Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., and Rev. C. E. Williams as speakers.

PURCELL CHURCH, Charlotte, observed its seventh anniversary with its first homecoming service Sunday, October 11. On this occasion plans were launched for the construction of an educational building. Rev. J. J. Powell, first pastor of the young church, delivered the message; B. C. Thompson reviewed the church history; M. H. Creighton presented the plans for the new building; and Jimmie Chasteen of Bessemer City was soloist. The church school hour drew 187 and many were present for the worship service. Picnic lunch was served on the church grounds. The church had a substantial gain in membership last year. Rev. A. Frank Phibbs is pastor.

CONCORD CHURCH on the Concord-Liberty charge in the Thomasville District is making plans for a new educational building which will be 30 by 60 feet of brick construction to match the present church building completed three years ago. To consist of two floors, the structure will contain additional class rooms and social facilities, will join the present building from the rear with a breezeway. It is expected that with donations of labor, material and cash, which have already begun to come in, the structure will be paid for upon its completion. W. R. Davis has headed the building committee which has studied the plans and led the congregation in the program. Rev. B. C. Adams is in his first year as pastor.

"WHY JOHN THE BAPTIST SPRINKLED THE MULTITUDES AT THE RIVER JORDAN" is the title of a new 100-page book by Rev. C. T. Thrift of Durham. Setting forth the meaning of the word "baptizo," the volume covers comprehensively the subject of water baptism. It is based on more than 30 Greek lexicons. Aspects discussed include the history of affusion (sprinkling and pouring) as the oldest form of baptism; the history of trine immersion; a glimpse into church history unknown to millions. A complementary volume to Mr. Thrift's "Why Jesus Was Baptized in Infancy," the book, as someone said, "will cause some to laugh, some to weep and some to gnash their teeth." Piedmont Press printed the unusual volume.

PINE FOREST CHURCH TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, November 8, 1953, the Pine Forest Methodist Church members and interested friends plan to observe "Anniversary Day." The program is scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock a.m. with a sermon by Rev. W. C. Wilson, a former pastor. A picnic dinner will be spread on the grounds. The afternoon program will begin at 2:00 o'clock and will be a musical program with visiting quartets and choirs from Daniels Memorial church, St. Luke, and Temperance Hall Methodist Church in Edgecombe County. A special invitation is being extended to all former members and pastors of the church, and interested friends are also cordially invited to attend and have a part in the celebration.

It was 77 years ago Pine Forest began its existence as a Sunday School and met in the small one-room school building under the direction of J. E. Mann with only twelve members. It was in 1903 that the people of the community decided to build the first one-room church "Pine Forest." It was dedicated in 1905 by a local pastor, Rev. W. D. Sasser. Interest and enthusiasm grew until in 1924 it became necessary to build Sunday School classrooms and enlarge the sanctuary. Pine Forest was one of five churches on the Goldsboro Methodist Circuit charge from 1925 to 1948, when the circuit became a full-time station with a full-time pastor, Rev. C. W. Goldston. The parsonage, which was completed last April, will soon be ready for dedication.

Indeed! Pine Forest church people have much cause for rejoicing and being thankful for the blessings of past attainments and a greater incentive for future achievements.

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PROFESSOR A. C. REYNOLDS: Man Who Matched the Mountains

By L. B. Hayes

In legend Paul Bunyan was a lumberman mighty in deed; in western North Carolina he was an educator and his name was A. C. Reynolds, a tall man who bestrode these hills like a colossus, but he was unaware of his size and walked without ostentation, speaking in low voice and asking Socratic questions.

If you come upon a stream of clear culture flowing down from Cullowhee, Biltmore and Rutherford Colleges you will find around these headwaters the tracks of a giant; they were made by Reynolds who meandered up to the springs, cleaned out the silt and trash, until the sparkling flow ran clear with life giving strength. These streams of enlightenment became tonics more potent to the mind than the pause that refreshes; it was the very elixir of life coming thru channels laid down by pioneer educators among whom A. C. Reynolds was chief.

Others we know: Alley of Haywood, historian and teacher; Madison of Jackson, co-founder of Cullowhee; and Abernethy of Burke, father of Rutherford. But none of them master-minded three schools that became colleges as did Prof. Reynolds. Besides he was county superintendent in Buncombe and Haywood for 14 years and was a grass-roots teacher for many more. It is no wonder that when he fell a vacant place appeared on the rim of the mountains, men gave a mighty shout of "Timber," and the angel band swept low to bear him away on snowy wings to his immortal home. No wonder that the church at Fletcher overflowed and throngs of his old students and friends stood close when we laid his body among his beloved hills.

In San Francisco on Knob Hill there stands a great hotel called Mark Hopkins. It crowns a summit from which the eye sweeps the Bay, Golden Gate and far out beyond Seal Rocks to where the white horses of the sea leap to meet the azure sky. It is a lordly building and a grand view. But Mark Hopkins was not celebrated as an inn-keeper; he was a famous teacher, so much so that when he sat on the end of a log with a student there was a university. So it was that A. C. Reynolds before his class became a college and thousands of boys and girls, over a period of half a century, listened while he lectured and opened for them vistas of the larger life.

Funeral praise often becomes fulsome, but never in all my days have I read "Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us" with a more sure sense of fitness, in reference to a truly great man. Likewise the words of Pastor Ross and Brother Groce were toned to truth and soberness, while at times, only the organ's muted music could express our sadness of farewell.

His brother, J. L. Reynolds, was long a member of our conference and A. C. was a princely laymen. Often in my younger days I sat with him on boards and heard his quiet counsels concerning conference affairs. Considering his long life, so honorably lived we may use these lines of literature to carry our tribute; "There is nothing here for tears—Ripeness is all." He was the answer to Foss' plea:

"Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains,
Men with empires in their purposes
And new eras in their brains."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1953

MAGAZINE PUBLISHES ARTICLES ON COMMUNISM AMONG CLERGY

LOOK Magazine has announced it will carry in its November 17 issue, two articles on the subject of Communism and the Protestant Clergy. One by Dr. J. B. Matthews, former chief investigator for Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, the other by Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

In his article, "Red Propaganda Has Influenced 7,000 Protestant Clergymen," Dr. Matthews will reiterate and offer additional evidence in defense of his charges made several months ago that the "largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen."

Presented in rebuttal to Dr. Matthews' charges, Bishop Oxnam's article, "The Real Dupes In The Red Hunts Are On Congressional Committees," questions the reliability of Dr. Matthews statements and calls attention to the lack of factual evidence to substantiate accusations of widespread communist affiliations among Protestant clergy.

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Our Readers Say . . .

THANK FRIENDS WHO REMEMBERED

Dear Friends:

I wish to take this opportunity to write a few lines to my many friends across the conference. I have been sick now almost a year, and am glad to report that my condition is sufficiently improved for me to walk around in the house unassisted. I thank everyone of you from the depths of my heart for your prayers, your visits, and your many material gifts. These gifts are being used to furnish our new home which has just been completed.

By the time this goes in print we will have moved into our humble cottage, which is located on Royal Oaks St. in Thomasville. I covet a continued interest in your prayers for my complete recovery.

Sincerely,
Thomasville Jesse L. Ingram

In Memoriam

ROSCOE WALKER

WINSTON-SALEM—The Official Board of Pine Grove Methodist Church records the following resolution:

Whereas Brother Roscoe Walker was a faithful member of this Board and a constant worker for the benefit of our church; and whereas God has called Brother Walker from us to his eternal reward; therefore be it resolved: First, that we bow in submission to the Father's Will with thankfulness for the aid and comfort given to us during his earthly labors; Secondly, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and assure them that we will hold in reverence his memory. Thirdly, that a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—M. A. Lewis, J. C. Brewer, A. F. Jones.

MRS. BERTHA PAYNE NEWELL

GREENSBORO—On September 4, one of the most valued friends and co-workers of Greensboro Christian women died. She won her crown, not just among women of The Methodist Church, in which she had worked so long and with such versatility, but among the progressive thinking women of the nation.

The Kingdom of God, centered in her church activities, she extended into the care and education of little children; for her first work, in Hull House in Chicago, was in forming and teaching kindergartens for underprivileged children. For more than two decades she carried on that work before she met Rev. William Allen Newell in North Carolina.

After her marriage, she became absorbed in religious and social work among people in the Southeast, South and Southwest. She traveled extensively and was as much a preacher as her husband.

She talked strongly in favor of applied Christianity, extending from The Methodist Church into everyday lives, and sought to improve those who were economically insecure, those troubled with interracial problems and those burdened with injustice.

Her theme of social service beyond the visits to the sick has been recognized as a part of organized Christian service by several denominations beside the Methodist. Eight thousand societies adopted, through her work as Woman's Missionary Council Superintendent of Christian Social Relations, new ways of spreading Christ's love of humankind.

Neighborhood sympathy was extended to Indian, sharecropper, Negro and migrant and industrial labor. Her work touched hungry and embittered hearts all over the world through better international relations.

Her associates in the Susannah Wesley Class of the West Market Street Methodist Church loved and knew her better for her teaching in that class. She was a guiding light, an inspiration toward greater usefulness. Brilliant in mind, possessing the highest moral integrity, consistently plain spoken, she dedicated herself to many good causes, and with great energy and determination carried them to success.

Her achievements were fitting accomplishments for a consecrated life.

In her declining days, she never lost the feel of youth and education and God's way. Though in her eighties, she kept up with her young grandson, playing Billy Goats Gruff over a footbridge near her home. Even in her illness she taught "Bobby" how to build garages with blocks on a table beside her sofa.

Her cheerful approach toward life and mankind influenced those close and far from her. Her Christian living and teaching were so evident that, the evening after she had died, Bobby, at supper said:

"Thank You, God, for home and food and clothes. And thank You that the angels have come for my Granny!" —Susannah Wesley Class, West Market Street Church, Greensboro.

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Hunger Never Takes a Vacation

By Carl R. Key, State Director
North Carolina CROP

Each year in September vacations, for the most part, come to an end. People everywhere return to school and to their regular work schedule. Work and vacations and the changing seasons are all a part of the rhythm of life that keep it varied and interesting. Every man and woman, boy and girl look forward, in the course of the year, to a vacation. One thing is certain that hunger, wherever found, never takes a vacation; nor does the need for food in many lands today. It can drastically upset the rhythm of life any time, anywhere. That is just what old man hunger has done throughout the centuries. During recent years recurrent wars and increasing population have brought hunger into sharp focus as the number one problem of the world.

Earthquake, famine, flood, drought, war and pestilence have accentuated the problem of hunger the world over in the last six years. As a backwash from recent wars there is a solid body of refugees numbering 38,000,000. They command our pity, our compassion, our concern. To this serious and ever-growing problem the denominations and relief agencies, church and secular, have addressed themselves like the Good Samaritan with active good will. As all know we have only just begun to fight relentless hunger and its causes.

CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) has distributed food and self help in bulk overseas to refugees, old people, orphans, flood, famine and drought victims valued at more than \$15,000,000 during the last six years. Church World Service has sent millions of pounds of supplies—food, clothing, medicine, building materials—during the same period. CARE reports recently that they have sent food and other packages to the needy worth at least \$150,000,000. Heifer Project has a matchless record of self-help by shipment of thousands of heifers, horses, goats, pigs, chicks, hatching eggs to 29 different countries in South America, Europe, the Near East, and Asia.

UNESCO, FAO, Point IV (T.C.A.), the Columbo Plan (British, similar to Point IV)—all fighting unceasing hunger by trying to teach peoples by technical assistance programs to help themselves. All and more is needed in the fight.

The foregoing is pin-pointed by Gove Hambidge the North American Regional Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of U. N. Mr. Hambidge addressed a gathering at Cleveland College last August on the question, "Can the World Feed Itself?" "Some people say 'Yes'. Some say 'No'", he states.

By way of summary, Dr. Hambidge observes that "We are two worlds. What we can be sure of is this: the world has long been divided into two parts. We have a half-world of plenty, inhabited by the people of countries like the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and most of western Europe. We have a half-world of hunger and want, inhabited by the people of most of Asia and the Middle East, practically all of Africa, and large parts of Latin America.

"We know, too, that since the war," Dr. Hambidge goes on to say, "World food production has increased by nine per cent while the number of people has grown by thirteen per cent. So there is less food for each person than there was before the war, and there was not enough then by quite a long way.

"The lag since the war has been in the

half-world of want, which makes a bad situation worse. The tide of hunger has been creeping up on tens of millions of human beings.

"In the half-world of plenty, where you and I live, production has continued to keep ahead of population growth, so that on the average we are now even better off than we were before. And we did not do too badly then."

FAO and Point IV entered this battle quite late. Relief agencies came into the picture since World War II. But this fight against hunger should have begun centuries ago. A recent reliable study by a leading American churchman reveals that one out of twelve missionaries in the past were agricultural experts; all others were teachers, nurses, doctors, evangelists and preachers. It is about time to realize that we cannot save the souls of men, women, boys and girls unless we first find a satisfactory way to save their lives, to reclaim their bodies from the death grip of hunger. Every Christian ought to become a part of the answer to this serious problem and not a part of the problem itself. Our Christian concern for our brother man demands it of us.

This is the task of all—the scientist, doctor, missionary, evangelist, agriculturalist, architect, contractor and preacher. All of us must engage the enemy hunger now and fight to the finish. The goal is "the more abundant life" for all.

Our material gifts for emergency relief, our aid on self help programs and technical assistance projects of all kinds through the church agencies, United Nations and Point IV are steps in the right direction. We cannot grow weary in well doing now.

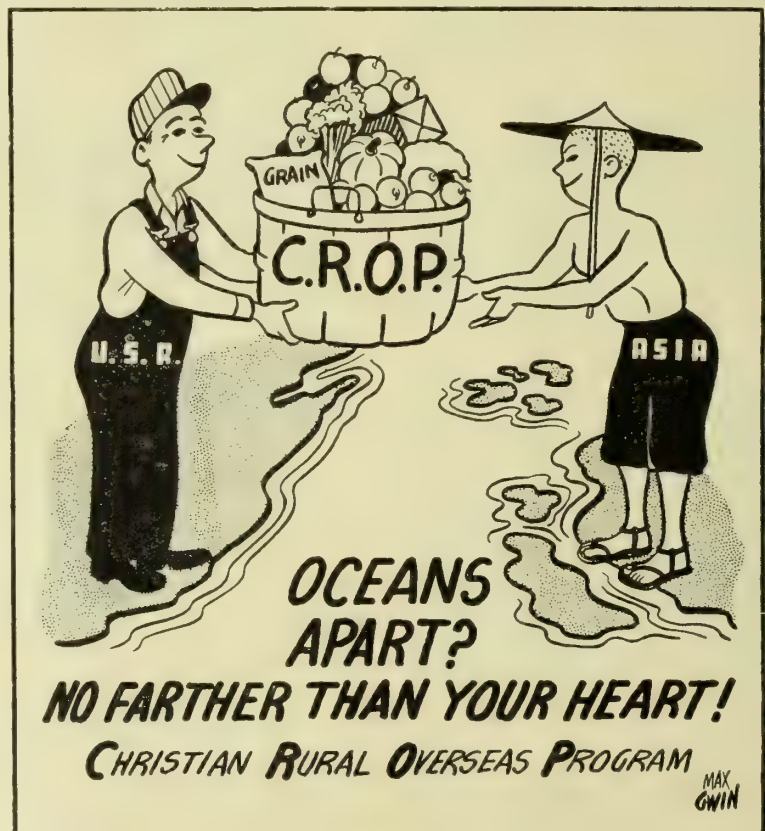
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HIGH POINT COLLEGE HAS GRADUATED 2,400

Since the opening of the doors to students in September, 1924, High Point College has graduated 2,400 students, according to a detailed report made available by N. P. Yarborough, HPC Registrar. Except for the first graduating class, that of 1927, a summer school has been maintained up to the present. Between 1944 and 1951, degrees were conferred at three different times during the year. The smallest number of graduates received degrees in 1927. Professor Herman I. Coble, a member of the first graduating class and now a member of the HPC faculty, was the very first of the thirteen to receive a diploma from High Point College. The peak year was in 1949 when 270 students were graduated. Up to 1940 the number of degrees conferred had not reached 100; since that time, except for the war years, 1943-1947, the number has varied from approximately 150 to the high of 270.

HPC, however, is putting chief emphasis upon an improvement in quality rather than an increase in number.



"One picture is worth a thousand words," says an old Chinese proverb. How much is this picture worth to you? How much shall it mean to our needy neighbors this winter? Only you and I can fill this basket during CROP WEEK, November 8-14.

The Lord of the harvest has been generous to us in spite of the driest summer in history. Now we are asked to show our generosity by an outpouring of needed food supplies.

North Carolinians have a wide reputation for their generosity. If a CROP Canvasser should fail to call at your farm or home, give through your local church designating it for this cause.

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An Educational Building Being Paid for with Lord's Acre Funds



Pictured above is the \$26,000 educational building of Love's Chapel church on the Stanfield charge which is being paid for with funds raised through a Lord's Acre project. The other picture shows members of the church and friends picking cotton on a ten-acre Lord's Acre plot donated by L. A. Love of Charlotte. The field this year, despite dry weather, produced ten bales and enabled the loyal congregation to reduce the indebtedness around \$2,000. See story, "Cotton for the Kingdom," page five. (Photos by Carriker).

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

CONTINUE IN THE ANOINTING By Wayne McLain

In the first letter of John we find these words: "I write this to you about those who would deceive you; but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him." (I John 3: 26, 27).

In real conversion you are directly anointed by the Lord Himself with that precious balm of love which saves the sin-sick soul and makes the wounded whole, the balm of the heavenly Gilead. If we really follow the Spirit of the Lord, this anointing will continue. When we get "off the beam" by preoccupation with the mote in our neighbor's eye, this anointing stops. You cannot look down on your neighbor and look up to Jesus at the same time. If you are a servant of Jesus, you do not have either time or inclination to act as judge of your neighbor.

We learn the will of God through the experience of living in the spiritual dryness of disobedience on the one hand and participating in the showers of blessings which come upon us in love-filled obedience on the other. We **feel** so much better when we are living in the Kingdom than when we live outside that if we are wise we shall learn quickly to stay on the inside. And we feel **better** because we touch the hem of the garment of the **Best**, of Jesus Who dwells in the joyous victory that has overcome the world of doubt, fear, hate, and the devil. Jesus stands the Mighty Conqueror because He has rent the veil in two! He has broken down the wall of hostility between man and God and between man and man.

Therefore, when we walk in divinely given love for our neighbor in simple deeds of truth and compassion, we participate in His nature and He gives us the unmistakable sign of His approval, the anointing of His Love. This is why it is more blessed to give than to receive. It is much more joyous to give out His love and joy and peace to others than to receive it first for ourselves though we must first receive to have anything to give. To guarantee that there will be no end to His government and peace, however, the Wonderful Counsellor has so arranged the Christian life in the Spirit that the happiest blessings and anointings come as we give His love to others.

"Others, Lord yes others, Let this my motto be."

I remember I was once passing through Durham on my way to Kipling to be in a revival with Pastor Roderick Dail. As I was leaving Durham on the road to Raleigh, the question came to my mind: "Is there anything in my heart or life that would hinder my effectiveness in the revival?"

Immediately there came to my mind the memory of a woman in Durham with whom I had fallen out as a student in Duke Divinity School. I had rented a room in her home and we had fallen out over how much rent I should pay her on one occasion when I owed her for less than a month's stay.

I felt I should turn around, go see the woman, and become friends again. As I

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WEAK MEN AND WICKED ONES

It has been said that more mischief is done by weak men than by wicked men. I am not sure. But when we read the Master's words, we see how He condemned those who do not help when there is need.

Some good work is needed, and I do not help do it. That is my sin. Some doubting soul is groping for faith and I do not help guide him. Some slanderous gossip is injuring a neighbor, and I am not trying to check it. Some man falls by the wayside and I pass on the other side. Those are my sins.

I talked recently with three men sent by their companies to assume high executive positions in my city. These men can perch comfortably in high apartment houses and keep aloof from the muck and graft which are being revealed here in New York.

But they will not help clean the sidewalks of New York merely by keeping their own shirts clean. And men whose dynamic energy enables them to make good in business can hardly satisfy their consciences by being only passively good in the midst of a community's evils.

The power of individual influence is hard to overestimate. A good man's example casts a shadow of influence far beyond what he can see.

The late Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis wrote a great book years ago on "The Investment of Influence." I was so impressed that I once prepared a sermon in which I pointed out how we cast shadows of influence which may help and heal others.

I called the sermon, "Men and Their Shadows" and gave it at the commencement of a New England's woman's college. (I found that "Men and Their Shadows" was not a very happy title for a woman's college baccalaureate!) Nevertheless, the point was valid. Our shadows of influence are almost immeasurable.

But influence is not enough. It's said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man. But it is also true that the institution is the organized shadow of individuals. It takes organization and co-operation to make goodness fully effective.

Evil doers "gang up," but good people often do not. We are impressed and dismayed by the interlocking directorates of the criminal elements, as we see how police and politicians and bosses may often be leagued together, as for instance on the New York waterfront. We cannot combat such corrupt combinations with divided religious forces.

The time has come when Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders should meet and plan a united front for cleansing our cities and towns of corruption. Such a gathering would alarm the gangsters and arouse the churches.

Professor Muehl of Yale Divinity School tells of visiting a fine old ancestral house in Connecticut. The aged owner was the last of a distinguished New England family and she was proudly showing him through the home. Over the fireplace he noticed an ancient rifle and asked if he might take it down and examine it.

His hostess replied: "Oh, I am afraid that wouldn't be safe. You see, it is all

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Let Us Pray

Our Father, we pause at the end of the harvest to thank Thee that Thou hast been good to us this year. Our fields have yielded more bountifully than we deserve. Our mines and factories and shops have prospered more than we have a right to ask. Thou art a loving heavenly Father. When we water and cultivate, Thou dost give the increase. When we give honest labor, Thou dost give full measure, pressed down, running over. Teach us to use all of these gifts for the benefit of our loved ones, friends, and even all mankind. May we particularly remember the sick and afflicted, the downcast and the unfortunate and share with them out of our rich storehouse of material things. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

loaded and primed to fire. My great-grandfather kept it there in constant readiness against the moment when he might strike a blow for the freedom of the colonies."

Professor Muehl asked, "Then he died before the Revolutionary War?" "No," she answered, "he lived to a ripe old age and died in 1802, but he just never had any confidence in General Washington."

There was a man who lived right through the crucial days of the American Revolution. He longed for liberty, but he did not make his convictions count.

We are living through revolutionary days. How far are we making our influence count? (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Everybody Is Blessed by These Young Churches

Figures released by North Carolina Conference Missionary Secretary O. L. Hathaway at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference reveal some of the benefits that come to a denomination when it establishes new churches in unchurched areas. His figures are drawn from eight churches in the conference established since 1949, as follows: Winstead, Wilson; Wesley Memorial, Raleigh; St. Luke, Goldsboro; Epworth, Durham; Westminster, Kinston; Trinity, Burlington; St. James, Greenville; and Longview Gardens, Raleigh.

The average age of these churches is slightly less than two years each. They started with 640 charter members. Their total membership now numbers 1,222. They have 1,546 church school members. Their combined budgets, which began at practically zero, next year will be \$44,687, or about \$5,500 each. They have property valued at \$367,000, with an estimated indebtedness of \$183,000. Thus their net value is \$184,000 or approximately \$23,000 each. These eight churches have averaged receiving slightly more than 75 members each per year and have added to their net property evaluation at the rate of \$11,500 each per year.

Methodism has gained tremendously by these new churches.

But there are other gains that are more important. There are the spiritual benefits that have come to individual churches sponsoring these new churches. Inspiration and stimulation have come from associating with these new groups. Their enthusiasm and devotion are contagious. They bless all who come in contact with them. Their sacrifices inspire us to do more. For example, members of Longview Gardens church, Raleigh, are pledging this year an average of slightly more than \$100 per capita. This liberality will cause other congregations either to hide their heads in shame and resentment or challenge them to go forward also in their giving to the church. Young congregations, like young Christians, have a contagion that is irresistible.

But the largest gains, of course, are to those who have been challenged to invest their lives in a new Christian enterprise. The pastors of these young congregations are getting spiritual blessings that will enrich their ministry through the years. Little children are being blessed. Young people are being inspired. Parents, many of whom would be without spiritual moorings and spiritual purpose, except for their contact with the church, are dedicating them-

selves to a cause greater than themselves.

The moral and spiritual tone of entire neighborhoods and communities are being lifted to new heights by the presence of these new churches.

Everybody profits when a new church is established in an unchurched area.

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Tribute to a Retiring District Superintendent

This editor is deeply indebted to thousands of Christian ministers and laymen whose friendship and counsel have encouraged and blessed him from the days of his boyhood in a small rural Mississippi church, through tempestuous college and seminary days and through the crowded years he has been a member of the North Carolina Conference. But one influence in his early ministry stands out at the moment which calls for a personal tribute and for sincere thanks to God.

This man who influenced our life so profoundly in its formative years is Franklin Swindell Love, our first district superintendent.

Last week we heard this great, good man stand before the North Carolina Conference in Durham and announce his retirement.

We confess we did not hear much he said. Our thoughts were racing back uncontrollably to the summer of 1932 when as a student on the Duke Endowment we were privileged to work with him in the Raleigh District. Vividly as if it were yesterday, an unforgettable scene flashed before the mind's eye. At the session of the Conference that fall there were more pastors than appointments; so there seemed to be no room for an out-of-the-state student who was knocking for admission—no room until Dr. Love opened the Mamers circuit, and in so doing opened for us an opportunity to invest our life in North Carolina Methodism.

As he spoke, we were thinking of those testing years when this good man took a personal interest in our ministry, when time after time he guided an inexperienced and erratic young preacher with fatherly sympathy and rare Christian understanding. We remembered that during those four years he was our district superintendent how he exalted the church, how he lifted our horizons, how he enriched and ennobled our sense of divine calling, how he encouraged us when success was meager. We recalled how during days when our judgment was immature, when we were headstrong and impatient, when we left the impression that we knew the answers

better than wiser and more experienced men, he didn't chide or put us in our place. He just kept on believing in us. We remembered his continuing interest, his genuine friendship through the years, how when some measure of success or honor came our way, his cup seemed to run over with joy.

Is it any wonder that we have always had a high and exalted regard for the district superintendency, that we have respected and loved every district su-

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The Advocate Joins the Emphasis on Youth

On page nine of this issue will be found a new feature devoted to the youth program of North Carolina Methodism. Alternating between the two Conferences, this weekly contribution will highlight coming youth events, local church news and other matters of interest to church young people. We hope it will not only be read by youth, but the pastors, youth workers and all persons interested in young people.

To serve its highest good, this page will need good, live, stimulating material from local churches. For this the editors must depend largely on Methodist Youth Fellowships. See that interesting stories of your youth group reach the youth page editor.

But something else is needed: Many, many more youth readers. It makes no difference how stimulating the material is if we do not get the Advocate in the homes of our young people. Each reader can help in this respect. See that the Advocate reaches every home where there are young people. This may be the means of stimulating your young people, lifting their horizons, enlarging their conception of the church, leading them to increased interest in the church and some perhaps into fulltime Christian service.

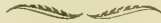
The youth leaders and the youth of our two Conferences believe that this new arrangement marks a step forward. We are confident that our pastors and laymen will help to make this new feature achieve its best possible results. perintendent with whom we have worked? Is it strange we feel that this office is so indispensable in our Methodist system? Is it peculiar that we covet for every young preacher the kind of district superintendent we had when we entered the ministry? Is it presumptuous for us to pause in the busy fever of activities to express gratitude, and to thank God for him and for others like him who have believed in and guided young men during perhaps the most critical period of their ministry?

The First Beatitude:

To Feel A Spiritual Need

By Henry G. Ruark

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3.



"is through heaven." And once a man has set his feet in that way he begins to experience, even if fitfully and dimly, the heavenly life. There come moments when one is utterly sure of God, and surrendered to His will, knowing one's self kept by Him, there is a peace within which one knows no outward circumstance can take away. So Josef Wittig replied to one who said that "blessedness comes only in heaven": "No, heaven comes in the blessedness."

Must Feel Spiritual Need

Who are they, then, that experience this? First of all, to use Dr. Goodspeed's translation, "those who feel their spiritual need." Dr. Russell suggested that even in the material realm poverty is a spiritual estate. An American may well feel poor when he possesses comforts that would seem fabulous riches to the peasant of India or China. So the emphasis of the Master is upon our sense of need. He blessed the poor; but not paupers. For a pauper is one who has resigned the struggle for independence and improvement, who is content to live in indigence on the charity of others. An old Negro preacher felt that the beatitudes might be interpreted to mean, "Blessed is them that 'specs nothing, for they shall not be disappointed." But this is just what Jesus did not mean. His stress is precisely on eagerness and expectancy, on the sense of need for something more than one yet has or possesses.

He wanted us to feel "poor in spirit" because that is, in fact, our condition. The self-evident evidence is that we experience so little of what the New Testament calls "blessedness." Our lives are so shallow and variable, so harried and tense, so much the prey of circumstance. We are so easily plunged into resentment or despair. Even our joys are strained and unsatisfying. If we look at ourselves steadily for only a few moments we must be aware of our spiritual poverty of life.

But we do not look at ourselves. We continually try to hide from ourselves behind a wall of pride. Our possessions

WATCH YOUR WORDS

A careless word may kindle a strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.
A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

—The Bible Friend

or our place in the world give us the illusion of security and self-sufficiency. It is not without significance that in Luke's version of the beatitudes Jesus is quoted as saying simply, "Blessed are you poor." Matthew doubtless was true to the Master's meaning when he added the words, "in spirit." But perhaps Luke holds the more accurate remembrance of the actual words of Jesus. He was speaking to those among his people who were called "the poor of the land." They were the simple, humble folk who by daily experience were reminded of their dependence and their need. It is a confirmation of his teaching that so few of the rich and mighty listened to him. In other places he warned against riches as an almost insuperable barrier to spiritual growth. And it is true that our possessions tend to make us unaware of our spiritual need.

Our Preoccupation with the Earthly

Another root of our spiritual insensitivity is our preoccupation with earthly, obvious things. A priest who owned a farm confessed that it was easier for him to concentrate on his pigs than on his prayers. And all of us share that weakness. In our time technical developments have surrounded us with gadgets and surfeited us with outward means of comfort and amusement. And most of us, keeping our hands and thoughts filled with these things, manage most of the time to forget the emptiness of our souls.

But so long as we do, we shut out that other life of which Jesus spoke. For in the realm of the spirit, at least, it is the law of life that we can receive only what we really want. One can only learn new truth when he realizes his ignorance. This indeed underlies all the boasted advances of modern science: the sense of something beyond not yet discovered, a humble hunger to know more of truth. The sight-seer cannot really appreciate the great painting until he first learns that there is a beauty here he has not seen.

Jesus' own commentary on the first beatitude is found in the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. It was the tax collector who was justified. The Pharisee went back to his house just as he was before, with no new depth of soul, no new height of spiritual experience. For his assurance that he needed nothing made it impossible for him to receive anything. The parable does not need interpretation. The truth of it is inescapable. All we need to understand is that it is the truth about ourselves.

In Feeling of Need We Find Answer

And yet it need not be. For in the very feeling of our need is found the answer to our need. It has been remarked that the first hopeful thing said about the prodigal son was this: "he began to be in want." All his life long the security of his father's house and his father's love had been his for the asking. But he could not know that until he felt his poverty, until he learned to ask. And this is the gracious promise of the Master: "Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them." We do not have to win it. All we have to do is want it. And in the wanting it is ours!

In a little book on the beatitudes Dean Elbert Russell remarked that many Christians approach these sayings of the Master very much like a tourist in an art gallery standing before a great painting. "He knows he ought to admire it but does not understand why." So we feel that we ought to admire the virtues which Jesus extols in the beatitudes. But they are so much at variance with the qualities valued in the world. So we are apt to set them apart, as it were, in a gallery of their own: beautiful ideals to be praised, but remote from the reality of daily living. But if, as Jesus claimed and our hearts surmise, his words contain the truth of life, it is imperative that we take them out of their cloister and interpret them in terms of our actual experience. This each of us must do for himself, for the final interpretation of the word of life is in life.

It is pointed out that the first beatitude is the text on which the other seven provide the comment. Together they constitute a description of the kind of persons who are "blessed."

Some translators render this word "happy." It does mean that; and to read it so brings it closer to our human understanding. But there is danger of supposing that it means the kind of happiness we commonly think we want. "Happy" originally meant those to whom things happen well; and to most of us it retains much of that sense. Our attention is on the outward circumstances that surround us. Another similar translation would be "fortunate." This is what the Greeks meant by the word: those to whom the fates are kind. But on the lips of Jesus the word "blessed" means something else altogether. One scholar suggests the rendering "successful," and this would not be untrue to the intent of Jesus. But for us "success" has come to mean so much material reward or outward rank that it is difficult for us to use the word except in such a sense. And Jesus obviously did not mean that.

Not Subject to Caprices of Fate

The best suggestion I have found is in an old commentary by Dr. Adam Clarke. He points out that the Greek word used here combines two shorter words that mean **not** and **fate**. So he concludes that the blessed man is he who is not subject to the caprices of fate. I do not know about the Greek; but this seems to me an interpretation prompted by the Spirit. The blessed man has deep within him a serenity and strength and joy which is not daunted by the changes and chances of life.

We can see, then, that those of whom our Lord speaks **are** blessed. As J. B. Phillips emphasizes it, they already own the kingdom of Heaven! Perhaps we ought not thus to emphasize the present tense, for the Master did not sharply separate things present and things to come. His words have in them always the hint of eternity; and we may expect them to find their fullest meaning in the future. But the kind of blessedness of which he spoke can begin now. If indeed, like him, we see the whole of life bound together by the purpose of God, it seems only natural that it should begin now. "The way to heaven," says George Buttrick,

Lord's Acre Plan Yields Ten Bales of Cotton; College Gets 3,000 Volume Library

COTTON FOR THE KINGDOM

By Edgar F. Pepper, Jr.

(See pictures on front cover)

Come on down to Love's Chapel at Stanfield and pick some cotton with us on our "Lord's Acre Project." And if you don't know how to pick cotton, that's all right, we'll show you how. You will have plenty of company for a goodly number of the folks pictured on the front cover are not genuine "cotton pickers." Many of them are housewives and still others are young people who are helping out in their spare time. Even the postmaster has taken off a day to pick cotton. All have gathered to empty the ten-acre bowl which surrounds the church and a clump of pine trees and the expression which you see on these people's faces is not put-on, for picking cotton in our Lord's Acre field is more fun than whitewashing Tom Sawyer's fence.

But there is more to our story than just making cotton. Ask any member young or old, at Love's Chapel and he will tell you with Pauline pride about how our cotton crop is helping to pay off the remaining indebtedness on our newly completed education building. The harvest is expected to yield well over a bale per acre, and ten or eleven bales should bring approximately \$2,000 to apply on the balance of indebtedness amounting to about \$8,000. The cost of the educational building is estimated at \$26,000.

Aside from placing the porch columns at both the front and side entrances, the new education annex is now fully completed, and is being used each Sunday. It has six large classrooms, in addition to the main auditorium with ample seating capacity for the membership of the Church School. There is a full size basement and kitchen which serves as a recreational center and a place for supper meetings.

Rev. Neal V. McGlammery was the pastor of the church during the building program and L. A. Love was chairman of the building committee for the educational building. Mr. Love also donated the land for the cotton crop, which was planted and cultivated by the members of the church.

Perhaps some of the readers of the North Carolina Christian Advocate are not acquainted with the Lord's Acre Plan. Though the idea behind it stems from the Old Testament, the Lord's Acre Plan began as an interdenominational movement in Western North Carolina in 1930 and was developed under the auspices of the religious department of the Farmers' Federation and the inspiration of Dumont Clark. The idea behind it is that individuals in the country church and those who receive the benefits from the church should have an opportunity to dedicate a worthy portion of their farm crop to the Lord or in the case of a wage earner, an amount of time each week. It is based on the Old Testament idea of tithing and the New Testament idea of stewardship. In other words, the Lord's Acre Plan is a practical approach to stewardship.

At Love's Chapel we have carried out a group project and have found that it has strengthened our fellowship and helped us with our church debt. We have gotten ten bales off our field. Then the field will be planted in grain, since a part of the plan is to take care of the land.

As the field is emptied, our hearts are full. We have shared in our work and we have shared in the building of the Kingdom. This is a new type of share-cropping. This is the Lord's Acre.

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DR. C. EXCELLE ROZZELLE PRESENTS LIBRARY TO HIGH POINT COLLEGE

By A. S. Withers

Although it was known by all that the coming of Dr. C. Excelle Rozzelle from the district superintendency of the Winston-Salem District to a professorship in the department of philosophy and religion at High Point College would be of inestimable value to the college, no one anticipated the generous gift that he announced shortly after his arrival. Of his own volition and without condition he is giving the greater part of his personal library to High Point College with only the expressed hope that it may mean a great deal to other people—as it has meant to him.



DR. C. EXCELLE ROZZELLE

Almost 3,000 books are in the collection, valued conservatively at \$6,000. An actual value cannot be named, however, for many of the volumes are irreplaceable, and others are to the owner of very special intrinsic worth. Dr. Rozzelle has been building his library gradually over a period of 40 years. Knowing what he wanted, he has searched diligently, when necessary, for the cherished volume. Some have come from London, from Oxford University, from Paris, from New York and Chicago. Some are from second-hand shops, some fresh off the press of the big publishing house.

Although the donor has long been a minister, his collection represents a diversified taste. Books pertaining to theology and religion naturally predominate; and in this category the most noteworthy group is that dealing with church administration and homiletics. It is safe to say that this particular material representing 800 volumes is the finest collection of the kind brought together by any

one man in the State or in the South. In addition to books primarily relating to religion or theology, there are significant groups in philosophy, psychology, biography, history, science, literature, and language. It is thus apparent that the High Point College library has been enriched in many fields. To indicate the degree to which the college appreciates Dr. Rozzelle's gift, the administration has ordered special shelving to accommodate the new collection and has arranged that the group shall be kept intact, though available for free circulation at all times.

When asked which particular books he cherished most, Dr. Rozzelle found it hard to draw the line. "You see I have read them all—some three and four times. In spite of the fact that I sometimes read several books a day—my record is five—I learn to know them somewhat intimately and am very fond of most of them. Reading is my one hobby. You'll not find me at the golf links or the race tracks of the football stadium. I'll either be reading or talking to someone." But it was not hard to discover that a set of John Wesley's complete works in 7 volumes, 120 years old, bound in solid leather and still in perfect condition, was the item at the head of his list. He was proud of his twenty different translations of the Bible, Elbert Hubbard's "Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great," and William Durant's five volumes of "The Story of Civilization."

In spite of the fact that Dr. Rozzelle has given away over 4,000 volumes in addition to the 3,000 donated to the college, he is still acquiring others, looking high and low in every manner for the title he wants. "I feel idle without a book in my hand," he says, "and although my favorite reading time is late in the evening, I always carry a small book for odd-time moments." He admits that his wife "fusses a little" at his omnivorous tastes, saying she expects to see him in heaven with a book in his hand. "Yes, I must have my celestial library," is his response on such occasions, "or I don't see how I could be altogether happy in the hereafter. The Book of Knowledge and the Book of Life will certainly be there."

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NEWS FLASH: FISH CATCH MEN

ATTENTION: All Methodist Men:

If your organization needs a boost in attendance and enrichment this is my prescription. It has been used with great success by the Mt. Olivet Methodist Men, Concord, N. C., Rev. M. C. Ellerbe, pastor and C. W. Murphy, president of the Methodist Men.

On November 1, the following notice appeared in the church bulletin: FOR METHODIST MEN'S MEETING: WANTED: Single men, married men, young men, old men, handsome men, ugly men, short men, tall men, big men, lean men, fat men, cranky men—smiling men. Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Fish Fry and business session in the Recreation Building.

Results—Monday evening at 7:30, November 2, the Methodist Men had 49 of the most beautiful, fat, long-legged, bald-headed, smiling, young men available from the church and Sunday School rolls and never before have fish been enjoyed so much.

I prescribe that all Methodist Men groups try this method.

Richard Rodgers, Charge Lay Leader

New Charge Gets New Parsonage; Church Schools Win Many; New Missionaries Needed

FALLSTON METHODISTS BUILD MODERN PARSONAGE

By Kays Gary

The 460-member Friendship church in the village of Fallston, Gastonia District, has jumped the barriers of tradition to complete a big-city architectural feat.

The Fallstonians, in a four-month period have conceived plans, built, furnished, and paid for a rambling, ultra-modern "dream house" at a cost of \$17,207. It would bring \$28,000 on the metropolitan market.

It is a departure from the parsonage prototype, mirroring the concept that ministers are also people of the times with distinctive tastes and a yen for light, convenience, color, and comfort.

Friendship made the decision to build its own parsonage with a realignment of charges which coupled this church with St. Paul's. There was the idea that Friendship might one day be on its own.

Following recommendations of the Town and Country Commission, experienced church leaders in planning and building started the project on a heavily wooded lot. Labor, money and materials came swiftly from a membership which cannot count one wealthy family in its ranks.

The finished brick home contains almost 2,200 square feet. It has three large bedrooms, a bath and a half, kitchen, dining nook, a pastor's study, and a den and living room, both out-sized. The basement contains a large furnace and utility room and a garage is attached on one side.

Richest appointments are modern. The long den with built-in bookcases and cabinets is pine-paneled. Rubber tile is used there, in the kitchen, halls, and bathrooms.

A giant picture window set off by draw draperies occupies also one entire den wall at the front of the house.

The living room, which is in the center and extends across most of the rear of the home, also features such a picture window with equally luxurious draw draperies.

It has sectional furniture, wall-to-wall carpeting, and mahogany end and tea tables with inlaid leather tops.

Cherry, blond and dark mahogany bedroom suites are set off by modern lamps and electrical fixtures.

The bedrooms also have large walk-in closets with sliding panel doors.

Heat is supplied by a forced-air oil furnace in the basement.

Rev. John J. Shepard, his wife, and two young sons recently moved into the home.

Open house was held at the new parsonage on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1.

MANY JOIN CHURCH THROUGH CHURCH SCHOOL

Nashville, Tenn.—No one doubts that the church school has a strategic place in evangelism.

In 1952 a total of 180,918 persons came into The Methodist church through the church school. All these joined on profession of faith in Christ. The ratio of approximately six out of every ten additions to the church coming through the church school persist year after year.

But even with this continuing ratio, over a third of our church schools last year reported no church school members joining the church. Moreover, there were 31,400 fewer youth reported in the Methodist Youth Fellowship in 1952 than in 1948.

In order to help close up such gaps the Department of General Church School Work of the General Board of Education gives extended attention to assisting local church schools in their evangelistic work and in providing materials and other resources.

Rev. Luke G. Beauchamp of the department's staff is directly responsible for promoting evangelism in the church school. He has prepared a booklet containing suggestions for pastors and church school superintendents, which if followed, will help turn losses into gains.

Stated in the booklet are three basic principles upon which a vital program of evangelism in the church school is based. They are:

1. Every teacher must consider himself a personal evangelist in terms appropriate to the age of his pupils.

2. Teachers must develop a deeper personal consecration in their own lives.

3. It may be necessary for the pastor and church school superintendent to help the teacher understand why it is important to be an evangelist, what is meant by salvation, and how to lead people to Christ.

The booklet is entitled **Evangelism in the Church School** (8306-B). It is free from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

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GROUP WARNS AGAINST UMT THREAT

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Methodist bishops and general agencies of the church are being urged to take a stand against universal military training before Congress meets in January.

The request for action comes from the denomination's interboard committee on missionary education. At the close of its annual meeting here October 29, the

committee adopted a resolution citing "the imminent possibility of the passage of a Universal Military Training Act when the 84th Congress convenes in January."

The resolution called attention to "action of the 1953 General Conference of The Methodist Church which reaffirms the opposition of the church to any system of peacetime universal military training."

Naming the Council of Bishops and the church's general boards of education, missions, evangelism, world peace, and the interboard staff on youth and student work, the committee urged "these groups to plan ways and means of promoting an immediate education and action program to implement the General Conference resolution."

Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta, Ga., vice chairman of the committee, was requested to present the resolution to the Council of Bishops when it meets December 9 at St. Simons Island, Ga.

"We must alert the whole church and let Congress know our feelings or universal military training will be a fact before we realize it," the Rev. Dr. George A. Warmer, Los Angeles district superintendent, told the committee.

"More and more the general attitude of the public seems to be military-minded," Dr. Warmer said. "If we are not careful we will follow in the steps of Germany, Italy, Japan and other countries that became police states when the mind and mood of the people were conditioned to accept war as the only solution to international problems."

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MISSION BOARD SEEKS 420 NEW MISSIONARIES

The Methodist Board of Missions is looking for 420 new missionaries to fill the 1954-55 needs for service outside the United States. The greatest number—191—are needed for educational work in Africa, East Asia, India and Pakistan, Southeast Asia, and Latin America.

Second on the list numerically are 129 religious and social workers for the same areas, with jobs ranging from hostel management in Sarawak, Borneo, to pastoral work in a large city of India.

There are openings for 21 doctors, 46 nurses, and two dentists; for eight agriculturists, three buildings and engineering specialists, 19 business managers or secretaries.

Candidates should be persons of genuine Christian experience with a faith they are eager to share. Standards include college graduation plus special study and a year of successful experience. After a candidate is accepted, the Board of Missions provides an academic year of specialized training which includes language and area study and methods of Christian work abroad. Age should be 23-35 at time of sailing.

Married couples are considered for a first term of five years except for a few countries where climatic conditions make shorter terms necessary.

Unmarried candidates may enlist for regular terms or short terms of three years. Training for three-year candidates in 1954 will be for Africa and Korea.

All missionaries are on a standard and equal salary scale with variations according to the size of the family and cost of living. There are provisions for housing, payment of medical expenses, and sharing in the Board's pension plan.

For further information, write to Miss J. Marguerite Twinem or Dr. M. O. Williams, Jr., Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

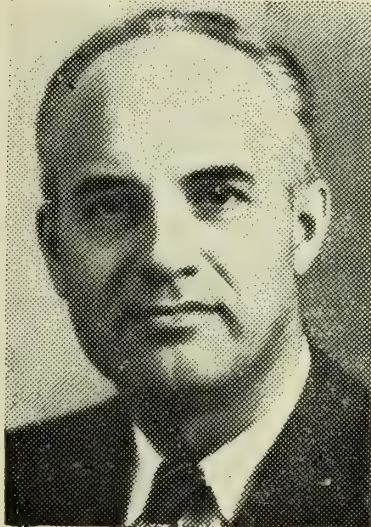


Fallston Parsonage

Methodist College Foundation Meet Set for Nov. 16; Publishing House Has Peak Year

RUSH TO BE METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPEAKER NOV. 16

Dr. William Albert Rush, director of the department of public relations and finance, division of educational institutions of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina to be held at High Point College Monday,



Dr. William Albert Rush

November 16. To begin at one p.m. with a luncheon, the meeting is expected to attract around 200 members of the Foundation and other Methodist college representatives from all over North Carolina.

In charge of the event will be Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the 500-member organization that had its beginning in 1948.

Earlier in the day, at ten a.m., the Foundation's executive council will meet.

In addition to the message by Dr. Rush, officers of the Foundation will give reports, including the executive director, Rev. D. D. Holt.

As director of the Department of Public Relations and Finance, Dr. Rush serves as consultant to presidents and trustees of Methodism's institutions of higher education, directors of Wesley Foundations and leaders in annual conferences.

Before joining the staff of the Board of Education in 1949, he was executive vice president of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan. Previous to that time, he had served Adrian, his alma mater, in a number of positions, beginning in 1935 as alumni secretary and director of public relations. In 1940, he was appointed dean-registrar and work-coordinator of the student self-help plan, in 1945, dean of the college, and in 1948, executive vice president. Since 1940 he has been a member of the board of trustees.

An ordained Methodist minister and a member of the Northeast Ohio Conference, Dr. Rush served from 1937 to 1948 as part-time pastor to churches near the college. A native of Zanesville, Ohio, he was graduated from Adrian College in 1932 with the A.B. degree. In 1933 he received the M.A. degree from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and in 1935 the S.T.B. degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in Westminster,

Maryland. The D.D. degree was awarded to him by Adrian College in 1950.

Other officers of the Foundation are: president, Judge Marshall T. Spears, Durham; secretary, Rev. C. W. Robbins, Greensboro; and treasurer, Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh.

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PUBLISHING HOUSE SALES

REACH \$17,669,309

A new record of service, outstripping all previous reports in its 164-year history, was chalked up last year by the Methodist Publishing House.

Meeting in annual session in Chicago Oct. 28, the 45-member Board of Publication heard the church's publishing agents report that during the fiscal year ending May 31 net sales soared to \$17,669,309 to shatter all former records and exceeding last year's high mark by more than \$2,000,000. The year also set a new high in Bible sales and general mail-order and over-the-counter business in the distribution of books, periodicals, and church supplies. The board adopted a new corporate structure which harmonizes titles of its executive personnel with modern business practice, listened to forward-looking reports from its four elected editors, and voted the largest sum ever appropriated for conference claimants.

In their report to the board, the publishing agents, Lovick Pierce and Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, pledged themselves "to employ the soundest operating and financial policies possible to maintain and increase operating effectiveness, thus permitting the Publishing House to render

an increasingly effective service to the church and its people."

Reports indicated that 60 new books were published during the past year, 16 of them for children. Thirteen of the 60 Methodist-published volumes made the nation's best religious book lists. Circulation of the Methodist Weekly church bulletins grew to 1,109,875 per Sunday—an increase of more than 70 per cent in three years.

The corporate structure of the Publishing House was modernized and simplified by the adoption of a plan for a new single corporation chartered in the State of Illinois. The publishing agents of the church were elected as chief administrative officers of the corporation: Lovick Pierce, Nashville, president and treasurer, and Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, New York, vice president. Judge William H. Swiggart, Nashville, was named chairman of the board; Bradshaw Mintener, Minneapolis, vice chairman; and Dr. Fred J. Jordan, Eau Claire, Wis., secretary.

The board listened with warm approval to the first formal report by the new editor of church school publications, the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville.

Other elected editors who gave encouraging accounts of improvements in their publications were: Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, New York, book editor; Dr. T. Otto Nall, Chicago, editor of the **Christian Advocate**; and Dr. Prince A. Taylor, Jr., New Orleans, editor of the **Central Christian Adocate**.

The board approved the payment of \$500,000 out of the net income for the church's conference claimants after caring for the expansion of the business and setting aside necessary reserves. This establishes an all-time record for appropriations from the Publishing House for the pension fund for retired ministers and their widows and orphans.



On Sunday, October 18, the congregation of Shady Grove church on the New Mount Vernon-Shady Grove charge in the Thomasville District held groundbreaking exercises for the new \$60,000 church building which is now under construction. Participants in the rites were: Left to right, Phil Martin, Francis Craven,

Banks White, chairman of building committee; Walter Craven, chairman of finance committee; Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, pastor; Rev. Horace R. McSwain, conference missionary secretary and guest preacher for the occasion; and R. P. Kennedy, chairman of the official board.

Youth Publication Concerned with State of Freedom; Groups Discuss Military Training

COLLEGE YOUTH MAGAZINE DISCUSSES FREEDOM

The uneasy state of freedom in America is the theme of the entire November issue of **MOTIVE**, a "think" magazine for college students.

Two Michigan State College professors, Herbert Hackett and Ben Strandness, take over the editor's helm for the occasion.

The lead article, "The Uneasy State of Freedom," is by William T. Gossett, vice president and general counsel of Ford Motor Co., who raises some "disturbing and 'painful questions'" about human rights today.

Academic freedom is discussed by Pulitzer Prize winner Russell Nye, chairman of Michigan State's English department. A minority report on "book burning" is given in an article, "Congressional Censors," by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York.

Other highlights include "A Theology of Freedom" by Bernard M. Loomer, dean of the University of Chicago divinity school; "Freedom and the Artist," by Robert Hodgell of Iowa State University, and an analysis of Christian and Communist views of freedom by Frank L. Cooley, former missionary to China.

The special issue is illustrated by Walt Kelly's popular cartoon character "Pogo," 13 drawings of satirist Jim Crane, and a cartoon by the St. Louis **Post-Dispatch's** famed D. R. Fitzpatrick.

Published in Nashville, Tenn., **MOTIVE** is the official magazine of the Methodist Student Movement on 350 college campuses, and is also used by student organizations of several other denominations.

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YOUTH AND STUDENT GROUP OPPOSES UMT

Another Methodist group has gone on record opposing Universal Military Training, and has outlined steps to be taken if the controversial issue arises when Congress meets in January.

Meeting November 2 in Nashville, Tenn., the Interstaff Committee on Youth and Student Work, representative of several Methodist boards and agencies, empowered a "watchdog" subcommittee to represent the group at any congressional hearings.

The committee also agreed to devote special attention to UMT in **CONCERN** and **MOTIVE**, youth and student magazines, and to ask editors of Methodist

church school literature to include interpretative articles.

The committee's action will be conveyed to the Methodist Council of Bishops and other groups in the church, accompanied by a request for cooperation in a program of churchwide education.

"The Methodist Church is dead on its feet regarding this whole question of militarism and peace at a time when Christians should speak out in terms of a redemptive Christ rather than hydrogen bombs," Dr. H. D. Bollinger declared.

Herman Will, Jr., staff member of the world peace board, Chicago, said there is no tangible evidence that a bill on UMT will be presented in the next Congress.

He added, however, that church groups should be alerted to the possibility and plan now to protest if such a bill is proposed.

The committee's action was in response to the request of another Methodist group—the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education—asking all agencies of the church to support the resolution of Methodism's 1952 General Conference opposing "any system of peacetime universal military training."

News in Brief

REV. AND MRS. KENNETH A. HORN of Wingate announce the birth on October 26 of their second son, James Arthur.

THE DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL FOR APPROVED SUPPLY PASTORS will be held July 20-August 6, 1954, according to an announcement by Dean James Cannon of the Divinity School.

DR. CLAUDE EVANS, editor of the South Carolina Methodist Advocate, was the featured speaker in Religious Emphasis Week held at High Point College November 8-11. Rev. Horwood P. Myers, pastor of Muirs Chapel church, Greensboro, was the speaker Sunday evening that launched the series.

THE COLUMBUS SUBDISTRICT of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met on October 23 with the Bethesda-Pireway Society at Pireway church. District officers spoke to the 108 persons present. Mrs. Paul C. Gore is president of the Bethesda-Pireway society. The spring meeting will be held at Wananish church.

REV. AND MRS. PAUL R. MANESS of Mount Olive, Mrs. Russell Harrison, also of Mount Olive, and Rev. Foster L. Jones, sustained minor injuries in an automobile accident October 31 while they were on their way from Mount Olive to Durham to attend the North Carolina Annual Conference.

"ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY" is the title of a study being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Park Street church, Belmont. Speakers announced include Miss Florence Sacklett, Mrs. Carolyn Crowson, Floyd Harper and Rev. H. M. Williams, pastor. Other speakers are persons serving in public welfare, hospitals and a highway officer.

FIRST CHURCH, Charlotte, recently received a gift of \$500 for a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bangle, devoted members of First church for many years. The memorial, the gift of Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle of Waxhaw, Mrs. Grady Ussrey and the Wardin Wesley Bible Class, will be established in the proposed new chapel of the church. Mrs. Bangle, who died May 29, 1952, in an accident, was president of the Wardin Wesley Bible Class for 20 years; and Mr. Bangle, who died June 30, 1953, was a member of the Wilson Smith Bible Class.

FIRST CHURCH, Hickory, young adult class would like to have pictures of of following former pastors of the church: R. L. Abernethy, J. H. C. McKenny, Augustus R. Bennick, James M. Cline, J. P. Hughs, R. R. Doggett, F. M. Davis, W. T. McClellion, D. C. Stunson, J. D. Carpenter, C. M. Anderson, P. L. Herman, G. W. Callihan, J. E. Bristoe, T. P. Bonner, R. G. Barrett, C. G. Little, F. A. Boone, W. M. Bagby, J. H. Weaver and L. T. Mann. Relatives or friends of these former pastors are urged to contact the Hickory church concerning these pictures.

CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH, Lumberton, observed its Day Apart Oct. 21 with an all day meeting. The day was given over to Mrs. J. C. Burwell, conference secretary of spiritual life, who conducted a most inspirational service. She stressed the great Christian truth, "a cup brim full of sweet water cannot spill one drop of bitter water, however suddenly jolted." During the morning meditations Mrs. Cameron McLean sang, "Do You Dare." This song was composed by a Methodist missionary, Janet Sudam, following her imprisonment by the Chinese Communists. The afternoon session closed with a very impressive communion service at which time Mrs. Ervin Williams sang, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Lunch was served during the noon hour.

"THE EVENING COMES," a new half-hour devotional radio program conducted by the noted commentator and music critic Milton Cross, and based on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, will be launched Sunday afternoon, November 29th, over 197 stations of the American Broadcasting Company. The series, which will run for thirteen weeks, will combine fine symphonic music and choral singing with personal expressions of faith in the Bible by widely known national figures. Among the prominent guests who will make appearance on the program will be Jane Pickens, radio singing star; John Daly, radio and television celebrity, and Paul Whiteman, famed musical figure. Celebrities will relate experiences demonstrating their use of the Bible as a testament of faith and source of strength in their daily living.

Pictured here is the new educational building of Hay Street church, Fayetteville, which was opened recently. This commodious building provides 36 more assembly and class rooms for use in the enlarging educational and recreational program of this progressive church.





Contact With Youth

in the Western North Carolina Conference



SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

CONTACT has grown up.

Designed to bring to the youth (and their parents) of the Western Conference contact with other youth and with their council officers, CONTACT will appear regularly in the Advocate, alternating with "Youth in Action," companion publication of the youth of the North Carolina Conference.

CONTACT as a separate newspaper came out four times a year. Now in the Advocate you get it every two weeks.

To make this venture a success, youth must read the Advocate and youth must support the Advocate (a) by subscribing to it (at least one for each Methodist home) and (b) by sending in news of local church, subdistrict and district programs and activities.

Editor of the CONTACT page is Anna Katharine Dobson, a senior at Salem College who has been active in Methodist work in her home church, subdistrict and district as well as at Salem and in the conference. Adviser is Nick Hennessee of the Twin City Sentinel in Winston-Salem.

News should be sent to Anna Katharine at Box 421, Salem Station, Winston-Salem; subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, 429 West Gaston Street, Greensboro.

EMPHASIS IS ON YOUTH

For 1953-54, Methodist youth of the Western Conference have pledged themselves to answer more vitally the crying needs of youth.

Don Beaty, conference youth president, challenged all MYF members to make the Youth Emphasis program a "reality in our lives and in the lives of others . . .

"First of all," he asked, "What's this Youth Emphasis all about? It's about the fact that three out of four young people in our own country are outside the church.

"What can we do? We can start right where we are to bring these young people within our fellowship . . . Whoever they are or wherever they live, they are still God's children and our brothers. It is our Christian responsibility to welcome them into the fellowship of the church."

Purpose and Plans

Purpose of the Youth Emphasis is "to help all youth discover the will of God and live by it." Through it youth will seek to (a) strengthen their faith, (b) win youth to Christ and (c) improve the MYF.

The conference MYF council at Camp Tekoa early in the fall worked out objectives for the Emphasis. The first was carried out on Youth Night at annual conference. Others included:

—Each church shall include in its public worship services "A Prayer for Youth":

"Eternal God, whose holy purpose for all mankind was revealed in Jesus of Nazareth;
Grant to young people everywhere vision and strength for this new day;
That, equipped by Thee for larger years to come and possessed of wider boundaries of heart and mind, they may ever seek to keep abreast of

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truth and walk in purity and faith
along Thy holy way;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

—Each charge shall observe Watch Night Dec. 31 in a service for the whole church but with full recognition of youth and using the "Bishop's Epistle to Youth."

—The conference shall hold a Christian Witness Mission to provide a witness experience for youth from throughout the conference.

—Each charge shall sponsor a Christian Witness Mission for youth, preferably during Lent.

—The subdistricts shall use their pre-Easter meeting as a youth rally on "The Christian Faith," culminating the charges' Christian Witness Missions.

—Each charge shall have a youth activities week during the summer.

All Help

District superintendents, directors and leaders shall promote district and subdistrict planning conferences to interpret the purpose of Youth Activities Week and to prepare the leaders for their part in the project.

The local church commission on education shall provide leadership training opportunities for youth teachers and counselors . . . that we may provide a continuous, consecrated and trained youth leadership to meet the needs of the youth of our church today and tomorrow.

Emphasis shall be continued on (a) meeting our conference MYFund goal of \$15,000, (b) increasing attendance at local church MYF meetings and at public worship and (c) sending carefully selected delegates to conference camps and assemblies.

AA MEMBERS SPEAK TO SUBDISTRICT GROUP

Mrs. X and Mrs. Z, members of Winston-Salem's Alcoholics Anonymous, were special guests at the Mount Airy Christian Crusaders' subdistrict meeting November 8 at Oak Grove. They told of their experiences prior to joining AA and of their activities in AA.

Shirley Simmons, president of the Oak Grove MYF, was in charge of the worship program. Recreation was conducted by Dickie Philips. Becky Hatcher is subdistrict president.

LEXINGTON 'SUB' COUNCIL SETS PACE WITH GOALS

The following goals and recommendations have been set up by the Lexington subdistrict council. Other subdistricts and local MYF's might well use these as a guide to plan their goals and activities for this year:

1. Pledges to the Methodist Youth Fund made and paid. Send your group's pledge to Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury.
2. Regular MYF council meetings to

plan programs and activities for the month ahead and every local MYF represented at the subdistrict council meetings.

3. Monthly subdistrict meetings with the subdistrict council responsible for the devotional period and program and the host MYF responsible for the recreation and refreshments.

4. Subscriptions to POWER (daily devotional guide for youth) for each member.

5. Each local MYF organized according to the plan of the new Handbook.

6. Each local MYF maintaining contact with its members in college and in the service.

And we'd like to add this recommendation to all the MYF groups in North Carolina:

7. The North Carolina Christian Advocate subscribed to and read by every Methodist.

CENTRAL INTERMEDIATES DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

October 4 was the birthday of the new Intermediate Youth Fellowship at Central, Mount Airy. Prior to that time the group had been meeting with the senior MYF.

Bill Lamm is president; Kenny Watson, vice-president; Debby Calloway, treasurer; and Worrell Kurtz, secretary. Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Miller, Jr. are counselors.

Already this fall the council has been on an afternoon planning retreat to Cumberland Knob to make plans for the rest of the year and the entire group went on a hayride and weiner roast. There are 28 on roll and an average attendance of 24.

CORN SHUCKING

The Youth Fellowship of First church, Elkin, along with their guests, recently enjoyed an old fashioned corn shucking and square dance. This was held at the home of MYFer Nancy Neaves. Approximately 80 young people attended.

METHODISM NEEDS 4,550 FULLTIME WORKERS

The Methodist Church hung out a "help wanted" sign for 4,550 new workers at the annual meeting of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations October 26, in Nashville, Tenn.

The special personnel needs—mostly trainees—were announced in the annual report of Rev. Richard G. Belcher, executive secretary. Based in Nashville, the committee office serves Methodist general boards and agencies.

Belcher said a recent survey indicates that during 1954 the church will need 1,500 additional ministers, 2,500 student nurses in Methodist-related hospitals, 350 missionary trainees, 150 local church directors of Christian education, and 50 workers with college students.

"These are minimum needs and do not include hundreds of other opportunities for young people in short-term and summer service projects," Belcher said.

The committee stressed the importance of annual conference Commissions on Christian Vocations, calling them "the master key to a successful churchwide program of vocational guidance and recruitment."

Belcher reported that during the last year 4,500 young people and 750 adults attended career and counseling clinics sponsored by 43 annual conferences of the church. Five regional meetings for adult leaders also were held to survey needs and promote recruitment.

Staff Report Shows Gains in Total Program for Conference Year 1952-53

STAFF REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, editor of Church School Publications and executive secretary, Editorial Division, Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, was the speaker for the Board of Education hour at the Annual Conference at Duke Memorial church, Durham, Thursday, October 29. He spoke on the subject: "Two Crucial Questions for Methodists." He urged Methodist churches to use Methodist literature, stating that it is the best literature available for Methodists and that it is constantly being improved. He also called upon Methodists to study their lesson materials and plead with Sunday School teachers to let their pupils take these materials home for study.

The executive secretary of the conference Board of Education gave a brief oral report and distributed a printed report of the year's highlights. Members of the staff were introduced and John Meares, director of adult work, spoke briefly of plans for district adult rallies on the theme: "New Threats to Freedom," to be early next year. A summary of this staff report follows:

All members of the Board Staff are keenly aware of the fact that our primary function is to be of service to the local churches. The conference program is designed to help those who are endeavoring to lead boys and girls, men and women, to commit their lives to Christ and to grow in His likeness. We are dedicated to the task of being of assistance to the 30 directors of Christian education and educational assistants, pastors, 9064 officers and teachers, and 120,491 members in the 762 church schools of the North Carolina Conference.

Church School

The Church School is the basic unit of The Methodist Church. It is the "grass roots" that nourish our far-flung program of Christian service. It is the fountain that continually brings new life to the church. It is the most effective evangelizing agency that we have. Seventy-three per cent of those received into the church in the North Carolina Conference in the year 1951-52 on profession of faith came by way of the church school. The church school is the backbone of our program of Missionary Education and Cultivation. Missionary units in our church school curriculum are the seeds which mature in generous giving and service. The strengthening of our church schools, therefore, means the strengthening of our total church life.

Leadership Training

Our program of leadership training is designed to help train leaders for our churches and church schools. This continues to be one of our pressing needs and one of the major activities in our program. During the year closing 32 standard Christian Workers' Schools were held with a total enrollment of 3351 and 1925 course cards of credit issued, a substantial increase over the preceding year. These figures do not take into account the informal schools and classes which were held. Many schools had to be cancelled due to the United Evangelistic Mission. Due to the increase in Church School Rally Day giving, we were able to pay one half of the honorariums for all standard schools.

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Other Opportunities

In addition to the schools other training opportunities were provided. Subdistrict Institutes for Church School Workers were conducted by the district staffs in six of the seven districts with a total attendance of over 1500. The Counselors' Training Camp at Camp Don-Lee was attended by approximately fifty adult counselors. Four delegates attended the Regional Training Camp at Camp New Hope. Fifty district workers attended the Conference-wide Vacation Church School Institute at Wilson. Seven delegates attended the Laboratory School at Pfeiffer Junior College. Twenty-five delegates attended the Leadership School and 21 delegates attended the Church School Superintendents' Conference, at Lake Junaluska. Thirteen delegates attended the SEJ Recreation Laboratory at Leesburg, Florida. The Board sponsored the attendance of one delegate to the Audio-visual Workshop in Atlanta, and one delegate to the Yale School of Alcoholic Studies. Two delegates were sent to the Family Life Workshop at Lake Junaluska. The Planning and Training Conference was attended by approximately 35.

Special Days and Offerings

The Board Staff sponsored the observance of a number of special days with offerings for specified causes. Offerings for these causes as of October 24 are as follows: Church School Rally Day \$5,884.88, for the Conference Board of Education; Race Relations Sunday \$2,887.18, for Paine College; Methodist Student Day \$1,952.20, for National Methodist Scholarship and Loan Fund; Children's Day \$588.68, for Children's Building at Lake Junaluska.

Camp Don-Lee

Substantial improvements were made at Camp Don-Lee the past year. These consisted of the construction of a freshwater swimming pool with swimming pier, drilling of well and installation of pump, building pump house, building road to camp, fixing parking areas, building boat dock, repairing river pier, planting of open field in pine and cedar seedlings, setting shade trees around the dining lodge, filling in dirt on river bank near one cottage to check erosion, installation of additional outside lights, renovating plumbing system and insulating dining lodge and kitchen, and purchasing of additional equipment, including canoes, boats, power mower, tools, etc. These improvements have been made at a cost of approximately \$16,000. The caretaker's lodge is now under construction and will be available for use next spring.

Adult Work

An increased concern for reaching adults with Christian teaching and for improving the quality of teaching has been evidenced in our conference during the past year. Subdistrict Institutes for teachers and presidents of adult and

young adult classes were held in six of the seven districts. Many courses in the field of adult work were included in Christian Workers' Schools held throughout the conference.

Approximately 100 delegates attended the Young Adult Assembly at Camp Don-Lee in June. Thirteen delegates attended the Jurisdictional Workshop for Young Adult officers at Lake Junaluska in July. A number of adults attended the Leadership School at Lake Junaluska in August. A Workshop on Recreation was held in Raleigh in September sponsored jointly by the Adult and Youth Divisions of the Board.

Youth Work

Activities and projects in the youth field have been numerous and varied. We have space here only to list a few of the highlights.

Five thousand youth attended the Youth Evangelistic Rallies in the Spring. The Youth Assembly Workshop and Senior Youth Assembly at Louisburg College in June brought together more than 350 youth and adult counselors. Four six-day and one ten-day Christian adventure camps at Don-Lee were attended by more than 500 boys and girls, and adult counselors. Seventeen youth and one adult attended the SEJ Youth Leadership Workshop at Lake Junaluska. Seven MYF Youth attended the SEJ Youth and Missions Conference at the Lake.

The Second Annual Conference Session of the MYF was held at Duke University in August and was attended by approximately 400 youth delegates and 30 adult counselors. Fifty delegates and adult leaders attended the Older Youth Assembly at Camp Don-Lee.

Other activities included the raising of \$8,605.27 for the MYFund; Church Vocations Conference with 80 in attendance; 13 delegates attended the SEJ Recreation Workshop in Leesburg, Florida; sponsored a youth caravan for six weeks in our conference; sent delegate to the National Conference of Methodist Youth in Kansas City, Missouri; sponsored church recreation workshop in Raleigh, etc.

Children's Work

Being without the services of a director of children's work, a minimum program of activities has been carried on this year and this largely by the help of the district directors of children's work. A summary of these activities follows:

Eight hundred workers with children attended the subdistrict institutes in six of the seven districts. Thirty-two standard leadership training classes enrolled 824 children's workers with 487 receiving course cards of recognition. Ten workers attended the Leadership and Laboratory School at Lake Junaluska. Thirteen attended the Laboratory School at Pfeiffer Junior College.

Fifty selected workers attended the Vacation Church School Coaching Conference at Wilson. These workers formed district teams and conducted subdistrict Vacation Church School Institutes in all seven districts of our conference. Reports reveal that approximately 400 churches conducted a Vacation Church School with a total enrollment of more than 25,000 boys and girls.

Four five-day camps for juniors were held at Camp Don-Lee with a total attendance of approximately 350 boys and girls and adult counselors. Money raised for the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska amounted to \$568.68.

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News from Durham, Elizabeth City, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mt. Districts

WOMEN LIKE NEW METHOD

Enthusiastic response for the new method of presenting the mission study courses at the fall seminars was evident on the part of the 185 women attending the Rocky Mount District Seminar at Macon Methodist Church on September 17. Mrs. S. A. Dunn, of Enfield, district secretary of missionary education and service, reports.

Highlighting the program were talks on The Total Program of the WSCS and the WSG, Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Halifax, vice president; The Study Program, Mrs. Dunn; presentation of the study courses, and the closing worship service led by Miss Ernestine Cherry of Enfield. The courses and those presenting them included "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," Mrs. H. A. Braswell, Whitakers; "Spanish Speaking Americans," Mrs. T. M. Maxwell, Rocky Mount; "Alcohol And Christian Responsibility," Mrs. E. H. Measamer, Whitakers; and "Jeremiah," Mrs. S. A. Dunn.

Mrs. Pierce Johnson of Weldon, district president, presided.

NORTH ALAMANCE SUBDISTRICT

The program of the North Alamance Subdistrict WSCS meeting held in the Graham Methodist Church on October 11, included an address on the 1953 European Youth Caravan, by Miss Carroll Butler; the message of the district president, Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn; talks on promotion plans and youth work, by Mrs. R. Poe, and Mrs. W. K. Babbington, respectively; a devotional led by Mrs. Marjorie Hereford; and a vocal solo by Boyd Black. Rev. Jesse Lanning, pastor of the host church, and Mrs. Rotterman, led the opening and closing prayers. The attendance prize of a one year subscription to The Methodist Woman was awarded to the Fountain Place, Burlington, WSCS.

Mrs. A. V. Amick of Burlington is North Alamance Subdistrict leader.

DARE SUBDISTRICT

Mrs. Herbert Morrison of Kitty Hawk was elected leader of the Dare Subdistrict WSCS at its fall meeting in the Manteo Methodist Church on October 20.

Mrs. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, conference secretary of youth work, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Herbert Morrison gave the noonday meditation. District officers presenting plans for their respective lines of work included Mrs. Wilford Wise, Manteo, missionary education and service; and Mrs. Arnold Daniels, Wanchese, children's work; Mrs. Jerome talked on promotion plans. A skit, depicting the planning of a program for an entire year, was enacted by members of the Wanchese society, under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Tillett, secretary of status of women.

Mrs. James W. Davis of Wanchese, outgoing subdistrict leader, presided.

MISS LAMB BRINGS MESSAGE

"The Three Fold Invitation" was the topic for the address delivered by Miss Elizabeth Lamb of Fayetteville, former conference secretary of spiritual life, before the women of the Cumberland-Hoke Subdistrict meeting at Camp Ground church on October 7.

Among other features of the program were talks by Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, conference treasurer; Mrs. N. P. Edens of Parkton, conference secretary of missionary education and service; and Mrs. L. M. Hall of Red Springs, district secretary of promotion; the opening devotional led by Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of the host church; and a solo, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," sung by Mrs. Bill Blanton, and accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Ava Ray Owen.

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Mrs. C. C. Culbreth of Fayetteville, subdistrict leader, presided.

RALEIGH SUBDISTRICTS MEET

The Central Subdistrict, meeting at Pleasant Grove church on October 14, the Northern Subdistrict, meeting at Mount Pleasant church on October 15, and the Southern Subdistrict, meeting at Erwin on October 20, had for their inspirational speakers Miss Mary Bethea of Louisburg, a counselor for the 1953 European Youth Caravan; Mrs. H. I. Glass of Durham, conference president; and Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, conference treasurer, respectively.

Other chief features of each of the three meetings included presentation of plans for promotion of all lines of work, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dunn, district secretary of promotion; a question and answer period; and roll call of local societies.

Raleigh subdistrict leaders are: Mrs. William Johnson, Varina, Central; Mrs. Harry Ellington, Kittrell, Northern; and Mrs. P. G. Parker, Erwin, Southern.

ROCKY MOUNT SUBDISTRICTS

Warren

John Garrett III, a member of the 1953 European Youth Caravan, was principal speaker for the Warren Subdistrict held at Tabor church, Aurelian Springs, on October 13.

Others participating in the program were: Miss Helen Thompson, Macon, who gave the devotional; Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon, district president; Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Halifax, district vice president; Mrs. S. A. Dunn, Enfield, secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Whitakers, CSR and LCA; Mrs. S. G. Boone, Norlina, children's work. Shocco WSCS won the attendance award. Mrs. G. W. King, subdistrict leader, presided.

Halifax

The Halifax Subdistrict meeting at South Rosemary church on October 15, heard Mrs. L. C. Vereen, of Farmville, in an address on the topic "Widening Fellowships."

Also featured on the program were reports of Mrs. Kerr Harris, Macon, district secretary of promotion; Mrs. C. E. Shaw, Halifax, district vice president; Mrs. D. L. Wheeler, Roanoke Rapids, missionary personnel; a meditation, led by Mrs. F. B. Everette, Scotland Neck; and a question and answer period, directed by Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon district.

Attendance awards were presented to

the Scotland Neck and Hollister Societies. Mrs. Jesse Boseman, Weldon, subdistrict leader, presided.

Southern-Central

Conetoe, Pinetops, and McKendree WSCS were co-hostesses for the Southern-Central Subdistrict at Conetoe church on October 20.

Mrs. L. C. Vereen, inspirational speaker, emphasized the responsibility of the women toward the youth. District officers presenting their lines of work were: Mrs. S. W. Anderson, CSR and LCA; Mrs. W. R. Everett, status of women; Mrs. S. A. Dunn, missionary education and service; and Mrs. Pierce Johnson, president. Mrs. J. F. Herbert led the opening devotional. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Earl Worsley of Robersonville and Mrs. J. H. Shelton, Conetoe. Mrs. Harold Braswell, Whitakers, subdistrict leader, presided.

NEW BERN DISTRICT WSG

A skit, "Model Guild Meeting," presented by members of the Goldsboro Wesleyan Service Guild, and directed by Miss Alma Bizzell, was the main feature of the annual meeting of the New Bern District WSG, held at Centenary church, New Bern, on October 18. Participating in the skit were Miss Merle Scott, of Kinston, who led the devotional; Miss Mary West, secretary's report; Mrs. W. N. Davis, treasurer's report; Mrs. Wilbur Creech, spiritual life; Miss Annie Stevens, missionary education and service; Mrs. Cecil Purnell, CSR and LCA; Mrs. Ira Hatch and Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, supplies; Miss Sallie Thompson, membership; Miss Louise Winbourne, publicity; Miss Hattie Midgette, literature and publications; Mrs. Marion Holland, status of women, and the program on the topic, "The Rural Mission of The Church." Mrs. Earl Finch showed a film on Christian social relations.

Miss Charity Holland of Kinston, district WSG secretary, presided.

LOCAL WSG NEWS

Queen Street

As a part of the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial the Wesleyan Service Guild of Queen Street church, Kinston, has instituted a meaningful custom in the mailing of postal cards to the members each day during the week designated for the observance. The mimeographed cards include a reminder of the dates for the Week of Prayer and Self-denial, a meditation, and a petition to pray for the various Week of Prayer projects. One project is listed on the cards each day.

Hayes-Barton

The observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial by the WSG of Hayes Barton church, Raleigh, was launched with a breakfast meeting in a private dining room of the S & W Cafeteria on October 26.

Led by the chairman of spiritual life, Mrs. Roger Moore, the meeting was marked by an atmosphere of thanksgiving and rededication of lives to more Christ-like living. Following the meal, at which silent grace had been observed, the current Week of Prayer projects were described, and the offering taken. Out of the meeting has come a significant second mile project in the immediate cash donations for a group of retarded children who are taught by a member of the Hayes Barton WSG, and the decision to make the aid of these children a Christmas opportunity for the Guild.

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Hudson Friends Stand by Home; Brigman Outruns Opponents; Praise from Colleague

NOW IS THE TIME

We have not in more recent times said as much about finances as we probably should. We have yielded to the feeling that it would not be wise to overly emphasize the financial needs of our project. While we have never made a direct appeal to any person or group of persons for financial help, we have called attention to the needs of our family and how well our friends have done in supplying these needs. Another Thanksgiving season is soon to be with us and following the Thanksgiving emphasis will come Christmas with all its loving remembrances. This is the logical time for our friends to emphasize what they may be in position to do for our children. Throughout the years the months of November and December have been very meaningful to us. We have the hope that these feature months may be used to a good advantage for supplying the financial undergirding of our big family.

WHEN AND HOW

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, financial secretary, church hostess and social worker at Central church, Concord, writes as follows: "I mailed all the envelopes you sent for the church membership, asking them if they cannot be present to mail their Thanksgiving envelope. But we should have some for the racks in the church on Sunday morning, for many will forget them. So please send us at least a hundred more. This is I believe the most cheerful offering we take if only our people can know when and how."

Needless to say, this congregation will forward in the run of the year all and more than the total askings for The Children's Home family.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION

When The Children's Home agreed to the suggestion of our Conference Commission on World Service and Finance that the askings from our friends be reduced, we had some fear that this reduction would not stop with the suggested quotas. However, we did not complain. We went along with our usual cultivation, and learned at the end of the conference year that the income from our congregations was reduced in the amount of \$15,507.46. This loss in income was only about half of what it would have been had our liberal congregations stopped with the reduced askings. But the power of suggestion was noticeable. About as many pastoral charges failed to forward the total reduced askings as was recorded in former years with larger askings. It is possible that a continued reduction might face us. The congregational receipts so far in the present conference year are less than those recorded by this time in last conference year. It may be true this year as it was last year, that about the same number of pastoral charges would further reduce their contributions. But for the increase in special and individual non-congregational contributions we would be in an embarrassing financial position.

TAYLORIZED PURSUIT

Soon after the close of the recent sessions of our annual conference Rev. J. M. Taylor, Jr., called to know the total amount of Children's Home contributions that had been sent in from his charge, stating that he had been sick for several days just prior to the meeting of the con-

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ference and was not sure about what had been done for our boys and girls. We readily gave him the amount received and stated that we had received a personal contribution from a member of his charge, which, if counted would cover the total askings from the Hudson circuit. To this our Taylor friend replied that he did not want that done and that his people would gladly forward the difference between what was paid and what was asked. Our Hudson friends not only forwarded the difference on the revised askings but overpaid the larger askings of the previous year.

SOUND BUSINESS

We are continually confronted with the fact that in addition to the proper raising of children there must be a proper raising of sufficient finances to guarantee that our project can serve the needs of our children in a suitable way. Doubtless the soundness of our financial structure has caused a number of people to provide in their wills for large amounts to go into our building or endowment fund. The continued remembrance of our project through bequests from wealthy friends has been a life-saver for the services our Home has rendered in saving the lives of so many youngsters.

THERE HE GOES

The picture this week is that of Weldon Brigman, right halfback on our midget football team. Weldon is following in the athletic footsteps of his brother Arliss and

the prediction is that he will make a record that may surpass that of his older brother while he was here with us. At any rate, young Brigman can run so fast as to make one or more touchdowns in every game in which he participates. Our midget team, on which Weldon is a prominent member, has won all of its games so far this fall, not having been scored on but one time. This healthy and promising youngster is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Mt. Lebanon, Randleman, Mrs. W. E. Matthews being the correspondent.

THE RETIRED MINISTER

The dictation of these lines has been suspended for a while for having a short conference with one of our retired ministers. Well do we remember how this minister proved so helpful in his itinerant days in supplying some of the needs of our youngsters. Our friend recounted that through the help of his son he and his good wife were safely housed in a home of their own. He stated that his superannuate check of \$125 a month was sufficient to provide for the actual needs of him and his wife. Of course this retired minister has some chickens and some hogs, and can supplement his monthly check with some products from his garden. It is gratifying to note that the retired ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference are thus provided for.

FINE FELLOWSHIP

The athletic rivalry between The Children's Home boys and girls and the boys and girls of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs is most pronounced. This rivalry stops with the conclusion of any athletic contest. Immediately following a contest the socializing of the youngsters from the two institution is very much in evidence. Our good friend, Rev. Albert B. McClure, superintendent of the Barium Springs institution, is a mighty fine fellow. In a recent letter from him the following is presented: "I want you to know that everybody down here enjoyed your visit and that of your students who came as players, cheer leaders, and followers of the team. It was good to have you here and our group thoroughly enjoyed every minute of your stay. I cannot say that we enjoyed the one-point difference in the score, because we always like to win; however, I can say that everybody around here is talking about a wonderful game we had and how proud we are of the boys from The Children's Home and from Barium. When two teams play hard, rugged football with the same spirit these boys did, under the supervision of excellent officials and have no infraction of rules called on them, I say that is going some. My hat is off to you and your squad and coaches and to the squad and coaches here at Barium Springs for a magnificent demonstration of how a football game ought to be played."

LEISURE TIME

The youngsters who have the most problems for themselves and the most challenges for us are those who do not go out for organized play. Those not playing football during the fall months are those who use their leisure time for doing something that does not help them. All too often such youngsters pull boners which do not help anybody. One of the reasons we are so much given to athletic contests is that our youngsters may be busily engaged working hard at what is called play, thus being happily engaged.

Why Be A Steward?

By Charles M. Laymon

Psalms 24: 1; Leviticus 25: 18-22
Malachi 3: 7-10; I Corinthians 16: 2

Stewardship can be tragic. At this very moment a great people are being trimmed to the bone by the unwanted stewards who are ruling them. The Reds are reshaping China into a vast military and industrial empire. Old patterns of life are being broken down in an unprecedented display of plastic surgery on the face of the land.

Recent reports from Honk Kong indicate that road building and railroad construction are replacing coolie tracks between industrial centers and remote areas. Even the famed Burma road has been modernized. Attention is being focused upon resources beneath the earth also, through intensive geological surveys. As a result, Peking has just announced discoveries of tremendous mineral deposits.

All of this is stewardship at its best and at its worst. It is stewardship at its best because it represents a brilliant effort to make the most of the resources to be found in the "Good Earth." But it is stewardship at its worst because its goal is to build a bastion from which to strike at freedom.

At the heart of this undertaking is the doctrine that "the earth is the Communist's, and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." The Chinese Reds believe this. Because they are unprincipled in their regard for persons, they will sacrifice ruthlessly millions of their countrymen in the realization of this belief.

We Christians have a doctrine, too. In today's lesson there is a verse which reads: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and those who dwell therein" (Ps. 24: 1). As stewards, God calls upon us to live and act as though we believed it.

To express this stewardship in terms of life calls for a disciplined marshaling of our resources that is more humane, but not a whit less vigorous than what is happening in China today. The industrial strength of America must contribute to the enrichment of human personality. The vast agricultural products with which God has blessed us must be administered so that the people are kept healthy, strong to live as free persons.

Stewardship can be tragic if the goal is materialistic and selfish. Stewardship can be blessed, if it expresses our faith that all life is from God and should be lived to his glory.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PAGE

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Family Life

The Board of Education at the Annual Conference passed a resolution of appreciation for the outstanding service rendered by Rev. J. T. Greene as director of family life education for the past few years. It was pointed out that under his leadership "an unusual interest has been created in the field of Christian family life and a sound program of family life education began" in our conference. Mention was made of the fact that Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the department of Family Life of the General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, had lauded his work and said that "more seems to be

happening in the North Carolina Conference in the field of family life than anywhere else in the Jurisdiction."

In an effort to conserve and further the gains which have already been made in this field, the Board of Education did two things. It set up a Christian Family Life Committee to continue this work—planning specifically for the National Family Life Conference to be held next October—and it went on record as favoring the employment of a Director of Adult Work and Family Life as early as possible.

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MRS. McKINNE HAS NEW ADDRESS

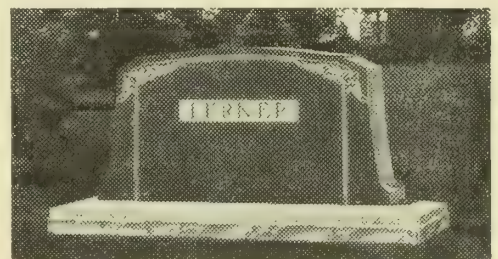
The love, prayers, and good wishes of the innumerable friends of Mrs. F. B. McKinne throughout the North Carolina Conference go with her to her new home in another section of the state. Mrs. McKinne moved on November 1 from her home in Goldsboro to The Methodist Home, Rt. 8, Box 533, Charlotte 5, N. C.

Mrs. McKinne served as conference treasurer for more than 30 years. She also served as conference corresponding secretary of foreign work, and as secretary of the Raleigh District under the former organization plan of separation of home and foreign work. Her untiring devotion to the cause of Christ throughout the years is a living monument to her Christian life, and a benediction to every person whose life she has touched.

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AN HONEST DECISION

By Elizabeth Price

It was Friday afternoon and Lester brought his weekly report from school. Mother looked sorry when she read it, and Lester stood by, red and uncomfortable, for it was not the sort of report that makes a boy proud, and his mother happy. It said, "Department unsatisfactory," while as for the lessons, there was not a single "Excellent," only "Fair" or at most, "Good."

Mother did not say anything, because she had said on other Friday afternoons all she had to say on the same subject. She only sat looking at the report a long time, while Lester wriggled and twisted.

At last she spoke, very quietly: "It must be stopped, Lester. For more than a month your conduct has been 'Unsatisfactory' I have reasoned with you and given you chances to do better, and you have abused them. I shall try you once more, and then unless your next report is a very good one—as good as you used to have—my boy must be punished."

Lester stopped wriggling. That last word awed him. "How?" he asked, swallowing over a lump in his throat.

"You will have to stay away from the sleighing party one week from tomorrow."

Lester sat down, feeling as if he had suddenly grown too weak to stand.

Mother had folded up the report and laid it aside. She picked up her sewing again and said, "It all depends on you, Lester."

Lester walked away slowly. Not much danger of his forgetting—no, indeed! There should be an "Excellent" over against every item in next Friday's report. He would show what he could do, for once. But miss that sleigh ride—never!

He thought of nothing else all afternoon, remembered it twelve times on Saturday, six times on Sunday, twice on Monday, once on Tuesday, and next thing he knew it was Friday again, and teacher was handing out reports. His heart came into his mouth as he looked at his. "Conduct unsatisfactory." "Lessons fair." Not an "Excellent"—not even a "Very good." And he had meant, oh, what had he not meant to accomplish this week! But Mother could not—could not keep him away from Westchester! She never could break his heart like that! His feet fairly flew over the ground—this suspense must be ended.

Mother was sewing, as she nearly always was, but she dropped her work and the hand trembled that she held out for the report. Maybe she felt the suspense, too. She read the few words, and her eyes filled with tears, and Lester knew what that meant. "It isn't fair!" he burst out. "Teacher didn't mark me fair; I have been good! I don't deserve to stay at home! I didn't do wrong!"

"Wait, Lester—wait, dear," Mother's voice was very gentle. "If you tell me on your honor that this report is unfair, if you really think you deserve to go to Westchester, you may go. You remember what I said a week ago; you know the conditions. I leave it to you to decide."

"Then I'll go, all right," said Lester, positively. "I haven't done a thing that ought to keep me away."

"Very well, dear." The busy needle was at work again.

Lester tore outdoors to play noisily with Sport and make himself believe he was having a fine time, while Mother folded away the poor little report and waited.

She did not wait in vain. It was bedtime. "I can't go, Mother. It wouldn't be honest, and I am honest, if I do act mischievous in school. I did deserve it—Teacher was fair. I've whispered and played instead of studying, but I don't think I'll ever forget again. I'm going to be the best boy in the whole world after this." And Mother held him close and said, "I knew my boy could be trusted to tell the truth, and he hasn't disappointed me."

The party rode away the next morning without Lester. He tried to be brave and cheerful, but the ordeal was a hard one, and Lester never forgot it, for it did him much good, in spite of the hardness—or perhaps because of it.

In the evening, when the pleasure-seekers had returned, the little figure crept again to Mother's room. "It's been pretty hard," said a queer, choky voice, "but I'm glad."—Christian Advocate.

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recall, I felt no particular resentment in my heart toward her; nevertheless, I had asked the Lord if there were any hindrance and this memory "bobbed up."

I debated with the Lord for a good distance on the road but finally turned around and drove to the landlady's house. Her husband met me at the door and told me that his wife had just stepped out to visit a neighbor. Seizing upon the first opportunity to escape what seemed an unpleasant duty I told him that I would come back some other time. The Lord arranged for the man to insist, however, that I stay, assuring me that she would soon return home.

In a few moments she walked up on the front porch. I greeted her and explained why I had returned to see her. At first she made as if our "little difference" had amounted to very little in her mind, but after we talked a while she indicated that our falling out had hurt her feelings and that she appreciated my coming back to make things right.

Standing there in the sunshine of the front porch of my now good friends' home that day, it seemed as if the Heavenly world drew very near and I was definitely anointed afresh and anew with His love. I trust I may quickly learn the secrets of living perpetually in such anointing.

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Announcements

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the following changes in appointments in the Rocky Mount District, North Carolina Conference: Gordon E. Allen to Nash Circuit; J. O. Jernigan to Wesley Memorial Circuit.—J. F. Herbert, District Supt.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors receiving new assignments are requested to send their change of address to the Advocate immediately. State old and new address.

In Memoriam

MRS. CARRIE BRITE RAULFS

ELIZABETH CITY—We, the members of the Student's Wesley Bible Class of City Road church, wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our most beloved and faithful members, Mrs. Carrie Brite Raulfs. Her sudden passing on Aug. 25, 1953, cast a pall of shock and sadness over us. But we know that she has left us only for a while, and we shall meet her in the sunlight of tomorrow. We feel keenly our loss and commend her Christian virtues and Godly service to our church and community. We bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's will. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her loved ones and pray that God will sustain them in their loss. We request a copy of these resolutions be put in the records of our class, a copy be sent to the family and a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate.—Mrs. N. H. O'Neal, Mrs. W. T. Robbins, Mrs. N. E. Lewis, Committee.

MRS. A. D. ABERNATHY

GRANITE FALLS—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church of Granite Falls, wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of our most beloved and faithful members, Mrs. Andrew David Abernathy, Sr. Her passing on Thursday, Oct. 8, 1953, cast a pall of sadness over our Society, our church, and our community.

Her many activities in her church included organist and choir member, church school teacher, and member of the board of stewards. In addition to serving actively in the Woman's Society of her own church in many capacities, she was secretary of the Statesville District of the Missionary Society for many years, until the state of her health forced her to give up the work. She worked diligently and devotedly to further the missionary endeavor whenever possible.

May the memory of her devotion to her church inspire each of us to dedicate ourselves anew to greater loyalty in Christian service.—Mrs. J. G. W. Holloway, Mrs. Lula Hickman, Mrs. P. G. Moore.

MRS. MATTIE CARTWRIGHT STINEMATES

ELIZABETH CITY—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our faithful members, Mrs. Mattie Cartwright Stinemates, who passed away on October 1, 1953.

Mrs. Stinemates was chairman of local church activities in First church for seven years. She also served as circle chairman for several years. She was untiring in her services to the church and community, and was faithful to the end.

We request that a copy of this tribute be recorded in the minutes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and one to the family.—Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Mrs. E. Pratt Fearing, Mrs. John Wells.

MRS. KATE BURNS HICKS

ROCKINGHAM—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and faithful member, Mrs. Kate Burns Hicks, who died August 30, 1953.

She was always loyal to her society, to her family, to her church, and to her God. Her Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. We deeply feel our loss but her Christian life of unselfish service among us is a blessed memory to cherish.

In expressing our sympathy, we offer these resolutions; that we keep in our hearts the memory of her beautiful life; and that a copy be sent to her family; that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. Lucile Covington, Mrs. Flleta C. Smith, Miss Pearl Currie.

MRS. JENNIE BLALOCK

ROCKINGHAM—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Rockingham, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Jennie Blalock, who departed from this life on June 12, 1953.

"Miss Jennie" was not only a loyal member of our Society and of our church, but most especially a fine Christian whose faith in her Lord never faltered. We are sure the Heavenly Gates must have opened proudly to receive the gallant, shining spirit of "Miss Jennie."

In loving appreciation of her, we offer these resolutions:

FIRST: We extend our most sincere sympathy to her family.

SECOND: We keep in our own hearts the memory of her brave and willing spirit, that the inspiration of her devotion to family, church and God may strengthen the purpose of us all.

THIRD: A copy of this resolution be sent to the family; a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate; a copy to be recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. William F. Moore, Mrs. George B. Davis, Mrs. John C. Keith.

MRS. B. T. COOK

CORNELIUS—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Zion church, Cornelius, wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. B. T. Cook, one of our loyal and consecrated members who went to her heavenly home on September 1, 1953.

Her life was one of loving service to her home, community and church. Her loyalty, devotion and faithful attendance were a source of inspiration to all. Her unselfish life was truly Christian.

She was a charter member of our Society, was always modest and unassuming in the performance of her Christian duties, serving cheerfully and efficiently in whatever capacity she was called upon to do.

With her passing we feel that a life of service, loyalty and devotion has been taken from our midst. She left our lives enriched by the example of her faith, courage, fidelity and loving service.

We want her loved ones to know that our sympathy goes out to them in their loss, yet rejoice with them that she is at home with her Redeemer. Therefore, we offer these resolutions of respect:

First, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, acknowledging Him to be perfect in all things, realizing that the Lord giveth and taketh away.

Second, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family, and pray that God will sustain them in their loss.

Third, we request that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and recorded in the records of our society.—Mrs. Mason Lowrance, Mrs. J. Cliff Westmoreland, Mrs. W. W. Washam, Mrs. F. W. Kiker.

MRS. C. S. PROCTOR

CORNELIUS—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Zion church, Cornelius, wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. C. S. Proctor who closed her earthly pilgrimage and entered into life eternal on September 26, 1953.

Our hearts have been saddened by her passing and her presence will be greatly missed in our community. Her pleasant smile and her friendly disposition were appreciated by all who knew her. With her passing we feel that we have suffered a great loss.

We want her loved ones to know that our sympathy goes out to them in this time of sorrow, yet we rejoice with them that she is at rest in her eternal home with God our Father. Therefore, we offer the following resolutions:

First, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well.

Second, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family and pray that God will sustain them in their loss.

Third, we request that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. Mason Lowrance, Mrs. J. Cliff Westmoreland, Mrs. W. W. Washam, Mrs. F. W. Kiker.

MRS. ESTHER POWELL

MILL SPRINGS—We, the members of the W.S.C.S. of Bethlehem church wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Christian life of Mrs. Esther Powell, who departed this life May 23, 1953.

She was always willing and glad to serve when and where she was needed.

Mrs. Powell was president of our Women's Society of Christian Service, teacher of the Intermediate Sunday School class and rendered excellent service in the Bethlehem church choir.

She will live on in our hearts, through memories of her radiant and happy disposition, her faith in God, the devotion to her family, loyalty to her church and a deep concern and love for others.

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of these expressions be sent to her family, a copy of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a copy recorded in the minutes of our Society.—Miss Lizzie Dalton, President, Mrs. James P. Edgerton, Spiritual Life Secretary.

MRS. MARY CATHARINE SHORT MARSH

MT. AIRY—Mrs. Mary Catherine Short Marsh was born in Surry County, N. C., September 3, 1872, and died in Mount Airy, N. C., August 17, 1953. She was the daughter of Newton Price Short and Ann Eliza Hines Short.

She was married in 1902 to Rev. Victor Leo Marsh, a Methodist minister of the Western N. C. Conference. In 1910 the couple transferred to the Virginia Conference, where they rendered faithful service until their retirement in 1938. Following retirement, they resided in Mount Airy.

The funeral was conducted in Central Methodist Church, of which she was a loyal member, by her pastor, Rev. A. C. Waggoner, assisted by Rev. J. W. Frank. The burial service was conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star, of which was a member.

She leaves her husband and one sister, Mrs. Robert G. Dean.—J. W. Frank.

DR. T. McM. GRANT

The board of trustees of Camp Don-Lee, Inc., North Carolina Conference, is deeply conscious of its great loss in the passing of Dr. T. McM. Grant. From the time this board was organized in 1948 until his death in 1952, Brother Grant served as its efficient chairman. Though they were difficult years, his leadership was always equal to any eventuality or demand.

By the unanimous consent of the board of trustees of Camp Don-Lee, Inc., in session at Camp Don-Lee, May 28, 1953, recommendation was made to the effect that the Central Building, now being used as the Dining-Assembly Hall at the camp, be named the "T. McM. Grant Building" in memory of Dr. Grant.

Most earnest expressions of love and sympathy are extended to Mrs. Grant and the members of his family in their great loss. With this we would include the assurance that his name is written high, not only in the book of Life, but also in the hearts and lives of thousands who were blessed through his ministry.

The Board directs that this statement of appreciation be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, that it be included in the report to the Annual Conference, and spread upon the Conference minutes, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Grant.—Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, T. J. Whitehead, Forrest D. Hedden, Special Committee of the Board of Trustees of Camp Don-Lee, Inc.

Our Readers Say . . .

EDITORIAL COMPLACENCY

Dear Editor:

In your editorial of September 24 entitled "What Are These Critics of Our Ministers Up To?" your opening sentence was a shock. I quote: "We are not particularly disturbed because some ministers of the Gospel have been accused of Communist affiliations." That reasoning could be attributed either to the thought that none are guilty or to the fact that it simply is of no consequence. On reading further in the editorial I assume the latter since you said "That a few preachers have been taken in by the Communist line seems quite probable."

Such complacency is why we need the Velde House Un-American Activities Committee whose records show anything but silliness and stupidity. One lone minister who has succumbed to the Communist doctrine should cause consternation among church members but to think of more than one who have influence over our young people is appalling. We should be greatly disturbed and alert to this new obstacle in Christian living.

Lumberton Daisy M. Morris

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Conference Voting Procedures

By H. Sanford Williams

The last session of the Western North Carolina Conference was marked by a fine spirit of brotherhood, but it was strained somewhat at the time of the vote on the salary of the district superintendents. Fortunately the majority was willing to yield and vote in favor of the recommendation of the World Service Commission rather than risk a serious rift in the conference.

There are those who believe that at least three changes should be made in the procedures of voting at our conference sessions.

1. When matters involving personal interests are before the conference, a ballot vote should be taken. This should include all resolutions endorsing individuals or their work, whether they are members of the conference or not; those sections of committee reports fixing the salaries of individuals, including the minimum salary and the district superintendents' salaries; and all motions wherein personal interests are involved to the extent that embarrassment might be caused by any open division of the vote.

The voting on the salaries of the district superintendents at our last conference demonstrated that we will vote our convictions if we can do so by secret ballot but, as is only natural and right, we will not stand up and show ourselves to be opposed to the personal interests of a friend.

It is true, according to the rules of order of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which we also follow, one-third of those present and voting can request a secret ballot at any time, but when this is done, it is likely to be considered a hostile or divisive act.

When the motion requesting a secret ballot was made, nothing was said against the recommendation of the Commission on World Service and Finance, yet the person making the motion was cited by the newspapers as having led the opposition to its adoption. Actually, as a matter of principle, he voted for both the raise in the minimum salary and the district superintendents' salaries. We need a fixed conference policy that automatically requires a ballot vote on personal matters so that even the appearance of hostility may be avoided.

2. It appears that our Annual Conference should specify a quorum for the transaction of business such as the Discipline provides for the Jurisdictional Conference. The findings of the Commission on World Service and Finance were presented on Saturday morning when the majority of the delegates and conference members had gone home. Only 312 persons, less than one-third of the conference, were present and voting at the time this important report was adopted.

Or, perhaps it might be more satisfactory to request the Commission on World Service and Finance to present its report not later than the third day of the conference. This report is not necessarily the most important, but there are ordinarily more recommendations in it that require conference action than is true of some of the others.

There is no intention of suggesting that this report was held over until Saturday morning with the knowledge that it could then be most easily adopted. We should, however, have correct methods of procedure that will prevent any accidental presentation of important matters when too few persons are present for a representative vote.

3. We need to reserve the bar of the conference for those wearing credentials. Perhaps it may be wise to arrange the seating by districts. The credentials issued to persons who are to be seated within the bar of the conference should indicate whether or not they have the right to vote.

The largest number of persons in its history attended our last conference. While there was not room enough for all of the preachers and lay delegates, usually a number of visitors were seated within the bar of the conference. On at least one occasion there were persons voting who were not legally entitled to do so.

We appreciate having visitors at our sessions. We do not want to keep any of them away, but we cannot hope to do a good job with the many affairs of our Annual Conference without a high degree of order. We have both precedent and example in the General and Jurisdictional Conferences for seating delegates and also for the wearing of credentials by those who are entitled to vote.

The magnitude of our problem is indicated when we realize that the Western North Carolina Conference is approximately three times as large as the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Perhaps our entertainment committee can work out a plan for improving conditions next year. We cannot hope to get laymen to attend the Annual Conference when they cannot even be seated within the bar of the conference.

It is evident that the members of the Western North Carolina Conference appreciate the fellowship we share. We have been shown conclusively that the conference intends to protect and preserve it. The establishing of proper procedures for conducting the affairs of our conference is a part of our effort to preserve our brotherhood. True brotherhood grows best in the climate of democracy where the will of the majority is expressed and followed.

ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH

Oct. 11, 1801-Oct. 11, 1953

A small log cabin, in a grove,
And later one of fame,
And now a noble house of brick,
Which bears the founder's name.

Into the log house, one by one,
The men and women came;
Tho' few in number, brave in heart,
To glorify the Savior's name.

The heavenly Father smiled on them
And crowned their efforts with success,
And verified His promise true,
"I surely will my people bless."

A hundred years and fifty-two,
Have passed away since then,
When to that log house in the grove,
Those men and women came.

And so today we honor them,
In prayer, and praise, and song,
And humbly pray that we, like them,
May bravely carry on.

Editor's Note: This poem was written by Mrs. R. C. Stevens for use in the 152nd anniversary of Asbury church, Asheville, observed Sunday, October 11.

SEEK 17 FOR KOREAN SERVICE

The Methodist Board of Missions has sounded an urgent call for 17 young men and women who will give three years of service in Korea. Special training will be provided next summer and the team will leave for Korea in the fall.

Ten women and seven men are needed for teaching and youth work in high schools and colleges, for relief and social service and for religious work with youth. Specialties could include Bible, music, physical education, English and commercial subjects.

Applicants must be unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 28 years, graduates of accredited colleges, and active church members. They must be people of genuine Christian experience with a desire to serve and a faith they are eager to share. Their health must be good. Their record in scholarship and practical achievement must be well above average. They must be flexible in meeting the needs of a war-torn country.

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MISSION FIELDS NEED

MORE WORKERS, TOOLS

Educational materials and personnel are the chief needs of mission fields today. The Methodist Church's Joint Committee on Religious Education in Foreign Fields decided at its annual meeting October 29-30 in Nashville, Tenn.

Headed by Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, chairman, the 27-member committee represents the denomination's Board of Missions, New York, and Board of Education, Nashville.

The group recommended that special attention be given to the complexities of providing adequate Christian literature in the numerous languages and dialects represented in the far-flung mission fields.

It was agreed to survey schools in this country equipped to offer special instruction to selected missionaries and foreign students in the organization and preparation of curricular materials.

Rev. C. A. Neblett of Nashville, former missionary to Cuba, was paid tribute for his completion of a three-year course of religious studies for Spanish-speaking children. The materials are already in use in Latin America and other countries.

The church has a serious shortage of missionaries and trainees, especially women, the committee learned. It was estimated that 350 field positions are vacant. Recruitment is centered on college students and young adults in local churches.

Europe today is also a major mission field because so many young people have lost interest in religion, the committee was told by Board of Missions representatives. Decline in church attendance was reported as "alarming" in many European countries.

The group also heard field reports from Latin America, Africa, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Okinawa, India and the Philippines.

"Uncertainty is the most certain thing to be found in mission fields today," one member stated as the committee studied reports of unsettled conditions around the world.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 107:1

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"NINE WENT AWAY"

By Edwin Raymond Anderson
(Luke 17: 11-19)

Ten men came to Jesus one day, ten men with nothing to be thankful for—they were lost in the pit of leprosy. With nothing further to lose but everything to gain they came, cried and claimed His cure. Then in one glorious, blinding moment they had **everything** to be thankful for! Their leprosy had been cured and they had found a new life of restoration!

But there is a bitter tragedy in the very heart of this testimony of triumph. It is a tragedy which has been repeated over and over again down the long corridor of years, upon the very part and from the very heart of those who profess Christ. It is a tragedy of which **YOU** may have been guilty over and over again, and all without knowing it!

It is the tragedy of forgetting that an experience in the heart and life is always meant to exercise itself in the expression of the lips and the voice. A touch from the Lord is always meant to teach us to say, "Thank you, Lord!"

Only one of the ten men remembered and returned. The other nine just went away—happy but heedless; remembering to tell loved ones, no doubt, but forgetting to thank the One who healed them. They were like so many present-day Christians—so filled with the good things of the Lord, but so empty in returning praise and thanksgiving.

Perhaps these nine never knew it—perhaps they would have been frightened or humbled if they had known, but in a solemn, spiritual sense, they went away to form the charter membership of one of the most Christ-wounding societies on the face of this earth, which since that time has tragically grown to cover the earth with a membership that is not even aware of its existence; and even less aware that they are an active part of it!

The society? It can go under many names. I choose to call it, "The Ancient Society of the Thankless Nine."

There is only one mark for membership. When I call it to your attention, I pray that you will bow your head, humble your heart and let a solemn hush steal over your soul. Here is the mark:

Just forget to say "Thank you" to the Lord Jesus, whenever He has done something for you.

Think back. Were there not times when He was so real, so dear, so near? when He so blessedly revealed Himself? when He led so lovingly? when He guided so graciously? when He protected so powerfully? when He supplied with such sufficiency? And perhaps you think back, now, with tears and a torn heart.

Think of today. Thanksgiving is here, with so much to remind us of the pause for the giving of thanks, for this should be a holy day rather than a holiday.

Think again of the blessed Lord Jesus. In the very gathering of the long shadows of Calvary, He paused, "and gave thanks" (Luke 22:17). Say not that He who drained the cup for us in our stead, shall receive in return naught save the bitter dregs of thanklessness! Such a tragedy at Thanksgiving is a sign of a leprosy of the soul.

Or perhaps you never have reached out and accepted the free gift which God offers you in Christ Jesus. To all men,

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A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

THINKING AHEAD OF OUR JOBS

A few weeks ago the nation celebrated Newspaper Week. Editors from all parts of the country joined with their South American brethren in Mexico City. Freedom of the press was stressed, a freedom for which many have suffered imprisonment. Our freedom of the written word was not won easily. Like all our rights, we had to fight for it.

We have no Pravda in our country operated by national or local Kremfins. No public official tells an American editor what he may or may not print.

The newspaper business was once erroneously called a "game." It is a profession—and an exciting one employing men of integrity and sound vision.

Vision is more than viewing. It is sight plus insight and foresight. There is an old saying that any fool can count the apples on a tree, but it takes a wise man to see the trees in an apple. Good news-gathering gives the events of yesterday and also gets intimations as to what will happen tomorrow.

It was said of a late city editor that he usually knew the block in which a crime was to be committed before it happened. My father was wont to use an expression, "Keep your eye peeled." When we are alert we can often find news in the most drab surroundings.

One day a young telegrapher was sitting at his key in a small railroad station. The tedious hours seemed endless in his lonely office. He spent much of his time reading. He had always wanted to be a newspaper man.

The railroad station was a few hundred feet from a bridge spanning a river. He saw that bridge daily.

One day he noticed that the river was rising. The surging water was licking the foundations of the bridge. The pressure of the flood's attack weakened the structure and the bridge collapsed. The young operator opened his wire leading to the headquarters of a large news association. This is what he sent: "A two-horse team and truck have just gone into the river. Three pedestrians are swimming ashore." He continued sending. "Truck and horses gone. Driver clinging to bridge pier. Hold wire. I'll be back."

The press association sought the name of this young man. He was brought to New York and later became an outstanding reporter.

When we "keep our eyes peeled" and are sufficiently interested, we see and create opportunities. Our imaginations are quickened. Doors open in seemingly blank walls.

A young man sold newspapers on the streets of Albany, N. Y. Some years afterward he got a job on an important New York newspaper as an office boy. During a national political campaign, he was assigned to accompany the chief editor of his paper. The candidate made scheduled stops at important cities, where the lad scampered to the station telegraph office and filed his chief's copy.

The boy decided that the stops were too far apart. He determined to do something about it. At one large station pause he picked up a dozen stones lodged between the cross ties. As the editor wrote his "takes" the lad tied each to a stone and

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Let Us Pray

Most gracious God, by whose appointment the seasons come and go, and who makest the fruits of the earth to minister to the needs of men; we offer thee our thanksgivings that thou hast brought us through the circuit of another year, and that according to thy promise seedtime and harvest have not failed. At the remembrance of thy bounty we offer unto thee the sacrifices of our thanksgiving, and pray that thou wilt feed our souls with the Bread of Life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—From The Book of Worship.

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cast them off at way stations where there were telegraph offices. The New York office was astonished at the rapid receipt of the editor's copy. The editor could not understand it.

This young man returned to New York as a reporter on the World. He was promoted to city editor, then to managing editor. He developed scores of newspaper men who were inspired by his leadership. He was thinking ahead of his job.

Some years ago a passenger on the "S. S. Leviathan" asked one of its officers how long it would take the liner to stop if an emergency developed. The officer replied, "I think we could do it in a mile and a half." He added, "You see, when you run a big ship like this you have to think at least a mile ahead." And the pilot of a giant airliner has to think many miles ahead.

In this swiftly moving world we have to be not only on the job but ahead of the job. That is one reason for reading good newspapers. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Compare Our Blessings With Those of Other Lands

We Americans are accustomed to so many material and spiritual blessings that we seldom pause to realize from whence they come. We take for granted all of the bountiful mercies a loving heavenly Father bestows upon us. We are unaware of the extremely high price our founding fathers paid to bequeath to us a land where men can worship God according to the dictates of conscience and enjoy the luxury of living as free men.

But all we need to do to realize how well off we are is to visit other lands. In so many countries today men still live in abject poverty. Multiplied millions of our fellow human beings never know what it is to have their physical appetites satisfied. The Orient is a land of perpetual hunger. Even Europe, which was once the richest continent on earth, has been reduced to want. Millions of European refugees are forced to exist on a near-starvation diet. The masses have a hard time securing even the necessities of life. Hardship is their endless fare.

But this is not the world's worst trouble. In so many places men are not only under bonds of physical hunger. They are in spiritual bondage, too. Their minds and souls are controlled by ruthless dictators. They are not permitted to think. Freedom is a myth. They are forced to exist in a system that destroys the human spirit, that seeks to reduce man to mental and spiritual servitude. Last summer we associated with men who were constantly being spied on, who lived under constant dread, who were frightened even by their own shadows. Existence under such circumstances is an endless nightmare.

Thank God for America! Thank God for men and women who believed in an ideal, who planted here more than 300 years ago the seeds of Christian democracy! During this Thanksgiving season 1953 we are infinitely blessed. Let us give God thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

But let no American stop with mere words. Let us all live the faith that made our country good and great. Let us live by moral precepts that are founded on the Sermon on the Mount. Let us cling to the truth that keeps men free. We are in greater danger of losing our fundamental freedom from complacency and inner moral decay than we are from external foes.

But even this is not enough. Let us show gratitude by seeking to give to needy men everywhere the blessings of

Christian democracy. There is, of course, much in our way of life that has been tainted and corrupted. We do not ask others to take our imperfections. We do believe, however, there is much good we can share. Support of the church's missionary program is a fine way to extend the best in our Christian heritage.

When all mankind has access to the kind of blessings we enjoy, the whole world will have reason for thanksgiving.

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Are There Not Grounds for Protestant Alarm?

Fair-minded Christians of all communions will be disturbed by revelations made by Joseph C. Harsch in an article entitled "Religious Controversy" in the November 10 issue of the *Christian Science Monitor*. Mr. Harsch begins by referring to recent statements made by England's Archbishop of Canterbury charging the Roman Catholic Church with intolerance and oppression and the General Council of the Presbyterian Church's warning that men and women in our country are being condemned by uncorroborated words of former Communists who have simply transferred their allegiance from one totalitarian system to another.

We do not know the specific details that led to the archbishop's statement. But we think we know why the Presbyterians are alarmed. Their fears, as well as the fears of millions of other Protestants, stem from the Congress of the United States where men like Senator Joseph R. McCarthy and Representative Harold R. Velde are allowed to smear the innocent along with the guilty. The results of such tactics have been disconcerting, threatening, as Mr. Harsch indicates, to widen even further the Catholic-Protestant breach.

Here, to quote Mr. Harsch, is one of the reasons Protestants are alarmed: "While the facts are not available in full, enough information has been gathered in Protestant circles to make it clear that the activities of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin have had the incidental effect, whether accidental or intentional, of increasing the proportion of Roman Catholics to Protestants employed in the public service. Government officials, seeking to protect their departments and bureaus from McCarthy attacks, have increasingly resorted to the practice of employing Roman Catholics as security and personnel officers. This appears to provide immunity from attack. The sequel is that the proportion of Roman Catholics included in dismissals is low and the proportion of Protestants high."

Investigations made by Correspondent Harsch failed to find a single Roman Catholic dismissed from the State Department. Dismissals from the Foreign Operations Administration show 80 per cent Protestant and 20 per cent Roman Catholic, with many of the Catholics dismissed being eventually reabsorbed into the service. If the present trend continues, Mr. Harsch says, Roman Catholics, though numbering a minority in the total population, will constitute a majority of federal employees.

Alarmed Protestants, the journalist concludes, "see in it a possibility that the open Roman Catholic attack on communism spearheaded by Senator McCarthy is actually directly as much against Protestantism at home as it is against the Kremlin abroad; even that Roman Catholic fervor against communism may turn out in the end to be primarily a vehicle for an assault on Protestantism."

This is not a pleasant picture. At a time when mankind is split into dozens of ideological camps no sensible person wants to see further division in the Christian community. Moreover, no responsible Protestant wants to be a Catholic-baiter. Nevertheless, certain trends are so obvious that somebody must speak out.

For one thing, we would like to ask when Roman Catholics have become better security risks than Protestants? We would remind Mr. McCarthy and some of the frightened officials in Washington that Protestant countries have not succumbed to communism. On the other hand, communism has made its greatest progress in Roman Catholic-dominated countries. In Italy, which is 99 per cent Roman Catholic, during recent elections the Communists polled 35 per cent of the votes. Other Roman Catholic strongholds are having a terrific struggle with communism.

We do not believe that Roman Catholics or Protestants can afford to consort with the Communists. But we do resent the position that Protestants are being placed in here in America. We can think of nothing worse for America than for domination to come either from the Kremlin or from Rome. That both are trying to extend their influence by devious means is obvious. Well aware of the reputation of both, some of us believe that one will bear as much watching as the other.

Protestants, we believe, are ready to join their Roman Catholic brothers in an evangelistic crusade to win the world to Christ as an answer to atheistic, materialistic communism. But the weapons in the crusade, they insist, must be moral and spiritual and not political.

Long Range Planning For The Years Ahead

There has been a growing feeling in the North Carolina Conference that we are not moving forward on certain fronts as rapidly and as effectively as the times demand or as our capacities justify. Even though there are many signs of progress on every hand, there is a conviction that God is calling us for something bigger than we are now doing.

One of our chief difficulties lies in the fact that we have no long range objectives, no great goals, no comprehensive over-all program that kindles our imagination and stirs our deepest loyalties. One of our most pressing needs is to take stock, set up goals and launch out on a conference-wide program that will reach across the decades.

This, we believe, is the task of the Survey and Long Range Planning Committee which was appointed at the beginning of the 1952-53 Conference year. During the year the committee has had seven meetings. We have studied certain areas. We are ready to report now what we have found up to this point. But we are not ready to make recommendations. This we hope to do at the next session of our Conference.

Our study shows us conclusively that there are some areas in which the Conference needs to go forward. This is pointed out sharply in a study made during the year by Dr. A. J. Walton with financial support from the Ormond Fund. Most of the information outlined here came from Dr. Walton's study.

Membership and Evangelism

First of all, we need to go forward in the area of membership and evangelism.

Dr. Walton's study reveals that in the period 1940-1952 the North Carolina Conference gained 26,183 members—an average of 2,014 a year. This represents a net increase of 18.2%. At the same time, the Western North Carolina Conference had a net increase of 21.5%; Southern Baptists gained 38.7% and Presbyterians in North Carolina gained 30.5%. Our average charge intake was 7.37 members per year. In 1952 our net gain was only 0.25%. In other words, we are not keeping pace with the rate of growth in population.

We are losing out also in the transfer of members. For example, in 1952 our two Conferences in North Carolina transferred 16,129 members to Methodist churches. During the same year churches in our two Conferences received by transfer from other Methodist churches 10,269, for a net loss of 5,860 to Methodist churches outside the state. What is happening? Certainly as many Methodists are coming into our state as are leaving North Carolina. Are we failing to bring these incoming Methodists into our churches?

Dr. Walton's study reveals—and this perhaps is typical of our Conference—that during the years 1940-1952 villages in the Durham District gained 23.4% in population, while Methodism in the villages only gained 17%; the urban population increased 33.3% while Methodists only gained 21.3% in urban areas, compared with a Baptist gain of 67.5%; the rural population gained 27% as the Methodist churches in the country increased 38.7%. This would indicate that Methodism's healthiest growth is still in the open country. Some doubt, however, that these Methodist gains would be as large in other rural areas of the Conference.

Perhaps these figures poignantly re-

Report of the North Carolina Conference Survey and Long Range Planning Committee made at the recent session of the Conference and printed at the request of the Conference.

mind us of our evangelistic lag: It takes 38 Methodists to win one person to Christ, while the Baptist record is 21 to win one.

Is it not evident that we need to do some long range planning in meeting our evangelistic responsibility?

Church Extension

Again, we need to go forward in the area of church extension.

Church extension is tied up intimately with membership and evangelism. This is a part of the secret of Baptist growth. The Baptists have been going out where the people are, establishing new churches in new population centers. On the other hand, we have followed a policy of concentrating in large downtown churches and waiting for the people to come to us. Manifestly, the people haven't come. One gets the impression that sometimes we have been more concerned with bigness than we have with reaching the people. This fallacious reasoning has cost us dearly.

Now, let it be clearly understood that we are not interested merely in making Methodists out of people or of simply building up The Methodist Church. God forbid that we should be narrowly denominational! We are concerned because we have a sense of mission. Early Methodism followed the people. The Methodist circuit rider went to the people because he felt that this was Methodism's responsibility. Methodism's mission has not changed. When we become staid and self-satisfied we begin to deteriorate morally and spiritually. When we become comfortable and well-fixed we lose our evangelistic and missionary passion. Methodism by its very nature must be a moving church—moving out where the people are—or it becomes a dying church.

Let's look at how comfortable and self-contained we have been. During the period 1940-1952—at a time when people were moving and new areas were developing—the number of our churches in the Conference declined from 806 to 802, a net loss of four. In the Durham District while the Methodists were establishing one new church the Baptists started fifteen. We have procrastinated at Jacksonville, where Camp LeJeune is located. Had we gone to work there in earnest ten years ago we could today have a strong, going church ministering to hundreds of people who need and desire the spiritual oversight of The Methodist Church. How long shall we fail them—and God?

Thank God we are waking up! Bishop Garber and our Conference Board of Missions are giving us magnificent leadership at this point. We must follow them wholeheartedly as they seek out the places where new Methodist churches are needed and give them adequate financial support to do the job. Five new churches were begun during the Conference year just ending. Our district superintendents tell us that 23 new churches should be started next year. Let's start them. With the growth of population in our Conference coming about through industrial and agricultural expansion we shall need

many, many more new Methodist congregations during the next two decades. Let's build them. This, as Bishop Garber has said, should be our major emphasis. In this direction lies life and spiritual strength.

Christian Stewardship

Still again, we need to go forward in the area of Christian stewardship.

Our people have made great progress in their giving to the church. For example, in 1940 churches of the Conference reported contributions of \$1,567,039. In 1952 they gave \$4,435,574. During this period the value of our church buildings jumped 2,349%; our parsonages, 2,413%. This is a splendid showing. Many congregations now have lovely houses of worship and attractive homes for their ministers. But some other items in our budgets have not increased proportionately. Pastors' salaries increased only 88.4%, while the cost of living more than doubled. The average pastor has less purchasing power in 1953 than he had in 1940. District superintendents' salaries increased only 47.7%, which makes him considerably worse off financially than his predecessor was thirteen years ago. Conference Claimants during the thirteen-year period were increased 364%—and they richly deserve this added support. Our benevolent and World Service giving increased 103%—hardly enough to maintain the program we had in 1940. During this period our contributions to the Methodist Orphanages were upped only 60.4%, which means that the Home can't possibly care for as many children now as it did in 1940. Golden Cross giving has increased 956%. This year we helped provide hospitalization for 150, but that is not too imposing a record for 169,000 Methodists, would you say?

In 1952, our per capita contribution amounted to \$26.15, compared with \$27.39 for Methodism at large. At the same time Southern Baptists were giving \$30.94 per capita and Presbyterians in North Carolina were averaging \$42.31 per capita.

Is not the stewardship of our material possessions the very heart of our problem today? All over America we have kept too much for self, given too little to God. Until we face this matter honestly, as good stewards of Jesus Christ, can we do justice for the great causes of our church? We face no problem today that Christian stewardship cannot solve. It is too much to ask our people to give a minimum of one-tenth of their income to God?

Ministerial Recruitment

Finally, we need to go forward in the area of ministerial recruitment.

Ministerial recruitment is vitally tied up with membership and evangelism, with church extension and Christian stewardship. To do the job that needs to be done we must have more preachers.

Methodism at large is facing a serious ministerial shortage. Our 22,834 charges are being served by 15,362 conference members and 7,472 supply pastors. Around one-third of our charges are being served by unordained men.

The situation in the North Carolina Conference is almost as bad. For example in 1940 we had 248 pastors in full connection. In 1953 we had 257, an increase of nine. Pastoral charges during this period increased from 245 to 301, a rise of 56. In 1940 we had twelve supply pastors serving charges; in 1952 that number had

grown to 44, an increase of 32. We are told that this year we had a total of ninety students and supply pastors serving our charges.

The supply pastor has always had a vital place in Methodism. He still has. Some of the best work is being done by these selfless, sincere men. But we need many more ordained men. We need to help some of these supply pastors to become full conference members. We need to attract many more capable young men to the ministry. Many able young men have not been challenged.

This Conference has wasted much of its manpower. We have kept too many prom-

ising men in obscurity until their spirit was broken. Why should not the church be able to say to young men: "Come on into the church if God is calling you, and we shall give you an opportunity to use your talents." Industry and science have been saying that. And they have been getting many of the best. Does the church need to hesitate to challenge young men to the highest and most glorious calling in the world?

Surely there are hundreds of choice young men within our borders who are ready to respond if we have the courage and the vision to challenge them.

We are facing unprecedented opportuni-

ties in our Conference. We are on the threshold of a new day. Our chief foes are fear and complacency. God has brought us to the Kingdom for this hour. Let us be wise enough and consecrated enough to make the years ahead the most illustrious and the most victorious in the history of our Conference. We believe there is a mood for progress. Let us set high goals. And let us work together for high purposes, for great achievements. Let us be done with near-failure, with mediocrity, with moderate success. Let us attempt and accomplish great things with and for God.

HOW TREAT YOUR MINISTER?

By O. W. Dowd

Please let me suggest a few ways to help your minister, especially the new one sent to your church for 1953-54, and furthermore the minister perhaps you would not have called.

First of all help him in all possible ways. May I try to suggest some ways to help him. Of course, God does help those who help themselves, but He surely helps and blesses those who help others.

(1) Save your **verdict** about your new minister until at least a year's evidence is in. So don't judge him by one sermon preached on a rainy Sunday night, when possibly he had a cold or headache, nor by a seeming neglect to call on you. Give him time; he will come. Give him time to get acquainted, and to call you by your first name; until then he may have to call you brother or sister. Give him time to recognize you in the congregation.

(2) By friendly cooperation you will help to make your new preacher a better preacher. Try this principle for one year at least on the minister sent you. Make the best of it, and that will make the best of you, and the new minister, the Christian gospel at work in human relations, and that is where the gospel has power to work wonders.

(3) Love your minister in spite of his weaknesses and faults. "Keep on loving." Love the new preacher just like you did the former pastor. Speak kindly and graciously to him. You can show your love by finding things to praise him for rather than to criticize. Praise the good points in his sermons; commend him for his patience and good will, for his thoughtfulness in sickness and sorrow; for his help in time of spiritual guidance. And before you realize it, he may begin to measure up to, if not go beyond, the former pastor. Honest, sincere praise is a real stimulant to the new as well as the former minister. Thus make him a bigger and better preacher than he has ever been.

(4) Overcome the evil situation with good. Suppose he does not speak quite loud enough for you, you help out his weak voice by moving nearer the front. There the acoustics seem better, maybe the spiritual climate will improve. Then draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. If he does not smile when preaching give him a smile, perhaps a red rose for his coat.

If he does not seem to want to shake hands with you, shake with him. Don't expect your minister to go all the way.

And if your minister does not seem to be as sweet and gracious as you would like, take him a jar of honey. If you can't do that, take him a bottle of South

Ga. 100% sugar cane syrup. But better than that, love him anyhow.

If he does not **seem** to want to look at you, don't get offended. There are lots of people in the congregation he does not look at as individuals. You will catch his eye after so long, and with soft attention. If he does not seem to love you, and you seem not to be a part of the inner circle, you keep on loving him, and

LIFE VARIED IN METHODIST HOME

It was the last Thursday in October—not quite the day of Halloween—but near enough to it for a bit of fun and frolic. And of this there was aplenty here in this Methodist Home, where one thinks of retirement and cessation of all activities and "foolishness."

This evening was gay and colorful, hilarious, and a bit noisy. The Fellowship Hall, elaborately decorated with Halloween symbols, was well filled with a gathering of the Home family. Witches, ghosts, fortune tells, music makers, black cats—also an hour's fun varied and delightful—all were enjoyed by every one present. Apple juice, ginger snaps and Halloween candies made the final evening hour one of happy fellowship.

Parties and evenings of recreation are a part of the Home life under the guidance of the director of Home activities and the Home Council.

One of the most unique evenings of recent months was a "session" of the "Old Deestrick School." Those who really had the "know-how" brought out of their experience as school teachers, a replica of the old district school, which goes a long way back in our nation's life and history.

There were "girls" in their bonnets and aprons, with their dolls or other toys, answering such questions in geography and arithmetic as belonged to another generation. Also there was much singing of the old songs. There were "boys," some in patched trousers, carrying fishing poles and other paraphernalia dear to the heart of a boy. There was the tardy boy, just coming in from fishing, trousers rolled up, and in just the humor for all sorts of teasing pranks. All of these "boys" had much ability to cause noise and confusion among the "scholars." And there was "Fred," playing constantly with his green frog—that is after he had read his speech about everything in general and nothing in particular.

The month of November is rich in vesper services for the Methodist Home. On November 1, under the leadership of

one day you may enter with the privileged few. And if he, at first, does not seem to be a reader of thought-provoking books but rather lingers in the past, bring him up to date by giving him now and then a new book. Some good current literature will help. Reading a great book will put fire into the soul of the preacher.

If he does not take a text from the word of God, but lectures on current events, tell him how you delight in the law of the Lord, that is it like a lamp unto your feet. Presently he may begin to feed your soul on the bread of life.

the superintendent, the Mecklenburg County Medical Society was honored as it celebrated its Golden Anniversary. The guest speaker, Dr. Joe M. Van Hoy, a member of the Board of Managers, spoke of the factors that produce the stress of present day living and suggested that life at its best is lived in a three dimensional way. 1. Length of life, by right living; 2. Breadth—helping others; 3. Spiritual—found only in God, as our refuge.

On November 8, the intermediate choir of Pleasant Grove church, under the leadership of Mrs. H. J. Richards, gave an hour of sacred music. On November 15, Rev. Ed J. Carter and his congregation of New Hope church led the service. November 22, Rev. Lee R. Spencer and his splendid choir of Calvary church, Charlotte will give another hour of inspiration. November 29, the youth of Myers Park, Charlotte, under the leadership of their youth director, Miss Sarah Puett, will lead the vesper hour.

Dr. Joseph Owen will preach the Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving morning, at which time the annual offering for our Children's Home will be taken.

Another inspirational program during November was "Dad" and Mrs. Arnold's "Nativity Program" on the evening of November 13.

A quite different program has been inaugurated under the leadership of two widely travelled and capable sisters, who are members of the Methodist Home. This gives opportunity for discussing current world events. A recent hour giving a clearer understanding of the United Nations was centered especially on present vital questions, such as the United States and Italy; and of the momentous events taking place in the Near East as these concern our own land.

Daily there is in the chapel a period of quiet worship in which all who will, join; thus beginning each day, remembering with gratitude the wonderful blessings which are ours, in a Home where Christ is the center and source of all peace and hope.

Pastors on Circuits Stay 2.47 Years; Scarritt College to Celebrate Founder's Day Nov. 20

CIRCUITS IN N. C. CONFERENCE HAVE LOW PASTORAL TENURE

By Key W. Taylor

This study is to show the average pastoral tenure on circuit charges, by districts, over a ten-year period. The research is based on the appointments listed in the 1942-51 Journals, and upon charges listed as circuits in Table 3 of the 1951 Journal. Most of the circuits listed will trace back as circuits for ten or more years, as the movement to divide circuits did not get underway to any considerable degree until the Annual Conference of 1952. Charges of two or more churches are considered as circuits even though in some instances the charge is composed of a town or small city church with a rural chapel attached. Should the definition of a circuit be changed to charges of three or more churches the average pastoral tenure figure on circuits would probably be less favorable.

The average pastoral tenure on circuits is listed as follows, by districts and years: Durham, 2.30; Elizabeth City, 2.29; Fayetteville, 2.50; New Bern, 2.54; Raleigh, 2.55; Rocky Mount, 2.63; Wilmington, 2.52; Conference Average, 2.47.

Should a modern corporation, which has to produce and show a profit to stay in business, find a rapid labor turnover rate in a given department, steps would be taken promptly to find causes and cures. Rapid labor turnover is very expensive. Likewise a rapid pastoral turnover on rural charges is very expensive to the church, not only in efficiency and dollars, but also in spiritual values.

The reasons for a rapid pastoral turnover on circuits are many and complex, but not beyond the possibility of analysis. Some of the reasons reside in the nature of the appointment system which is in need of some analysis in the light of conference long-range planning.

The longer pastorate should be increasingly productive to a point, though it is not always so. However, it can certainly be said that the very short pastorate is relatively ineffective and is dissipative of the energies of the conference. Many good reasons can be given for pastoral tenure to be not longer than the traditional four years. Likewise the converse is true, that most pastorates should be at least four years in length.

A pertinent fact may be observed in connection with the subject of rural pastoral tenure. It can be stated in a paradox. Country people, being less sophisticated, are among the most responsive of people, and yet are conservative by nature and change slowly. Therefore, a rapid turnover in rural pastorates results in the potentialities of most rural churches remaining relatively undeveloped.

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DRAMA WILL CLIMAX SCARRITT FOUNDERS' DAY RITES

"God Still Speaks," a drama in three acts, based on the experiences of Scarritt College alumnae imprisoned for 30 months by North Korean Communists, will climax the celebration of Founders' Day, November 20, at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee.

Although the missionaries had done nothing to justify their being held for nearly three years they lived under circumstances almost unbelievably bad. In the face of uncertainty, hunger, illness, dirt and bone-chilling cold they experienced a terrific conflict between faith and despair, yet they found that "God Still Speaks."

The play was written by James I. Warren, a native of Greenville, N. C., and a graduate of East Carolina College. As part of his research for background material, Mr. Warren, who is instructor in speech and drama at Scarritt College, interviewed Miss Nell Dyer of Conway, Arkansas, one of the three Scarritt alumnae who survived this ordeal. She had also been interned four years by the Japanese during World War II.

Scarritt Alumni groups in various parts of the world will assemble on or about November 20th to celebrate Founders' Day. Approximately 600 men and women who have attended Scarritt are now serving their fellowman in 53 countries beyond the continental boundaries of the U. S.

Scarritt College is a co-educational senior college and graduate school specializing in the advanced preparation of Christian Workers. The College is a coordinate member of the University Center of Nashville which also includes George Peabody College for Teachers and Vanderbilt University.

B.A. and M.A. degrees are awarded to young men and women preparing for service at home and abroad . . . as directors of Christian Education, teachers of Bible, settlement workers, organists and choir directors, rural workers, church secretaries, conference youth directors and Wesley Foundation directors.

Ground breaking services were held Sunday, November 8, for the first unit of the new Memorial church, Charlotte, with 300 present. Rev. Frank Jordan, superintendent of the Charlotte district, was in charge. Others assisting in the service were Rev. James E. Rink, pastor; Rev. C. Moody Smith, pastor of the Marshville Methodist Church; Rev. Lee Tuttle, pastor of First church, Charlotte; Rev. Paul O. Willyard, of Ventura, California, a son of the church; J. B. Vogler, chairman of the building committee; and Mrs. Donald Ross, choir director. Mrs. O. N. Barnhart, member with the longest membership record; J. B. Collins, chairman of the official board; Willard Farrow, treasurer of the building fund; W. E. McGee, superintendent of the Church School; Mrs. J. W. Pryor, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, also assisted with the ground breaking.

J. B. Vogler gave a brief history of the church in which he recalled that certain members of the old Tryon Street Methodist Church (predecessor of First Methodist) started a Sunday School mission on Alexander Street. This group was the nucleus of the Brevard Street Methodist Church, which has recently been re-named Memorial Methodist and relocated on the Albe-marle Road.



Radio Chapel to be Named for Methodist Leaders; 50,000 in Exchange Program

CHAPEL IN PROTESTANT RADIO CENTER TO HONOR BISHOP AND MRS. MOORE

Announcement of a \$100,000 chapel studio in the Protestant Radio Center, Atlanta, Ga., is planned by Methodists of nine southeastern states as a surprise honoring Bishop Arthur J. Moore when he returns from Europe on Thanksgiving Day.

Named the Martha and Arthur J. Moore Chapel Studio for the bishop and his wife, the project will comprise the major Methodist share in the radio center's new \$250,000 home now under construction on the Emory University campus.

Bishop Moore, who presides over The Methodist Church's Atlanta and Geneva, Switzerland, episcopal areas, is now abroad on church business in Europe and North Africa.

"We can think of no more fitting and lasting tribute to Bishop and Mrs. Moore than a building such as this linking their names to the work of preaching the Gospel," said the project leaders, William N. Banks of Grantsville, Ga., and Lee Roy Ussery, Montgomery, Ala.

The chapel studio was described as "an altar in the air for repentance and salvation," by the Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta. He is executive secretary of The Methodist Church's southeastern jurisdictional

council, and directs the radio center's Methodist programs.

A native Georgian, Bishop Moore has been a minister for 44 years and is Methodism's senior bishop in active service.

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MANY STUDENTS FROM OTHER LANDS VISIT HERE

Nashville, Tenn.—More than 50,000 youth and young adults had the privilege of first-hand fellowship with students of other lands and missionaries last summer. Sixty-three international students enrolled in the colleges of the United States and seventeen missionaries on furlough gave 408 weeks of service in summer camps, institutes and assemblies serving youth and young adults.

As a free service to the summer camps and institutes of The Methodist Church, the Joint Department of Missionary Education sends these carefully selected representatives on regular schedule to those places that request them. These students and missionaries are Christian young people, Crusade scholars for the most part. In the selection and itineration of these persons the Joint Department of Missionary Education has the cooperation of the Board of Missions and the Crusade scholarship office. They have been carefully selected in their home countries as

suitable persons to come to America for study.

The deans of Methodist camps, institutes, and assemblies are enthusiastic about these international visitors. They say that the presence of such students in their meetings personalizes missions as nothing else short of a trip to the mission fields can do.

Already requests are being received for the services of missionaries and international students in the summer agencies in 1954. These requests should be directed to the Joint Department of Missionary Education, Post Office Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. If consistent with annual conference policy these requests should channel through the offices of the executive secretaries of the annual conference boards of education.

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COMMITTEE READY TO RECEIVE GENERAL CONFERENCE INVITATIONS

Any group of Methodists desiring to invite the General Conference of The Methodist Church to hold its 1956 session in their city should get their bid in soon.

Following a meeting of the executive committee of the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference in Chicago Nov. 3, it was announced that such invitations should be in the hands of the secretary of the commission by Dec. 15, if possible. Communications should be addressed to Dr. Aubrey S. Moore, 77 West Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill.

A "kick-off" drive for \$25,000 will begin Sunday, November 22, to add to the \$28,000 already in hand so that construction can be started next spring on the lovely \$125,000 building for the congregation of Central church, Denton. The present campaign was begun in 1951 and \$75,000 was pledged the first year. The attractive new plant will consist of a sanctuary, balcony and choir loft that will seat 360; a minister's study, a choir room, an office, and a small chapel that will seat 60, on the right; intermediate and assembly rooms on the left. The ground floor will have a social hall that will seat 150, about 15 classrooms, a modern kitchen and other facilities. The planning committee consists of Mrs. C. L. Kearns, chairman; N. Val Johnson, Joe Mitchell, Baxter Carter, A. R. Morris, Mrs. Howard Snider, W. J. Ward, W. A. Johnson and Mrs. Blanton Lomax. The finance committee is composed of J. E. Hill, chairman; Mrs. Wesley Morris, treasurer; Dr. J. W. Griffis, Mrs. C. L. Kearns, John Sexton, J. W. Floyd, J. E. Wilkins, Sr., Mac Cranford and Robert Johnson. Central church was organized in 1902 by the late Rev. J. G. W. Holloway as the Denton Methodist Protes-



tant Church. The first building, completed in 1915, was destroyed by fire. The present structure was erected in 1917 and dedi-

cated in 1926. In 1939 the name was changed to "Central Methodist Church." Rev. D. L. Stubbs is pastor.

STUDENT CONFERENCE

EXPECTED TO DRAW 2,300

More than 2,300 college students and adult counselors have been named delegates to the fifth quadrennial conference of the Methodist Student Movement to open December 28 at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and run through January 2.

Delegates will represent every state and include 200 foreign students.

"Christ Transforming Culture" will be the program theme as students seek to come to grips with problems and issues of Christian faith and action.

Eminent platform speakers, who will discuss theological and educational aspects of modern culture, include Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York City; Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Albert Outler of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Glenn Olds, University of Denver; Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, Boston University; Dr. John O. Gross of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville; Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco; Bishop Newell S. Booth, Elizabethville, Africa; and Philippe Maury, Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World Student Christian Federation.

Daily Bible studies will be led by Dr. Charles S. Laymon, Nashville, editor of Methodist adult publications.

A special New Year's eve celebration of Holy Communion will be led by Bishop Matthew W. Clair, St. Louis.

Three study books, produced by the Methodist Board of Education, are being issued to delegates as "home work" before the conference. They are: "The Conscience of Culture," by Dr. Everett Tilson, Vanderbilt University; "The Christian Corrective," by Dr. Glenn Olds, University of Denver; "Worship and the Arts," by Keith Irwin, St. Paul, Minn., and Roger Ort-mayer, Nashville, editor of MOTIVE, magazine for college students.

Directing the conference will be Dr. H. D. Bollinger and Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Nashville, who head the Methodist education board's Department of University and College Religious Life.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture this week is a Thanksgiving scene at the Children's Home, Winston-Salem. The children are, left to right: Richard Evans, Jerry Chilton and Mickie Kearns. Although we need to remember the children in our Children's Home and Methodist Orphanage all through the year, the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are particularly good times to remember them with our prayers, our love and our material gifts.

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THE NORTH DAVIDSON CHARGE announces the eighth annual Spiritual Harvest Week, to be held November 22-27 at 7 o'clock each evening. Mount Pleasant, Thomasville, Rt. 1. is host church to the first three services. The speakers are as follows: Sunday, Rev. C. W. Robbins, editor, North Carolina Christian Advocate, Greensboro; Monday, Dr. Joe Hiatt, superintendent, Hugh Chatham Hospital, Elkin; Tuesday, Rev. Horace McSwain, conference secretary of Missions, Shelby; Canaan church, Winston-Salem, Rt. 5, will be host at the last three services with the following speakers: Wednesday, Dr. Douglas Rights, pastor, Trinity Moravian church, Winston-Salem; Thursday, Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director, Methodist College Foundation, Greensboro; Friday, Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor, Edenton Street church Raleigh. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

News in Brief

HAMLET METHODISTS last year contributed \$46,061, an increase of 42% over the previous year. The budget for the new conference year will exceed \$50,000.

COMMONWEALTH CHURCH, Charlotte, recently had as theme for its evening service "Methodists Believe," with eight laymen of the church discussing various aspects of the topic.

STEVE MARTIN of Rutherfordton was elected president of the North Carolina Student Council on October 27, on the closing day of a three day session of the 27th Congress of the North Carolina Student Council, held in Albemarle. Steve is a Junior at Rutherfordton-Spindale High School. He is President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, First church, Rutherfordton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Martin, Rutherfordton.

ST. LUKE CHURCH, Goldsboro, will observe homecoming Sunday, November 22, with Rev. T. A. Collins of Raleigh, executive secretary of church extension of the North Carolina Conference, as speaker at the eleven o'clock morning worship service and Walter Anderson, former director of prisons of North Carolina and now director of camp activities of the North Carolina Conference, as the afternoon speaker. The afternoon program will also include several musical selections by the choir of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, the Harmony Trio and the St. Luke choir. All members, former members, friends and the general public are invited. The occasion will mark the third anniversary of the first worship service for St. Luke church. The first official board was elected by the quarterly conference of St. Paul church. The growing church now has 253 members.



REV. AND MRS. W. H. BROWN, above, of Jackson Springs were honored recently at the West End Methodist Church upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Married October 14, 1903, in Newland church near Elizabeth City, the couple served a number of charges in the North Carolina Conference before their retirement in 1936. Mr. Brown organized the West End church and served it on three occasions as pastor. Present for the occasion were their son, W. H. Brown of Shelby; their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Warren of High Point; and W. A. Bivens of High Point, who was best man at their wedding fifty years ago. The women of the West End church sponsored the celebration. Many friends were present to honor the beloved couple.

WAXHAW METHODISTS plan a Thanksgiving service at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, with Rev. Abram Cox of Monroe as speaker. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is having a Thanksgiving bazaar Thursday, November 19.

REV. TROY J. BARRETT, director of recreation and religious activities, Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh, was elected chairman of the church division of the N. C. Recreation Society at the N. C. Recreation Conference meeting in Durham, November 1-5.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE entertained approximately 30 high school seniors from all over the state Nov. 13 and 14 during College Hospitality Weekend. Following dinner in Main building, the guests attended a variety show in Odell auditorium. Saturday morning the girls took the college aptitude test, an entrance requirement, after which they attended a special chapel program in Odell. Later they were free to attend classes and talk with various department heads. The college plans more such events.

THE METHODIST CHURCH'S new color film, "John Wesley," is expected to be released early in 1954 for premiere showing in 470 churches across the country. Originally planned for September and October, the premieres were postponed because of delays in laboratory processing of the feature-length film, according to the Methodist Radio and Film Commission, Nashville, Tenn. As soon as the new premiere period is established, churches that have booked the film will be asked to specify their choice of dates, the commission said. The date of general release and the rental fee will also be announced later.

EPWORTH CHURCH, Concord, held an installation service on November 8 at the morning worship service. At that time the pastor installed the church officers for the new conference year, the officers and teachers of the church school, the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Pins were awarded to W. J. Corzine, chairman emeritus of the official board, who had served in that position for 22 years; to S. L. Hartsell, church treasurer emeritus who had served 21 years; and to T.S.A. Fink and C. A. Sell, both having served many years on the board of stewards, and now honorary members of the official board.

DR. KENNETH W. CLARK, professor of the New Testament at Duke University Divinity School, is one of 18 Biblical scholars who have contributed chapters to a new book, "Studia Paulina." Just published in Holland, the new volume honors Prof. Johannis de Zwann of the University of Leiden, foremost New Testament scholar in the Netherlands who has specialized in Pauline studies. Dr. Clark is the only American among the contributors. His chapter centers around a discussion of Pauline study and textual criticism. The other contributors are from eight countries and include several scholars trained by de Zwaan. Five Dutch scholars comprise the largest group from one country. Four from Great Britain are C. H. Dodd of Cambridge, T. W. Manson of Manchester, Matthew Black of Edinburgh, and C. K. Barrett of the University of Durham; two are Germans—Bultmann of Marburg and Jeremias of Gottingen; two are French scholars—Clavier of Strasbourg and Menoud of Montpelier; and there is one each from the Universities of Athens, Oslo, Uppsala, Pretoria (South Africa), and Duke.



Youth In Action

in the North Carolina Conference



YOUTH EMPHASIS DAY AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Annual Conference, meeting in Durham, devoted Saturday, October 31, to the Youth Emphasis Program. Under the guidance of Miss Clarice Bowman, professor of philosophy and religious education at High Point College, a workshop for youth leaders was held Saturday afternoon. The purpose of this workshop was to study ways and means of improving and extending the youth program in the local church. The three-fold purpose of this youth emphasis in our church—to strengthen the faith of youth, to win them to Christ, and to improve the MYF—was discussed in a mass meeting and then in small groups under various leaders.

Youth Emphasis Night was observed Saturday evening. The program began with a drama, "White Is the Field," given by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of St. Paul church, Goldsboro. Mrs. Eleanor Renoff of Goldsboro wrote the script and the play was directed by Miss Mary Hester Hunt, director of Christian Education at St. Paul church. Those participating in the drama were: Betty Mixon, Hazel Watson, Patsy Jenkins, Virginia Reid, Benny Ward, Donald Haskins, Jimmy Daughtry, Lewis Sutton, and Gerald Daughtry.

A panel discussion centering on the theme, "What Can Adults Do About the Youth Emphasis?" was led by Miss Bowman. The panel was composed of Rev. F. R. Dail, Rev. James Auman, Mr. Belton Joyner, and Miss Maxine McLohon. Mr. Joyner and Miss McLohon are president and secretary of the conference MYF respectively.

A worship service led by Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., followed the panel. Special music was given by Miss Maya Stocker, violinist, and the Durham High School mixed chorus under the direction of Mr. Glenn Starnes. Rev. Jameson Jones, editor of Concern magazine, was the speaker and his challenge to the ministers and the youth leaders was to lead the young people to a realization of God and the church.

The purpose of the Youth Emphasis in The Methodist Church for the next quadrennium is to arouse the entire church—ministers, workers with youth, laymen—to give special attention to youth.

RE-VITALIZED YOUTH IN ACTION

This is the first issue of our Youth In Action to appear in the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Through the cooperation of the editor and Miss Marion Craig, youth director of the Western North Carolina Conference, we will alternate week by week with "Contact." The success of this endeavor depends primarily upon all the young people in our North Carolina Conference. This bi-weekly issue must contain up-to-date news, happenings in your local or district MYF, pictures of your activities, personal news, and helpful suggestions from all in order to assure its success. Your acting director will serve as coordinator of this page, so please send all news to Wallace Kirby.

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METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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Youth In Action has a tremendous possibility of growing through this system and of assisting youth and older persons in their growing. The Advocate is for the entire family and no better method of interesting parents and adult leaders could be found than this. The challenge is up to you—officers, members, adult advisors—and we know that you'll accept it.

SMITH-BLACKBURN FUND

Contributions to the Smith-Blackburn Fund now total approximately \$240. In a newsletter from Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackburn, who are now serving as

Youth and The Church

Youth is the seed corn of the kingdom. The harvest is dependent upon the seed. Seed culture is essential to perfect seed. Seed sown now makes more seed for the future.

The harvest becomes the seed again as time rolls on.

Seed time, and harvest time, and seed time—in never-ending cycles.

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Its members become stewards tomorrow. The school becomes the church; young leaders become adult leaders.

Lessons become lives and lives become lessons.

The Church of tomorrow can be no better than the youths of the church school of today.

Destiny is wrapped up in the heart of a young man or woman

Just as a waving field of grain is in the heart of the wheat seed.

—Marion Nelson Waldrip

missionaries in Luanda, Angola, Africa, they express appreciation for the many gifts sent to them. Our goal, as adopted at ACS last August, is \$1000. Your contribution can be sent to Miss Faye Corbett, 327 East Main Street, Clayton, or directly to the Conference Office, Box 6667 College Station, Durham. Sub-districts should be planning on having special services for this fund.

JOYNER CALLS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Under the guidance of the Conference President, Belton Joyner, the executive council of the Methodist Youth Fellow-

ship, held its first meeting at Duke University on November 7-8. Those attending were: Bill Baum, vice-president; Maxine McLohon, secretary; Ed Osteen, treasurer; Baker Morgan, publicity chairman; program area chairman: Linda Leigh, faith; Anne Gray, witness; Faye Corbett, outreach; John Mitchell, citizenship; Mollie Hough, fellowship; and Wallace Kirby, acting director.

Speakers, dates, staffs, and program features for the annual conference session and the Louisburg Assemblies were the major items of business. The third ACS will be at Duke on August 16-20 and three weeks of assemblies beginning June 9 will be at Louisburg. The prospects of conference summer caravans, district spring rallies, Christian witness mission, fellowship teams, promotion of Youth in Action page, and other items were taken into consideration.

Each subdistrict will be informed of this meeting through a letter. Associate chairman and adult advisors of program areas were selected and these persons will be informed of their selection by the various chairmen.

DURHAM SUBDISTRICT'S SPIRITUAL QUEST

The Durham Subdistrict is holding a youth spiritual quest week at Duke Memorial church, Durham, November 15-20. Under the leadership of Horace Mansfield, president, and Robert Pullman, chairmen of the planning committee, theme for the event is "Knowing and Sharing Christ."

Services are being held each evening at 7:15. Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, is guest speaker. Hymn sings, fellowship, special music, witnessing, visitation, quest periods, prayer, and altar calls are the means whereby knowing and sharing Christ will be sought. The committee has also planned on pre-school morning devotions at Durham Central High School during this week, local Durham ministers serving as devotional leaders.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Shady Grove church at Inez and Bethlehem church at Arcola sponsored a Halloween Carnival to raise funds for their conference projects. These churches are in the Warco Subdistrict, Elizabeth Shearin, president.

Jim Long, president of the Caswell Subdistrict, reports that the full council met in October to make plans for their subdistrict for the next six months. Their calendar calls for programs centering around the Smith-Blackburn Fund, Spanish Speaking Americans, Watch Night service, youth evangelism, and fellowship.

The Person Subdistrict, Phyllis Singleton, president, met on November 3 and had a special ceremony for the Smith-Blackburn Fund. Carolyn Lloyd, subdistrict chairman, spoke on Christian Faith and Mrs. Frances Briggs had charge of the program. The Longhurst church was host.

Mrs. C. P. Morris will continue to serve as treasurer for MYFund. Therefore, all fellowships should continue to send contributions to Mrs. Morris, 6667 College Station, Durham.

The Youth Fellowship of the Long Memorial church, in Roxboro, sponsored a rummage sale last month to assist the church in its building program. Miss Pat Owen, director of Christian Education at the church, helped the young people with the sale.

Conference Well Represented at Educational Meet; Report on Leadership Schools

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The National Conference on Christian Education meets every two years. It is composed of conference workers, directors of Christian education, professors of Christian education, staff members of the general and jurisdictional boards of education and certain other interested persons. The sessions this year were held in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 11-15 and the following persons have registered from the Western North Carolina Conference: Dr. Raymond A. Smith, Miss Rubie Plant, Miss Marion Craig, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Rollin P. Gibbs, Dr. Carl H. King, Miss Kathryn Bannister, Miss Louise Robinson, Miss Sarah Ruth Puett, Miss Elizabeth Jarrett, Rev. Harold Hipps. The theme for this year was "Growing Together in Christian Disciplines for Our Task." Among the persons appearing on the program are Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Dr. John O. Gross, Dr. Paul Maves, Dr. Ross Snyder, Dr. Warren Schmidt, Dr. Oscar C. Plumb, and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. The six days in Cincinnati were filled with discussions, conferences and addresses in the interest of the program of Christian education for the Methodist churches throughout America.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Asheville, Marion and Wadesboro,
November 1-5

Three training schools were held last week in Asheville, Marion and Wadesboro making a total of ten such schools since conference. The following courses and instructors were scheduled in Asheville: "The Child's Approach to Religion," Mrs. W. L. Pickering; When Children Worship, Mrs. A. H. Rapping; Understanding Ourselves, Mrs. E. H. Ould; Interpreting the Bible to Youth, Mrs. Carl King; The Church Working with Young Adults, A. James Clemmer; Personal Christian Living, Dr. J. Lem Stokes; and New Testament: Content and Values, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. E. H. Nease, Jr., Dr. E. H. Blackard, Clarence Morgan, J. W. McRary, Mrs. Clarence Bishop, Miss Lena Sharpe were in charge of preparation for the school. More than two hundred persons attended the school.

Courses and instructors for the Marion school were teaching children, Miss Barnett Spratt; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Mrs. E. H. Saville; and New Testament: Content and Values, Dr. W. R. Locke. Vernon Morton, Moody Nifong, Ray Murray, and E. C. Carnes directed the affairs of the school. More than one hundred persons were in attendance.

In the Wadesboro school were Teaching Children by Mrs. O. D. Nelson; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Marion Craig and The Teachings of Jesus by C. Edward Roy. Walter Lee Lanier, T. M. Little and Miss Kathryn Bannister directed the school. Participating ministers were D. D. Sain, A. A. Wilson, K. R. Moore, J. T. Ingram, R. M. Alber and G. W. Rudisill.

Thomasville Area School
November 8-12

The Thomasville Area School was held at Memorial church with Harold Robinson, Mrs. A. P. Ratledge, Mrs. J. S. Hix and Glenn Pennington directing the school. The courses and instructors in-

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cluded Understanding Children, Miss Elizabeth Black; Understanding Ourselves, Mrs. E. H. Ould and The New Testament: Content and Values, Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe. Other participating ministers are James A. Allen, D. C. Bridges, J. L. Love, W. B. Bobbitt, C. F. Tate, Glenn Lanier, McRae Crawford, W. B. Thompson, R. T. Montfort and O. C. Loy.

YOUTH AUDIO-VISUAL KIT

The new Youth Audio-Visual Kit produced by cooperating denominations through the Department of Youth Work and the Department of Audio-Visual and Radio Education Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, is available from the Board of Education office. The seven filmstrips are planned as a set of tools to enrich, interpret, and strengthen the work of the churches in all phases of the youth program.

"We Have This Fellowship" is on the work of the youth fellowship; "Big Enough to Tackle" lays the foundation for local community inter-denominational work. The other five deal with the five program areas. These are: "The Faith of a Guy," "Gallery of Witnesses," "I Found a New World," "The Measure of a Man," and "How Wide is our Circle."

The rental is \$1.00 for one film strip with 10 inch 331-3 rpm recording, \$1.50 for two film strips with records sent at the same time, and \$3.00 for the entire kit to be used in workshop groups or by the local church for several days. These may be reserved by writing Miss Leona Morgan, Box 828, Salisbury, N. C. The MYF of the Winston-Salem District also has a kit. Churches in that district may borrow filmstrips from Miss Pat Rothrock, 187 Pine Street, Mount Airy, N. C.

NEW ADULT PUBLICATIONS

The Department of Christian Education of Adults has recently issued four new booklets as follows: **The Christian Education of Young Adults**, Robert S. Clemmons; **Adult Work in the Church School**, M. Leo Rippey; **Adult Home Members**, M. Leo Rippey and **Older Adults** by Miss Virginia Stafford. No church in America has a finer program and philosophy of adult work than that set forth in these booklets. It would be an interesting and challenging project for the adult council in any Methodist church to secure, study and apply the principles presented in these booklets. The next significant development in Christian education in the local church can and ought to be in the adult classes and adult program.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER AND BOARD MEETING FIRST CHURCH, SALISBURY

The members of First church, Salisbury, appreciate the leadership of their new minister Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., and are enjoying the use of their fine new educational building, fellowship hall and chapel. Vespers are held in the beautiful new

chapel at 5:30 each Sunday afternoon. Communion is administered by the pastor in this chapel at 9:00 o'clock the first Sunday of each month. The program of Christian education has been greatly enriched and improved with the better facilities in the spacious rooms of the new educational building.

On Wednesday evening, November 4, a Family Night Supper was served to 200 persons in the new fellowship hall. The supper was followed by the second official board meeting of the year. Attendance was excellent, the spirit of the meeting fine, and E. Alvin Goodman, chairman, dispatched the business of the evening in a very efficient manner. The board is organized under the four commissions and reports were received from each of the four major areas of program activity. Members of the board ordered 25 copies of the booklet on the Four Commissions in order to become more familiar with responsibilities in directing the affairs of a large, progressive and growing church. If what happened in that meeting is indicative of what is happening in other official boards of the church, Methodism is on the march in this conference.

DISTRICT PLANNING SESSIONS

Beginning in Waynesville on Tuesday, November 17, and closing in Winston, Thursday, December 10, members of the conference staff consisting of Mrs. W. R. Reed, Miss Marion Craig, Rollin P. Gibbs, president of Conference Young Adult Fellowship, and Carl H. King will meet with each district superintendent and his district directors of the three age group divisions to clear dates, plan vacation school institutes, discuss the youth emphasis, and training schools for each district during the year ahead. These planning sessions with a small group of leaders under the direction of the district superintendent help a great deal in clearing the schedule for the program of Christian education in each district and throughout the conference. They are indispensable to the work of Christian education in our churches.

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GREENSBORO DISTRICT

GUILD MEETING

Representing nineteen Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Greensboro District, 140 Guilders met at First church, High Point, October 16 for their annual meeting, enjoyed a turkey dinner in the church dining room and a good program in the sanctuary. Mrs. Minnie Moore and Miss Gladis Kivett were chairmen. Reports from the various units were encouraging and Mrs. Max Tucker presided over the evening session.

Miss Mabel Cherry, president of the Wesley Memorial Guild, led the devotionals. One of the Guild scholarship girls, Marlene Harmon, who is a student at Greensboro College, was present and expressed appreciation for the help the district is giving her in preparing for full-time service.

Speakers for the evening were Mrs. Ira Shelley, who made an urgent appeal for more workers and pointed out the needs at Bennett College, Greensboro, and Allen High School, Asheville; Miss Annabel Thompson, who outlined the work of the Guild; and Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of Greensboro College, who spoke on the importance of work. The meeting closed with the Guild benediction.

HAYWOOD SUBDISTRICT HAS MISSION STUDY

In the Haywood Subdistrict of the Waynesville District 28 societies came together at the Waynesville Methodist Church for a joint jurisdictional study of Jeremiah, October 18-23. The class was taught by Mrs. W. M. Alexander of Nashville, Tenn., formerly secretary of spiritual life in the Woman's Division. 275 women were in attendance, as well as several of the Methodist ministers in the area, and a number of young people.

The following societies participated: Beaverdam; Bethel; Canton, Central; Canton, First; Clyde, Central; Crabtree, Davis Chapel, Dellwood, Elizabeth Chapel, Fincher's Chapel, Francis Cove, Hazelwood, Long's Chapel, Long's Church, Maggie, Maple Grove, Morning Star, Piney Grove, Plains, Rockwood, Shady Grove, Waynesville, Sylva from the Jackson-Swain subdistrict, St. Andrews and Grace in the Mountain, two societies from Episcopal churches in Canton and Waynesville. The Study and Action Committee of each society pledged that during this coming year they would stress the importance of prayer groups, the use of the intercession cards, the prayer calendar, and to pray for volunteers for full-time Christian service from their churches.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT NEWS

The meeting of Subdistrict No. 1 of the Statesville District at Wilkesboro October 30 completed the five subdistrict meetings. Each meeting was well attended and had well-planned programs with the pastor of the host church leading the morning meditation.

Mrs. Fred Price, district president, had an inspirational message, and district promotion secretary, Mrs. J. E. Dooley, bringing information and outlining the work. The district officers presented a skit, "Workers With the Master Gardner." At Catawba, Mrs. R. G. Tuttle, retiring vice president, was presented with a life membership pin and certificate. Time was given for group meetings when the duties

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of the various offices was presented.

Subdistrict No. 1 met at Wilkesboro church with Mrs. Dent Turner, chairman; No. 2 at Catawba church with Mrs. C. T. Leonard, chairman; No. 3 at Clarksburg church with Mrs. J. C. Holmes, chairman; No. 4 at Centenary church with Mrs. H. B. Troutman, chairman; Ashe County at Helton church, with Mrs. Ward Ray, chairman.

JURISDICTION STUDY CLASS AT LENOIR

At the third session of the Jurisdiction study class "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World" at First church, Lenoir, ten young people of the church gave a most interesting review of the book, "Wh'er The Sun." One of the girls sang selections from the songs composed by the returned missionary from China, Miss Janet Surdam, during the 13 months she was in prison. The wide awake secretary of youth work is Mrs. Frank Barrier, who helped these young people in this program. Mrs. Barrier says: "We aren't sure who received the most benefit from this study, the youth or the adults, but it was helpful to both." This should be a challenge to other societies to use their young people in their mission studies.

WINSTON-SALEM SUBDISTRICT SEMINARS

Again this year the Winston-Salem District held its educational seminars on a subdistrict level and combined them with the regular fall meetings of the subdistricts. A total of 406 women attended, as compared with 328 last year. Another indication of increased interest was that more literature was sold this year than previously, according to the secretary, Mrs. T. L. Speas.

In the absence of the secretary of missionary education, Mrs. Mark Rose, who recently underwent an operation, Mrs. J. W. Clay conducted the services in all subdistricts and presented the study "Spanish Speaking People in the U.S.A."; Mrs. Sam Beck gave the "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," Mrs. A. L. Smith, the study on "Jeremiah"; and Mrs. L. V. Scott, "Alcohol—the Christian's Responsibility." Mrs. Garland Stafford presented children's study materials, and Mrs. Raymond Hill the youth materials.

The district president, Mrs. A. B. Macon, gave a brief message before each meeting and the subdistrict chairmen held short informational meetings in the afternoons. The skit on Literature and Publications was given by Mrs. T. L. Speas, Mrs. Ira W. Baity, Mrs. Gilmer Whicker, Mrs. J. C. Clodfelter and Mrs. T. A. Porter.

Mrs. G. E. Brown, of Central church, Mount Airy, was elected chairman of the Mount Airy subdistrict to succeed Mrs. W. H. Reid.

MARION DISTRICT NEWS

The Marion District Seminar was held at First church, Marion, September 9, with 160 women and visitors present. The pastor, Rev. Moody Nifong, led an

impressive worship service and Mrs. W. B. Thompson, secretary of missionary education, presided over the meeting. A skit on program building was given by the program committee. Study courses for the year were presented as follows: "Life and Task of the Church Around the World," Mrs. E. T. Erickson; "Jeremiah," Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr.; "Spanish Speaking Americans in the U.S.," Miss Willard Powers; "Alcohol, a Christian's Concern," Mrs. J. W. Fowler. Mrs. Robert Hilliard presented the youth and children's materials.

The Burke County Subdistrict held its fall meeting November 1 at Glen Alpine, with the pastor's wife, Mrs. M. G. Ervin, chairman, presiding, and the pastor leading the devotionals. The district president, Mrs. A. T. Abernethy, and other district officers brought reports and messages and two of the current study books were given by Miss Willard Powers and Mrs. M. G. Ervin. Special music was given by Mrs. Robert Pitts, organist, and Mr. Pitts Davis, Jr., soloist.

During the fellowship hour tea was served in the church dining room by Mrs. J. H. Giles and Mrs. N. A. Pitts.

This district reports another 100% society. Kona is the other 100% society in the district.

Mrs. E. T. Erickson of Spruce Pine has been elected secretary of missionary education to succeed Mrs. W. B. Thompson, who moved out of the district.

Mrs. Sanford Williams of Rutherfordton has been appointed subdistrict chairman for Rutherford County to succeed Mrs. J. W. Fowler, also moved from the district.

An executive board meeting will be held November 21 at the home of Miss Willard Powers in Rutherfordton, with Mrs. W. P. Dorsey and Mrs. J. P. Morris associate hostesses.

BETHLEHEM CENTER, CHARLOTTE

From our new head resident worker at the Charlotte Bethlehem Center we have the following news:

Bethlehem Center has taken on a new look since the front porch has been painted and the guttering repaired. With our supply check of \$300 from the Western N. C. Conference we purchased 70 all-metal folding chairs which were made by a Charlotte firm.

There are 37 children in kindergarten with an average attendance of 34. There is a long waiting list of children who would like the privilege of attending. In September a doctor and visiting nurse from the Health Department gave physical examinations to the new children.

There are 50 primary children attending a club in two sessions, some in the morning and some in the afternoon.

There are 59 juniors enrolled in four groups, meeting after school hours. Their activities include sports, crafts, songs, stories, and playground. The younger girls have woven pot-holders, made cork hot mats and felt purses. The older girls have been knitting and crocheting purses and hats. The boys have made from scrap lumber coathangers, foot-scrappers, what-nots, letter holders, toy trains, book ends, and jewelry boxes.

All of the groups had Halloween parties, making invitations and favors. Educational movies have been shown in the kindergarten and to some of the clubs.

Because of the commercial and industrial developments in our community due to the City Planning, the Bethlehem Center will have to relocate, build a new building, and plan a program to meet the needs. At present we are studying the situation and meeting with planning committees.

Barretts Express Thanks; Assembly Series Interesting; 19 Get Citizenship Honors

WE ARE GRATEFUL

We are grateful to our conference for the opportunity which is ours this year to serve here at the Methodist Orphanage as minister of recreation and religious activities, and as "Mom" and "Pop" to the Burwell girls. Truly, there is a real ministry here . . . praying . . . planning . . . playing . . . working . . . worshipping . . . witnessing . . . counselling . . . living . . . growing together as one big Christ seeking family.

There are many, many experiences, a few which tend to break the heart, but most of which warm the heart and thrill the soul. To mention one recent heart-warming experience as the result of the culmination of various activities and experiences and after a program on choosing a life's work, Earl Hill, president of the eighth grade came to us and said, "I want to answer God's call and become a Methodist minister." Another wanted information about the D.C.C. and another sought information about nursing; still another was interested in the field of recreation. Earl wanted more information about the ministry. He said he wanted to know what he could do now to prepare himself better for this calling. After talking together about the meaning of a call to preach we suggested that he do all he could to learn more about our heavenly Father through daily prayer and Bible study; the reading of certain books (and started Earl on this road by sharing one or two books with him), attendance and participation in church school and church, conversations and cell groups on the deeper things of the spirit, and on social issues, taking part in other MYF activities, seeking to know and love his neighbor always striving to find and follow His will and way. Experiences like these lead us to feel the opportunity is a challenging one.

It is our privilege to serve here with Rev. Forrest Hedden, whom we think is "the man for the job," together with Forrest, and all the other consecrated staff and faculty members we seek to bring about experiences which will lead to stepping stones of abundant living in Christ. We cherish your continued prayers and support in our every effort.— Rev. and Mrs. Troy J. Barrett and Jimmie, too.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Our school assembly programs on Tuesday evenings are continuing to be a blessing to our children. Through these programs we are better able to draw our home and school closer together.

On October 27, we were privileged to have a large group of students from the North Carolina School for the Blind. These students presented us with an excellent musical program. Our students were encouraged and inspired by the wonderful spirit of these handicapped people.

This program was followed on November 3 with a talk by Mr. Walter Anderson who is very close to the hearts of our boys and girls. Such messages as was brought to us by Mr. Anderson will most certainly lift our boys and girls to a higher plane of Christian living.

On November 9 our high school students were treated to a special occasion. In place of our regular assembly we journeyed to Edenton Street church for a dinner meeting and party. This meeting was sponsored by the Sunday School for the youth of the church. A grand time was had by all. We believe meetings such as

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this one will help draw our home and church closer together.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

On Monday two assembly programs were held in our auditorium — one for those who attend school in the morning, and one for those who attend in the afternoon. These programs were in observance of Loyalty Day. Patriotic songs, pledge of allegiance to the flag, and talks by Superintendent Hedden and Principal Ham-mack featured the program.

Visitation Day was held on Thursday, and we were happy to have many friends of the Orphanage visit us. As our friends entered the main entrance they were greeted by high school students who escorted them to the rooms they wished to visit, then a period of fellowship was enjoyed in the library where refreshments were served.

Everyone co-operated beautifully to make this week one of real significance to our home, our school, and our community.

The A.E.W. committee was composed of Mrs. Blaine Madison, chairman, Miss Louise George, Mrs. Louise Wilson and Mrs. Mary Atkins.

YO YO CONTEST

Yo Yo's have been very much in evidence on our Campus for quite sometime now. Up and down . . . out and around . . . over and under, go the toys under the skillful maneuvering of both boys and girls.

To highlight this sport, and add to its interest, Mr. Don Cruz, representative of the Duncan Yo Yo Company came before our group and demonstrated the proper use of the Yo Yo.

Born in the Philippines, where the Yo Yo originated, Mr. Cruz told the group that in days past the Yo Yo was first used by the natives as a weapon to kill animals for meat and that it later became a toy. Himself a champion, he demonstrated many tricks and held the audience spellbound with his unusual skill.

Later, Mr. Cruz conducted a Yo Yo contest for our youth. Demonstrating the tricks which the boys and girls would be called upon to in the competition. Among these were: the spinner; the creeper; shoot the moon; around the world; sleeping beauty; rocking the cradle; over the falls; and others. Winners of sweaters bearing the emblem, "Yo Yo Contest Winner, 1953" were Billy Gibson and Kenny Bursell for the boys, and Martha Batson and Arylene Pridgen for the girls.

We thank Mr. Cruz and his two assistants for coming to our home and helping to make this sport more meaningful to us.

FIDELIS CLASS OF EDENTON STREET CHURCH ENTERTAINS OUR CITIZENSHIP ROLL

Saturday afternoon, October 31, found nineteen of our citizenship honor roll anxiously awaiting the arrival of the cars that were to take them to Chapel Hill.

The Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church, who have for many years past

entertained our citizenship honor students, took our first six-weeks group to Chapel Hill to see the football game between the Vols of the University of Tennessee, and the Tar Heels of the University of North Carolina.

The stands were filled, in fact, seemed to be running over, with excited spectators, who hoped to see Carolina win. This was not the case however, but the Tar Heels put up a good fight, and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Following the game there was a picnic supper and the delicious food disappeared as if by magic. Our boys and girls had a wonderful time, and each made the remark that they planned to be on the Honor Roll again.

Thanks, Fidelis Class, you are doing a wonderful job.

The following made the citizenship honor roll for the first six weeks: Joanne Albright, Martha Batson, Nancy Anne Bell, Janet Best, Betsy Neal Blake, Bill Bland, Billy Braswell, Jean Braswell, Joan Braswell, Virginia Dunlap, Rosa Lee Ellis, Juanita Goins, Wilbur Hardin, LeRoy Hobson, Doris Horne, Jerry Hunt, Allen Keel, Bruce Lamm, Ted Lancaster, Frankie Morris, Danny Partin, Eleanor Pierce, Jack Price, Arylene Pridgen, Elsie Pridgen, Jeanette Roebuck, Wade Salmon, Barbara Ann Sears, Sara Smith, Annie Ruth Strickland and Betty Jean Sutton.

HALLOWEEN AFFORDS PARTIES AND FUN

Saturday, October 31, Halloween day, found our boys and girls joyfully taking part in the parties planned for them. The high school students attended a football game.

The party for the baby cottage was held in the afternoon. The tiny boys and girls entered the recreation room wearing masks and blowing horns and there was noise galore. They soon tired of their horns and put them aside and turned to the two dish pans that had been borrowed from the kitchen to use for apple bobbing. The older girls that were in charge of the group showed the little ones how it was done, and soon the three and six years olds had their faces down in the pans, teeth first, and some came bobbing up with an apple with face dripping. Towels soon appeared to wipe off the drippings and everyone was happy.

Then, the group chewed strings that held a marshmallow in the middle to see which one could reach the marshmallow first. Next came an apple relay with tooth-picks, followed by a witches race, brooms and all. The gang wanted to have another apple bobbing and we gladly obliged. After several other games Halloween candy was enjoyed.

After supper the children aged 6 to 14 were divided into two groups—each coming at a different time for their party and fun fest. Costumes were optional but most of them wore some seasonal get-up. Hooded figures, witches, devils, hunchbacks and masks made in the school cut out of paper bags and crepe paper were the order of the evening. A small prize was given for the best costume, Twinkle Hunt and Dickie Williams winning for one group, and Peggy Allen and Freddie Barnes for the other. Games and contests were enjoyed. Apple bobbing seemed to be the highlight of each group. A Halloween cartoon added to the fun of the evening.

The high school group went to the football game with Durham County at Durham, our boys coming out on the short end of a 29-0 score. To add to their Halloween fun this group had the opportunity of riding on the truck filled with hay!

Feeding the World

By Charles M. Laymon

Mark 1: 32-34; 8: 1-9

All day and all night, tens of thousands of persons passed by the coffin of Ernst Reuter, which had been draped in the Berlin flag. Their mayor was dead. They had called him **Mr. Berlin**, because he had identified the needs of this once prostrate city with his own life.

Among those who filed before the catafalque in front of the Rathaus were many East Berliners with their free food parcels under their arms. This would have pleased Ernst Reuter, who had regarded the distribution of the United States food packets as one of his greatest opportunities to serve his people. Of this work, he had said, "I am glad that for once we can do something besides just talk."

This remark is significant in the light of an event in the life of Jesus, which is the basis for today's lesson. Throughout his ministry Jesus had been doing more than "just talk." He had expressed a fine balance between the spiritual and physical needs of the people.

At the outset, Jesus had decided against attempting to win a following by ministering to the bodily requirements of persons primarily. This was the meaning of his refusal to turn stones into bread in the wilderness of temptation. It was putting the emphasis in the wrong place. Instead, he would give them God, and then there would be an attitude of loving good will in their hearts that would see to it that there was bread for all.

This is the order that prevailed in the feeding of the five thousand. All day long, as they listened to Jesus, the people had been nourishing their souls on the bread of life. Now at the close of the day, Jesus felt that it was safe to turn their attention to the loaves and the fish. They would understand that life was more than food and drink and truly "man does not live by bread alone."

In the many programs by which Americans are showing an interest in feeding the world—such as Heifers for Relief, Christian Rural Overseas Program, CARE, and Food Packets for Germany—the emphasis of Jesus upon the needs of the heart should not be forgotten. With every ounce of food should go tons of good will.

Mayor Ernest Reuter has shown this kind of personal concern for the citizens of Berlin. Perhaps this was the reason one East Zone woman remarked as she passed his casket, "He was our Reuter, too."

far. World Service Specials amounted to \$22,242.53 for the five months—a 17.29 per cent decrease. The amount of \$1,004,318.19 given so far this year for General Advance Specials was still 19.93 per cent short of that given during a comparable period last year.

Other figures in Dr. Lugg's report included:

Week of Dedication for five months, \$69,492.84—off 22.49 per cent from the same period last year.

Fellowship of Suffering and Service for

October, up 4.62 per cent over last October, with \$164,516.67 received so far this year exceeding offerings for the same period last year by 14.77 per cent.

Episcopal Fund, \$364,396.60, for five months, a 19.78 per cent gain.

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Bill Asbury is making no complaint about the dirt and discomfort connected with his job or even about the vermin, far more alive on such a child than the child himself. But he is heavy hearted over the many children he can't save for lack of funds.

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OCTOBER WORLD SERVICE GIVING DECLINES

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In his report at the end of October, Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of The Methodist Church's Council on World Service and Finance, pointed out that \$855,378.37 was received for World Service during the month. He reported World Service receipts from June 1 to Oct. 31 as \$2,594,158.36—an increase of \$240,374.71 over the same five-month period last year.

World Service Specials and General Advance Specials showed a decline both for the month and for the fiscal year thus

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SALLY'S SURPRISE By Vera Channels

Sally's mother and father slept in a blue bedroom on one side of the house. Sally slept in a yellow bedroom on the other side of the house.

Every morning Sally climbed into bed with her father and mother. She snuggled down under the covers. It was nice and warm. She went to sleep. When her mother and father got up, she got up too.

But one morning she did not come in to sleep with her mother and father.

"Be very quiet," said Mother. "Sally is still sleeping."

"Isn't it funny," said Father, "that she would be sleeping so late? Do you suppose she is sick?"

BOYS WILL BE— By Lois F. Pasley

We have a fine, big yard, and so,
To please our son, agreed to go
And buy a set of dandy swings,
With ladder, seesaw and such things.
We even built a jungle gym,
Then gaily left his friends and him
To climb and jump, to swing and play—
But when again we looked that way,
We saw them climb, swing, jump with ease

Upon and from the back yard trees!
—in Christian Advocate

"No. I'm sure she is not sick," answered Mother. "She's just a sleepyhead today. Perhaps she played too hard yesterday."

So Sally's mother and father got up to dress. They were very, very quiet. They walked around the bedroom on their tiptoes. Father shut the window carefully so that it would not make any noise. They opened the drawers of the dresser very slowly. Father went into the bathroom to shave. He shut the door so the buzz-buzz of his electric razor would not be too noisy. Mother held the hangers in the closet tight in her hand so they would not fall on the floor.

At last Father and Mother were dressed. All except their shoes. They left off their shoes so that they would not make any noise on the stairway.

Slowly Mother tiptoed downstairs. Slowly Father tiptoed downstairs.

"Oh," said Mother, "What a nice surprise!"

"Well, for goodness sakes!" said Father. "I guess I fooled you," said Sally.

And everybody laughed. For Sally was all dressed and she had the table set for breakfast all by herself!—Christian Advocate.

But He will not force His gift upon you—you must reach out by faith and accept Jesus Christ's substitutionary death as having been for you. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

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doomed because of sin to eternal separation from God, He has made available eternal salvation. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God... The wages of sin is death... But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8).

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Announcements

DISTRICT SETUP MEETINGS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

The schedule of district setup meetings in the North Carolina Conference is as follows: November 23, New Bern District, Centenary, New Bern; November 24, Rocky Mount District, First church, Rocky Mt.; November 25, Elizabeth City District, Hertford; November 30, Raleigh District, Fairmont church, Raleigh; December 1, Durham District, Trinity church, Durham; December 2, Wilmington District, Grace church, Wilmington; December 3, Fayetteville District, Haymount church, Fayetteville. All meetings will begin at ten a.m.

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Pastors receiving new assignments are requested to send their change of address to the Advocate immediately. State old and new address.

District Appointments

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT

C. Freeman Heath, D.S.
713 W. Church St., Elizabeth City, N. C.
First Round

	November
Hertford, 11	15
City Road, Preaching, 7:30	15
First Church, E.C., 11, Preaching	22
South Mills, Newlands, 7:30	22
Manteo, 11	29
Wanchese, 7:30	29

	December
Perquimans, Epworth, 11-1	4
Ahoskie, 6	6
Aulander, Aulander, 3	6
Windsor, Windsor, 7:30	6
First Church, (E.C.) QC, 7:30	7
Pasquotank, Newbegin, 11-1	11
Currituck, Mt. Zion, 11	13
Moyock-Memorial, Moyock, 7:30	13
Columbia, Wesley Memorial, 11	20
Creswell, Creswell, 3	20
Roper, Roper, 7:30	20

	January
Stumpy Point, Stumpy Point, 11	3
Mattamuskeet, Englehard, 3	3
Swan Quarter, Providence, 7:30	3

DURHAM DISTRICT

W. L. Clegg, D.S.
1002 W. Knox St., Durham, N. C.
First Round

	November
District Staff Meeting, Trinity, Durham, 10	16
Alamance, Rock Creek, 11	22
Fountain Place, Glenco, 3	22
Swepsonville, 7:30	22
Durham, Branson, 11	29
Durham, Maybrook, 3	29
Saxapahaw, Saxapahaw, 7:30	29
Durham, Bethany, 7:30	30

	December
District Set-Up Meeting, Trinity, Durham, 10	1
Mt. Herman, Friendship, 11	6
Burlington Circuit, Bethel, 3	6
Burlington, West Burlington, 7:30	6
Durham, Duke Memorial, 7:30	8
Durham, Asbury, 7:30	9
Durham, Trinity, 7:30	10
Cedar Grove, Carr, 11	13
Orange, Efland, 3	13
Whitney Cross, Orange, 7:30	13
Burlington, Trinity, 7:30	14
Durham, Lakewood, 11	20
Andrews-Fletcher, Andrews, 11	27
Rougemont, Riverview, 3	27
Bahama, Mt. Bethel, 7:30	27

	January
Roxboro Circuit, Longhurst, 11	3
Roxboro, Cavel, 3	3
Bethel, Shady Grove, 7:30	3
Burlington, Webb Ave., 7:30	4
Durham, Calvary, 7:30	5
Durham, St. Johns, 7:30	6
Hillsboro, Hillsboro, 11	10
Eno, Palmer's Grove, 3	10
Durham Circuit, Pleasant Green, 7:30	10
Durham, St. Paul's, 7:30	11
Mt. Sylvan, 7:30	12
Brookdale, Allensville, 11	17
Milton, Semora, 3	17
Yanceyville, Yanceyville, 7:30	17
Burlington, Front Street, 7:45	18

Butner, 7:30	19
Salem-Chapel, Phillips Chapel, 11	24
Bynum, Mann's Chapel, 3	24
Pittsboro Circuit, Pleasant Hill, 7:30	24
Durham, Epworth, 7:30	25
Leasburg, Bethel, 11	31
Person, Oak Grove, 3	31
Roxboro, Long Memorial, 7:30	31

	February
Merritts-Orange, Orange, 11	7
Mt. Tirzah, Mt. Zion, 3	7
Durham, Duke's Chapel, 7:30	7
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In Memoriam

MRS. DAISY BELL JENKINS

GREENSBORO—Daisy Bell Jenkins, daughter of the late Rev. Zechariah Taylor Bell and Lucy Jane Hutchison, died in Greensboro on August 29, 1953, at the age of 74. Surviving are her husband, E. M. Jenkins, and nine children.

Mrs. Jenkins was a member of the Proximity Methodist Church for 44 years. She was a willing and faithful servant of the church. Hers was a life of quiet, reserved beauty. She did not put herself forward but put others first in her living. Her friends and neighbors will not forget the greatness of her love and the power of her gracious life.—O. L. Brown, Pastor.

JOHN W. DEAN

OXFORD—We, the members of the Quarterly Conference, Oxford Circuit wish to pay tribute to our friend and beloved member, John W. Dean, who, on the 26th day of March, 1953, was called to his eternal home.

He was a charter member of the Stovall Methodist Church of this circuit. He was a steward there, also church trustee, and for many, many years church school superintendent in his church.

We recognize the sterling character of Brother John W. Dean and wish to publicly, and officially acknowledge our great debt to him and his entire family for the wise counsel that he has given this Quarterly Conference, and the great amount of time and service he has given to the Stovall Methodist Church. We also realize keenly his work and our sense of loss as he passes from our official group. He leaves a worthy record of faithful and uplifting service among us. We know his place in this Quarterly

Conference must be filled, but in doing so, we know his place in our hearts and thoughts cannot be filled. May the memory of his Christian life always be before us.

Be it therefore resolved, by the Quarterly Conference, Oxford Circuit, now in session, assembled, that we express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family of John W. Dean, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy be placed in our quarterly conference minutes, and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—R. N. Fitts, Pastor; W. A. Cade, D. S.; Duffie Owens, Secretary.

MRS. FLORENCE B. FINCHER

MONROE—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bethlehem Methodist Church, Monroe, wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our devoted members, Mrs. Florence B. Fincher, who passed away July 20, 1953.

Although a native of Atlanta, Georgia, her teaching profession brought her to Union County where she was a very enthusiastic teacher in the public schools. After she joined Bethlehem church she taught the intermediate class for a number of years. She also held several offices in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She is survived by her devoted husband, C. C. Fincher. Her only child, a son, preceded her in death. For more than a year before her death Mrs. Fincher was not able to take an active part in her church or school. Through all her sorrow and suffering she exemplified a great faith that was an inspiration to all who knew her.

We offer, through love and deep appreciation, the following resolutions:

First, that we extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy.

Second, that we keep in our hearts the memory of her beautiful life.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her husband and other members of her family; that a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and that a copy be recorded in the minutes of our Woman's Society of Christian Service.—Mrs. I. L. Sharpe, Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Foster Starnes.

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The Absolutes Of Successful Prayer

By Walter F. Anderson

Many of the saints have left to us suggestions that enabled them to be successful in prayer. Their writings reveal the elements of true prayer which can be helpful in preparing our minds and hearts for prayer. However, I want to caution you against allowing the writings of others to crowd out of your own prayer life the study of God's Word as a means of mind and heart preparation for meditation and prayer. So often we read a portion of a good book on prayer and believe this is all the preparation we need to enter into successful prayer. While there are many excellent books on this subject, there are none that can take the place of the Word of God in cleansing us and getting us ready to pray.

Many Christians are finding it most helpful to arise early in the morning and take time to read the Bible before they begin their morning prayer. Thus we let God speak to us through His word before we begin to speak to Him about our life for the day. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we shall pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26-27).

The First Absolute Is Knowledge

The first absolute in successful prayer is **knowledge**. From the study of God's word will come knowledge and also faith which is so essential in prayer. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:5-6). How blessed it is to arise early while everything is quiet in the house and let the Holy Spirit reveal to our hearts the message God would have us know for the duties and responsibilities of the day. After we have read His Word, He has spoken to our hearts, then we can kneel upon our knees and pour out our hearts in prayer to Him. I believe the highest honor that can come to any individual is to be asked to pray for someone in need of divine help and guidance. The very fact that you are asked to pray for someone is an indication that you are successful in your prayer life.

Second Absolute Is Humility

The second absolute in successful prayer is **humility**. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14). How rich and rewarding it is to find in this day those who are genuinely humble! In their faces we see not only the success of their prayer life, but we see also the success of Christ living His life in and through them. It would startle us to see what would happen if only all of us would humble ourselves, pray, seek the face of Jesus, and turn from our wicked ways. Things would be so different in our homes, in our business, in our places of employment, in our schools, in our churches, and

all around us. "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" (Proverbs 16:19). "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life" (Proverbs 22:4).

Third Absolute Is Wholeheartedness

The third absolute in successful prayer is **wholeheartedness**. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). These are days when we have many things to do, many places to go, and many people to see. It is difficult for us to do all that is required. The result is that we do many things halfheartedly, with less than half success. The successful athlete is the one who has been disciplined to play the game with his whole heart. So it is with successful prayer. We must enter into prayer with our whole heart, shutting the door to everything else so that we can hear the voice of God as He speaks to us.

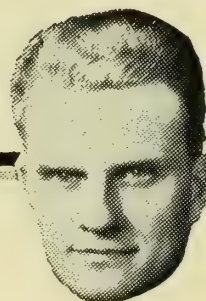
Fourth Absolute Is Obedience

The fourth absolute in successful prayer is **righteous obedience**. This is a double-barrel obligation upon all who pray. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:15). We must first clean up our own house before we go over to help our neighbor clean up his house. We must confess our own sins, ask Jesus to forgive us our sins, then we can pray for our neighbors and friends. While there is sin in our own lives, we cannot be successful in our prayers for others. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22). If we are to be successful in our prayer life then we must

keep the commandments of our Lord. Some times this is most difficult to us. We so often give way to the weaknesses of the flesh and want to make known our side of the situation rather than to obey the commandments laid down by Jesus Christ and so ably demonstrated in His life. It is most rewarding when we have been able to conquer self and be patient so that the Holy Spirit can speak for us revealing the truth that makes all men free. When we have kept the commandments, we have pleased God and He will hear and answer our prayers.

One of the joys of the Christian is to be able to kneel down beside someone who has let sin wreck and ruin his life, and be able to point him to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." When he opens the door to his heart and asks Jesus to come in and live His life in and through him, he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. Another great joy of the Christian is to be able to join his heart with others and pray for those who need healing of the heart, mind, soul and body. "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven". Matthew 18:19).

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

HE IS THE MANAGER!

By Wayne McLain

I dreamed I was in a dime store. Somehow I felt that I had been treated unjustly by someone of the store personnel and so I demanded angrily to see the manager. I was led to a short, stocky man in a blue suit, seated with his back to me at a desk. Standing behind him I asked impatiently, wanting immediate attention, "Are you the manager? Are you the manager?"

He did not turn around right away but continued to work with some papers on his desk. Then, when I began to move away in pride and anger, he wheeled quickly and easily around and said quietly—as if he did not need to argue about it at all—, "Yes, I'm the manager."

I was moving on away from him when the thought occurred to me that the Light that lights up every man who comes into the world was in that man, that I had been rude, therefore, not merely to a human being but to the Lord in the human being. I felt that I should go back and apologize but my pride was too great. Then, as I looked back at the face of the manager, I saw his face merge gently but definitely into the face of Jesus much like Sallman's portrait of Christ.

As I waked up from the dream, these two things were given: First, that the Light of God does dwell in all men and that I should try to treat every human being with the kindness and compassion which I would show Jesus were He visibly present.

Secondly, I was taught that Jesus really is the Manager! When He was resurrected, He said, "All authority hath been given to me in heaven and on earth." (Matt. 28:18). He is the manager and arranger of our lives and affairs, whether we know it or not; and He is always seeking to reveal His love, His joy, and His peace to us and through us. He is always with us, but, Oh the difference, when with heart and mind we really recognize Him for Who He is! So often we encounter Him, but because our back is turned to Him, He seems to be so far from us. Since He has to carry us and our burdens too, we might as well—indeed, far better—take our burdens to the Lord, leave them there, and rest in quietness and confidence upon Him.

A story is told that a lady who rather tremulously took her first airplane ride was asked when she landed, "How did you like your first ride in a plane?"

"Oh, it was wonderful! It was thrilling! But, you know, I could never quite persuade myself to put my whole weight down."

I have found in learning to swim and in observing others "getting their water wings," that simple faith in the water's power to make one float is the key of keys to success. Fear of the water, conscious or unconscious, makes learning very difficult. Confidence in the buoyant support of the water speeds the young swimmer's learning.

Man's greatest sin, perhaps, is simply unbelief in Jesus and His promises. Man's greatest achievement is just to learn to trust in Jesus. For to trust in Him is to find the Door to every good and perfect gift, our divinely designated work in life, and in every life-situation, high opportunity. For He is the Manager because He is the Good Shepherd.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHAT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Health? Yes. A good family? Yes. A satisfying and profitable job and the respect of our neighbors? Of course.

On this Thanksgiving Day, I should like to add another essential item. Let us look at our inheritance of human rights and see how it has grown through the centuries. Ask yourself how your spiritual and material welfare would be affected by the absence of these rights.

Here are some of them: Freedom from involuntary servitude. There is still slave labor in some lands. Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman punishment. Visit the torture chambers of the old European castles or even of the Nazi regime and ponder man's inhumanity to man.

Freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention. Suppose that tonight you could be seized on the street and thrown into prison without your family knowing your whereabouts.

Freedom from unreasonable interference with privacy. Suppose that your home and mail were under espionage.

One of our new citizens who came as a refugee from war-stricken eastern Europe said that he found in doorbells a vivid symbol of the difference between America and the land he left. Over there the sound of the doorbell frightened the occupants of the house. They cringed or hid thinking it was the Gestapo. Here in America the doorbell probably means a neighbor, a letter, or the milkman.

Here you have freedom to move and choose your residence. What if you could not change your job or place of living? It's hard to do in some countries.

Here we have the right to work under just and favorable conditions, the right to own property alone as well as in association with others, the right to education, to proper rest and leisure, and the right to participate in the government of one's country.

Yes, and along with these the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of speech and assembly.

Chaotic as the world is, dark as are the clouds which threaten impending storms, we have to admit that the conscience of the human race is rising. At least people are catching the vision of a better world. And one reason our daily news seems so dark is that we are viewing it with a more enlightened conscience in the light of a higher vision. This nobler vision of man's rights is one ground for gratitude at this Thanksgiving season.

With rights and privileges go responsibilities and duties, and the question is whether those who claim the rights will perform their duties.

What can arouse us to the duties by which these human rights can be preserved? I believe that we must see the divine origin of our defensible rights.

Let us then be thoughtful as well as thankful. Grateful to God for the bounteous harvest of the good earth and for our inheritance of expanding rights, let us give our thought to conserving the spiritual soil which sustains the dignity and worth of man.

Yes, and let us be mindful that democracy is on trial today before the world. It is up to us to demonstrate the merits of our free society so that the

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Let Us Pray

A NATION'S PRAYER

By Phillip H. Ralph

God of a nation, richly blest,
With wealth of forest, field, and mine,
We seek to render unto thee
The tribute that is fitly thine.

No smoking sacrifice to blaze
Upon the lofty altar's fire
Nor vain display of pious pomp
Or worldly creed dost thou require.

May righteousness our lives control
And justice all our dealings show.
Be ours the equal laws that will
No race or class distinction know.

God, keep us free from vaunting pride,
From threatening voice and grasping hand.
The kingdom thou on earth wouldst build,
Perfect within this favored land.

—The Congregationalist

A LIFT FOR LIVING

watching peoples of the earth will look to God for hope and guidance rather than to the hammer and sickle.

At this Thanksgiving season of 1953, let us thank God, take heart and join hands that "this nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, shall not perish from the earth," but shall have a new birth of freedom, able to serve and save the peace of the world.—(Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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The Dedication of a Business to God and Man

Through Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, pastor of First Methodist Church, Wadesboro, we have received a copy of an impressive service used last spring upon the occasion of the dedication of the attractive, modern new mercantile store of B. C. Moore and Sons of Wadesboro. The brief ritual begins with sentences of praise, followed with the invocation by the minister. Then comes the dedication, spoken by Roy C. Moore, secretary and treasurer of the firm, as follows:

Dear friends, this building, which by the favor of God and the labor of man has been thus far completed, embodies the obligation to impart service to customers, good taste in the selection of merchandise, and honest consideration in all business transactions. For the fulfillment of this task we need, not only the best man can do, but, above all, the blessings of Almighty God. Let us, therefore, state our purpose and seek His aid in this undertaking.

Then Company President W. Bryan Moore led the act of dedication:

We present this building to be dedicated to the service of our fellowmen, wherein can be performed best our true service to God; and in obedience to the Master when he said: "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." We dedicate this business to the service, good taste and convenience of our customers.

The service continues with a prayer of dedication, given in unison:

Almighty and everlasting God, look with favor upon our organization. May its purpose be that of honest service; its spirit be the embodiment of kindness and good will. Enlighten our understanding with knowledge of the trade, and govern our wills by thy laws, that no deceit may mislead us, no temptation corrupt us, that we may always endeavor to do good and hinder evil. In all things direct and rule our hearts. Bless our service, and direct our inquiries that we may, by due diligence and right discernment, establish a business that will reflect honor on Thy name and be a pride to our community. We commit ourselves and our services to thy direction. We pray in the Master's name.

The service concludes with the benediction by the minister.

We lift up this event to commend B. C. Moore and Sons as well as many other Christian business and industrial leaders who are seeking to conduct their business affairs with a high sense of responsibility both to God and to their fellowman. Everywhere we travel in North Carolina we are impressed by consecrated Methodist laymen who put Christ in the center of their lives during the week as well as on Sunday.

Let's Keep This Trend Moving Upward

Interested churchmen will be encouraged over a report on church giving released recently by Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Last year, Mr. Thompson's report states, contributions from members of 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions amounted to nearly \$1,500,000,000, an increase of 8.9% over the previous year.

Perhaps most significant in the annual summary is an increase of 14.8% in giving to missions, overseas relief and reconstruction, orphanages, homes for the aged, hospitals and other benevolent agencies of the church.

Per capita contributions rose from \$38.99 for the year before, to \$41.94, representing an increase of 7.6%. The percentage gain, Mr. Thompson points out, comes largely from a growth in membership.

Of the total contributions, about one fifth went for benevolences. Giving to benevolent causes jumped \$35,000,000 over 1951—from \$249,491,078 to \$286,303,369. Per capita benevolent giving went up \$1.01—from \$7.56 to \$8.57.

Contributions to local church expenses went up 7.5%, with per capita giving to these items amounting to \$33.32, compared with \$31.43 for the previous year. Local church expenses take about eighty cents out of every dollar given.

Seventh Day Adventists, with a per capita contribution of \$165.26, topped all givers. Of this amount, \$136.59 went for benevolences. Next came the Wesleyan Methodists, with \$149.56 per member; the Brethren of Christ, with \$120.44 per capita; the Church of the Nazarene, whose members averaged \$117.97; and the Orthodox Presbyterians, who gave \$109.34 each.

Where do Methodists stack up in per capita contributions? Way, way down the line, we are sorry to say. To be specific, of those reporting only two denominations are below us in per capita giving—the Eastern American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean) and the Northern Province of the Moravian Church. Methodist giving for the year amounted to \$31.57 per member, compared with per capita averages of \$35.43 for Southern Baptists and \$68.73 for Presbyterians. U. S. Methodists were about 25% below the average of all denominations. Our benevolent giving, which averaged \$7.12 per member, made a more favorable showing with the \$8.57 for all communions.

These figures should make us aware

of one inescapable fact: Many, many Methodists are not yet good stewards of their material possessions. Hiding behind big numbers and endless excuses, we are simply giving God the left-overs. How long are we going to trail the other denominations? Here is one fact which we must face: If we don't do better for God's causes than we are now doing, the time will come when we can't do better.

The encouraging sign in this picture is that the trend in church giving is upward. Let's see that the trend continues in this direction. Then some day our giving may correspond with our ability to give and with man's needs.

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Fayetteville Methodism Mothers New Churches

Hay Street church, Fayetteville, is well known for its loyalty to the program of Methodism. So when the North Carolina Conference decided that 23 new Methodist churches should be organized within its bounds during the 1953-54 Conference year, Hay Street church took the Conference at its word. This progressive church which still owes a substantial amount on its recently completed educational building, went to work to start a new church on the Raeford Road.

To show the church means business, the following statement was printed in the November 13 issue of the *Hay Street Methodist*.

Every member of Hay Street can help in the organization of this church by visiting out there some Sunday morning and showing your interest in the church. Every bit of encouragement will be needed. Sunday School will be held each Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Since it is an outpost of Hay Street, your attendance there will be considered as attendance at Hay Street church.

Several years ago many members of Hay Street became the nucleus for the now strong Haymount church.

This is the kind of spirit large churches need to show toward the church extension program of the North Carolina Conference.

Another Fayetteville charge—the Northmount charge, consisting of Johnson Memorial and Wesley Heights churches—recently began the sponsorship of a new Methodist church at Spring Lake, a community of 5,000 adjacent to Fort Bragg. Wesley Heights, youngest Methodist congregation in Fayetteville, voted on its seventh anniversary to launch the undertaking.

This is the sort of spirit that will make Methodism equal to the needs and opportunities of the hour.

A Grassroots Offensive Against Strong Drink

The Methodist Church is gearing itself for a grassroots offensive against the strong drink problem in America.

The General Conference of 1952 set forth a pattern of organization which will enable the whole church to move like a mighty army on this question. It called for a Board of Temperance in every annual conference. But in addition to this, the Discipline called for a district secretary of Temperance Advance; and more important, a committee on temperance in every local church. Furthermore, in no uncertain terms, the church expressed in the Discipline its concern about the drinking problem, its traditional position of total abstinence, and its positive condemnation of the liquor traffic.

The General Board of Temperance has wasted no time in seizing upon the organization which has been so recently set up by the church in order to brief the whole church for a great offensive. The district secretaries—or directors as they are called in the Western North Carolina Conference—from the 103 annual conferences were invited to Washington, D. C. Seven went from the Western North Carolina Conference. They were: Miles A. McLain, Asheville; G. W. Bumgarner, Charlotte; C. Jerome Huneycutt, Gastonia; M. G. Erwin, Marion; R. F. Swink, Thomasville; J. T. Frazier, Jr., Waynesville; and D. B. Mullis, Winston-Salem. F. E. Howard, a member of the Conference Board and Commitment Day Chairman for the conference, was a delegate at large and also represented the Greensboro District.

One indication of the seriousness with which our church is taking this whole matter of the menace of the drinking problem is found in the more than fifty outstanding persons who helped to give leadership and inspiration and direction and information, for the briefing of the 400 delegates. Among these were outstanding bishops of the church, including Roy H. Short, Edgar A. Love, and D. Stanley Coors, who sat through all of the sessions and gave full, fearless and inspiring support. And none of us who heard Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam in Constitution Hall on Thursday night, October 15, will ever forget him.

Many Speakers

Doctors Deets Pickett, Cardine R. Hooton, Albion R. King and other familiar Board of Temperance personnel, became to us in the three days of close fellowship, personalities, men with a passion to bring about a "drink free" America.

We were addressed by D. Stewart Patterson, executive secretary of the Commission on Chaplains, by outstanding pastors and preachers such as Doctors A. P. Shirkey, Charles Crowe and G. Lemuel Finn. We were addressed by laymen, WSCS representatives, congressmen, insurance agents, news reporters, commissioners, and other outstanding persons too numerous to list.

The factual information presented to us, with many cautions to be careful to give only the true facts, set our resolves more firmly. Dr. Howard Tower gave as his opinion, after years of research, that the moving picture industry, almost single-handed, has in one generation revolutionized the drinking habits and the attitude toward drinking in the nation. The morals and customs of the nation have changed to the extent that a large percentage of the population has been sold on the idea of drinking in modera-

By G. W. Bumgarner

A report on the citizen's convocation and briefing conference sponsored in Washington, D. C., by the Board of Temperance October 14-16, 1953.

tion and on the "free drink" way of life. In many places it is estimated that 25% of Methodists have accepted this way of life.

Liquor Invades the Home

A more recent cause for alarm is the invasion of the homes in a most unconstitutional manner by the advertisements of alcoholic beverages over TV and Radio. And while professing to be for moderation drinking, the beer barons are unashamedly trying to increase sales and promote sales in all grocery stores. It is said that 75% of all beer is now packaged for home consumption. This is again an invasion of the home. It is the selling of the idea of respectability for a poison under the guise of a "refreshing" drink. And the distillers and brewers, still professing to be for "control" and "moderation" spend over \$200,000,000 annually to increase sales and consumption and to legalize and bring respectability to the devil's most efficient lieutenant.

Representatives of various civic groups joined forces with us to hope for a better day for the nation. Great insurance companies, safety and welfare agencies, representatives of business and industry and of Allied Youth, look to the church to set the pace and to provide the main army for action. Thousands of youth in our high schools throughout the nation have signed the pledge to total abstinence. One large insurance company sells auto insurance to non-drinkers only. Mounting costs to business and industry have caused their leaders to look to us for help. The chief destroyer on the highways and in the homes is bringing a mounting conviction to the public in general that something must be done. The nature of alcohol, narcotic, poison, deceiver of all who keep company with it, can no longer be denied. And many people caught up in the customs of the day are waiting the time when a church will awaken out of its sleep and declare once more the doctrine of the reverence for personailty.

The mounting evidence against the deceiving conception of "moderation" and "freedom to drink" are the more than 4,000,000 alcoholics, and a total of 7,000,000 alcoholics and problem drinkers. Bishop Oxnam in his address to an audience of 5,000 stated that if the alcoholics of the nation were to shuffle by the capitol, twelve abreast, in pitiful array, at the rate of marching time of the soldier, it would take them twenty days and nights to go by.

While we must save the alcoholic if we can, and while we must continue to salvage every lost human being in the world, Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the Board of Temperance, estimated that while we are saving one alcoholic, ten other people in America are becoming alcoholics.

Education and Commitment Day

So our chief business must be to educate boys and girls and youth to the importance of total abstinence. We must work toward Commitment Day Sunday,

December 6, with a passion and courage which we have not previously exercised. We must not forget to present the claims of Christ in this matter to our junior boys and girls. We have long since known that juniors are more susceptible and sensitive to the claims of Christ, and more easily won to the church than any age group thereafter. And it may well be that we shall have to await their maturation before the last battle is fought and won on this matter. But we must win them now if they are to win the battle then.

A great hope for victory lies in the fact that the 1,000,000 women of the Woman's Division of Christian Service are in the front lines. Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, sat through the sessions of the Briefing Conference. The women have set forth a study course this year on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" sponsored by the committee on Christian social relations and local church activities.

Supported by such a crowd of anxious and valiant warriors, the ministers ought to throw off the weight of indifference and fear and take their place of leadership, and together with every layman who will abstain, stand behind the church of Christ and its conviction of the sacredness of personality, and the right of a person to be free from the pressures which have come about by the legalization and unrestricted advertisement of alcoholic beverages; and above all, that our children might live in safety from the subtle influences of the liquor traffic, the sudden death upon the highways, the tragedy of broken homes, and the pity and regrets of lives misspent. Thus it is that our theme this year for Commitment Day is "That they might live . . ."

For the accomplishment of our job, abundant aids are available. By writing the Board of Temperance, 100 Maryland Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. One may obtain books, leaflets, newsmats, films, film-strips, charts, posters, stamps, stickers and dramas. Your district directors of temperance advance stand ready to help you, as does your conference Board of Temperance under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Stokes of Reidsville, N. C.

This cause will be won or lost, at last, on the basis of how well we lead our people to totally abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages.

Beyond Commitment Day

Beyond Commitment Day is Christmas. The muffled cry of some who have been saying "lets put Christ back into Christmas" has become at last a loud appeal. As the brewers and distillers increase their advertisements in November and December in order to try to make a debauchery of the birth season of Christ, let us call our people to the higher way of making Christmas Christian and Holy by making it "drink free." Let business men who profess the name of Christ discourage office parties where alcohol is served. Let men of "good-will" refuse to give alcohol for Christmas presents. Such a practice calls to mind the "woe" of the prophet upon those who give drink to their neighbors. And let us cry out against the outrage of the TV programs which not only invade our homes uninvited with advertisements of alcoholic beverages, but which will commit the further outrage of suggesting its wide use for Christmas "cheer."

These Things We Seek

By Henry M. Bullock
Editor of Church School Publications

Let me begin by telling you how honored and humbled I am by the great task to which The Methodist Church has set me—the task of editing the church-school publications that guide the religious growth of our Methodist people. In taking up such a vast and complex responsibility I naturally sought to restudy the whole process and product of our work. In this I have enlisted the entire staff of the Editorial Division. We are all restudying what we are doing, and we are studying the church-school literature produced by other denominations and by commercial publishers. As this study proceeds, certain purposes and goals begin to emerge in my mind—perhaps none really new, but with new emphasis and new slants. Let me share some of them with you.

First, we seek a **deeper sense of the urgency** and eternal importance of our gospel in all our literature.

Second, we seek to increase the attractiveness of our literature to the eye and to the mind.

Third, we seek to improve the teachableness of our literature for the average teacher and pupil.

Fourth, we seek to make clear the importance of the Bible and its definite use in all of our literature and teaching.

Fifth, we seek to infuse into all our literature an evangelistic outreach based upon sound educational principles and practices.

Sixth, we seek to make a more positive emphasis upon personal religious living without falling into other-worldly pietism, and without backing down on the moral demands of Jesus Christ on our civilization, with its age-old evils and its new-won powers and complexities.

While we carry on our efforts to improve the content and appeal of Methodist materials, we need the help of every Methodist layman and preacher on two great objectives:

Our first goal is to bring it about that every Methodist church uses Methodist church-school literature, to teach Methodist doctrine and practice, Methodist church loyalty and understanding, and Methodist missions.

Studies have been made under the direction of great universities concerning the religious impact of some of the commercial and so-called nondenominational literature. These studies reveal the following facts:

1. In a number of cases, although labeled "nondenominational," they actually represent a clear-cut position at wide variance with the Methodist denominational teachings.
2. Most of them ignore or oppose the recognized findings of devout and competent Bible scholarship.
3. Some of them create an artificial conflict between science and religion. (Here let the editor say that in twenty years of college teaching and college pastorates he has never found an atheist in college who has been brought up in a regular Methodist church school, using regular Methodist church-school curriculum. He has, however, on many occasions discovered, and sought to help, bewildered students who had been brought up on the type of church-school material above referred to in non-Methodist churches or in Methodist churches which did not use Methodist curriculum.)

4. Some of them are definitely Calvinistic and accent some particular adventist hobby.
5. They are usually pietistic and other-worldly, offering no challenge to the social evils of our times.
6. Some of them lack any solid doctrine of the church as the sacred body of Christ.
7. Most of them generate suspicion, if not opposition, toward the accepted teachings of The Methodist Church.
8. Many of them are opposed to the ecumenical movement as expressed in the great national and world cooperative Christian movements.
9. All of them quite naturally fail to emphasize Methodist doctrine, practice, and Methodist ethical ideals.

We believe it is high time for Methodists to be Methodists, to use Methodist literature to teach Methodist doctrines and practices. Our Methodist people from the cradle to the grave have a right to be taught **the warm heart of Pentecost and Aldersgate, the clear mind of John Wesley, the struggle against entrenched evils** in our society and our civilization,

and the world parish of Methodist missions.

The second goal is to bring it about that every Methodist—adult, youth, and child—studies his own Sunday school lesson, using his own Bible, from the junior department upward, every week. Too long we have assumed that Sunday school lessons were to be prepared only by children, and in recent years many churches have fallen into the habit of not even letting the children take their materials home in preparation for next Sunday. These are trends which we must reverse, or our homes will become hopelessly secularized. Here is the point at which religious teaching can come alive in our homes. Let dad and mother study their Sunday school lesson. Let them share in and cooperate with the preparation that their children make for Sunday school. When our people do this, Sunday school classes will come alive with new spiritual vitality, and the church will march forward.

These two goals—getting every Methodist church to use Methodist literature and getting Methodists to study their Sunday school lessons—are fundamental to the health, vitality, and spiritual development of our church. They cannot be achieved in a day, but if, as Methodists, we mean to be a vital, redemptive force in the world today, we shall have to struggle to reach these goals. Will you help?

America Gives Thanks To God

By W. W. Reid

Everywhere in America—from every hamlet and home, from every field and factory, from every city and shop—men and women and little children raise their voices in praise and thanksgiving to God this day; and they pray: "God bless America, land that we love."

The farmer, astride his tractor, presses the plow through row upon row of the good earth, sure of tomorrow, heart and machine attuned to the Spring Song of his God. The truckman and his motor hum merrily along the highway, carrying harvest fruit to the thankful city. The rhythmic beat of the oil driller's hammers is his confident song that in earth's deep recesses God has stored up wealth and power for mankind. The soldier's steady tread with his fellows is his chant for the long day of peace. The typist, deftly playing the medley of business and commerce, is thankful to be part of a nation's great symphony. The printer, at the font or at the linotype, adds new scores to the telling of God's love and of America's God-given freedom of speech. The pilot, at the controls of the great airplane, rejoices in the cadence of his motors, and in the safety of the sky lanes.

Each man, to the music of his machine, sings this day, "America gives thanks to God God bless America."

The fisherman, casting his line into the sea, drums his thankfulness for plenty in the measured beat of his oars. The builder of a new home sounds forth his thankfulness for family and for freedom in the rhythmic peal of his hammer. The cobbler's thankfulness is his pride in the workmanship of shoes fashioned by his heart, and head, and hand; and in blows deftly drummed upon the last. The cook is thankful for the succulent plenty from God's acres that fills her pots and pans, and for song in the laughter and smiles

of those she serves. The electrician uses pliers and cable to carry some of God's magic of light to brighten a darkened corner or a darkened life.

Each, with the tools of his trade—the hammer, the pot, the rod—sings praise and prayer for his America: "America gives thanks to God God bless America."

The editor sings his paean of praise and thanks in the words of truth that flow from ink and pen; they are his psalm for freedom of thought and speech and press. The minister of the Sacred Gospel is on his knees, grateful for the privilege of relating man to God, for the right to help lift a fallen brother, for the freedom to criticize wrong even in high places. The mother sings a glad lullaby as she forsoes a good life for her child among a people dedicated to righteousness and justice. The crusader and the idealist—though they sometimes strike a minor chord—unite in praise of a God who lifts their vision to new heights and of an America that harkens to their wistful arias. The mailman is thankful that he can accomplish his appointed rounds without the spying eye and the deleting scissors of the censor. The jurist is happy that he can dispense justice to all men without regard to race or color or creed, and he binds himself to admit no infraction of this God-given principle. The student makes a joyful noice unto the Lord, happy that he can search deeply into the mysteries of the universe and apply new truth to the blessing of all mankind.

These men and women, endowed with diverse gifts and skills by their Maker and Master, sing in chorus and pray in unison: "America gives thanks to God God bless America stand beside her and guide her."

Bishop Harrell Leads Dedictory Rites; Kurtz Reports on Migrant Work; To Seek Meet

CHINA GROVE METHODISTS DEDICATE EDUCATION BUILDING

Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte delivered the sermon and dedicated the \$68,528 educational building of First church, China Grove, Sunday, November 15. He used as his text the first Psalm. Hoyle A. Overcash, chairman of the commission on education, presented the building to the bishop for dedication in behalf of the commission. After the service officials of the Church School directed the people through the building. Teachers and officials of the classes and departments were in their rooms, which were decorated with flowers and other exhibits, to greet the people. The host-pastor, Rev. N. Carson Williams, Jr., conducted the order of worship. Rev. J. C. Cornette, of Salisbury, superintendent of the Salisbury District, assisted in the service.

The building program, which was completed May 8, 1953, included the new structure and the remodeling of existing facilities. The entire educational building was furnished with new furniture and fixtures. The following persons served as members of the building committee: Kenneth A. Shinn, chairman; W. V. Bright, C. M. Crowell, Fred A. Sides, Mrs. Grace Clawson Templeton, R. Earl Wagoner, Mrs. Gladys Eller Deal, Roy E. Dellinger, C. E. Menius, L. B. Winecoff, and the pastors, the Rev. J. J. Holmes, now at First church, Newton; Rev. Robert M. Hardee, now at West End church, Gastonia; and Rev. N. Carson Williams, Jr., the present pastor. Marvin W. Helms of Charlotte was the architect and W. C. "Jack" Kimball of China Grove was the builder.

The completion of this building was the first phase of the building program, which will continue to enlarge and remodel the present sanctuary and to put a new front on the church, which will include an attractive spire. Hall W. Crews of Winston-Salem is the architect for the

second phase of the program, which is expected to gain momentum in the near future.

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N. C. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REACHES MANY MIGRANTS

The ministry to migrant workers carried on by the North Carolina Council of Churches has now successfully marked the close of its fourth year of operation, according to an announcement by Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, Durham, executive director of the Council.

This Christian service had its beginning in the summer of 1950, when a preliminary survey under the joint auspices of the Home Missions Council of North America and the North Carolina Council of Churches was made of the migrant camps here. The purpose was to see what needed to be done to reach the more than 12,000 transient farm workers and their families, who harvested potatoes, beans, corn, and other crops in North Carolina each year. Most of these people had little or no relationship to the church, and their behavior was often a serious concern to the communities in which they lived.

From this modest beginning, the program has grown to number an employed staff of seven trained leaders, plus hundreds of volunteer workers, ministering in 41 migrant camps in Currituck, Pasquotank, Camden, Beaufort, and Henderson Counties. This is an increase of 18 camps over the number reached last year, said Mr. Kurtz, due to the new Aurora ministry in Beaufort County which numbered 17 camps, plus a new camp constructed this year in the Hendersonville area. The ministry includes preaching, organization of Sunday Schools, counselling, distributing supplies contributed by church groups, planned recreation, and child-care centers. Local health, welfare, and police officials have been high in their

praise of the work, and have cooperated in every way.

Plans for still another area to be reached are being formulated now and are expected to be put into effect in the summer of 1954. This project grew out of a conference held at the courthouse in Columbia, Tyrrell County, May 26, when a group of interested persons met with leaders of the Council's program from nearby Elizabeth City. There are from 1500 to 2000 workers in Tyrrell County who will be reached next year, if plans can be made to send in a staff of workers.

Leaders of the migrant ministry, besides Mr. Kurtz, are Dr. A. J. Walton, Duke Divinity School, who is chairman of the Council's Commission on Home Missions, of which the migrant work is a part; Mrs. C. C. Todd, Rocky Mount, retiring chairman of the State Migrant Committee; Rev. Howard James, First Christian Church, Elizabeth City, the newly appointed chairman; and Dean J. H. Satterwhite, Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, supervisor of personnel.

The rapid growth of the migrant ministry, and the critical need for its further expansion require a considerable increase in financial support, according to Mr. Kurtz. Direct costs, even with the practice of every economy, have doubled in the last two years, and to strengthen the existing program, plus undertaking the new Tyrrell County project will require a further increase of at least 50% next year. Each staff member at present, has to minister to an average of from 500 to 800 migrant workers. Another serious shortage is in the matter of sound equipment and transportation. At present the Council does not own a station wagon or a sound film projector—both essential to the work.

The migrant ministry is costing at present about 28 cents per person reached. Contributions of both money and supplies should be sent to the North Carolina Council of Churches, Ministry to Migrants, Box 6637, College Station, Durham. Free literature and speakers are available from the office on request.

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METHODISTS SEEK CLOSER CHURCH-PUBLIC SCHOOL COOPERATION

A group of Methodist educators has asked the National Council of Churches to sponsor a nation-wide conference of leaders in religion and public education in the interest of "a better understanding of common problems."

In a resolution adopted November 14 in Cincinnati, the Methodists petitioned the council to call such a meeting "as soon as possible" and suggested that its purposes be:

1. "To establish better communication between leaders of the church and public education.
2. "To explore areas of common interest and concern to the end that persons concerned with the advancement of all democratic ideals may examine their efforts for the more effective training of children so that God and vital religion may come to have their rightful place in the lives and affairs of the American people."

The action was taken at the biennial national Methodist conference on Christian education by the joint commission of presidents and executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education.

While holding to "our historic insistence on the separation of church and state," the group point out that "the Protestant Church has always maintained a high degree of interest in and support of public education."



From left to right: Front row, Hoyle A. Overcash, chairman of the commission on education; R. Earl Wagoner, chairman of the church finance commission; C. E. Menius, treasurer of the building fund. Back row, Rev. N. Carson Williams, Jr., pastor; Bishop Costen J. Harrell; and Rev. J. C. Cornette, superintendent of the Salisbury District. Kenneth A. Shinn, chairman of the building committee, was not present when the picture was taken.

Caravan Organization Formed; Seminars Announced; College Group Meets

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE EUROPEAN CARAVANERS ORGANIZE

Around thirty young people and counselors who have been members of European youth caravans sponsored by the North Carolina Conference held a dinner meeting at Harvey's Cafeteria, Durham, during the recent session of the North Carolina Conference. Adopting the name "The Fellowship of International Caravaners," the group elected officers and made plans for promoting the caravan idea in the conference.

First objective of the group is to raise around \$2,000 to provide a scholarship for Gunter Sommer, German interpreter for the caravans, at the Duke University Divinity School during the academic year 1954-55. Sixteen caravaners have already pledged \$50 each toward this goal and other members of the group are planning to help either by making personal contributions or by soliciting gifts.

Mr. Sommer is in his third year at the Methodist Seminary in Frankfurt, Germany, and expects to complete his work there next spring. During his stay in America, he will be available for speaking engagements. He expects to devote his ministry to youth work in the Methodist church.

Officers elected at the meeting are: Rev. C. W. Robbins, Greensboro, chairman; Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, Raleigh, vice chairman; Rev. W. M. Wells, New Bern, secretary; Mrs. Herbert D. Waldrop, Newport, treasurer.

Rev. James Matheson, student in the Duke Divinity School, was named chairman of the committee to solicit funds for the Gunter Sommer scholarship. Named to serve with him are Bill Bigham, Duke Divinity School, Durham; Rev. Herbert D. Waldrop, Newport; and Carolyn Flewellen, Greenville. Gifts are to be sent to Mrs. Waldrop at Newport.

Other projects adopted by the group are the promotion of the 1954 caravan and the establishment of two \$500 scholarships at Frankfurt Seminary for Austrian students preparing for the Methodist ministry.

It was brought out that all young people desiring to be members of the 1954 caravan should get their applications in not later than December 31. Several have already applied, it was announced by Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Siler City, to whom requests should be made.

Gifts to the Gunter Sommer fund from friends will be appreciated and they should be sent to Mrs. Waldrop. The entire amount of the scholarship must be raised in cash by December 31.

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DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL SEMINARS FOR 1954 TO BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE, GOLDSBORO

The Duke Divinity School Seminars for 1954 will be held in Charlotte and Goldsboro next January, Dean James Cannon of the Divinity School has announced.

Conducted annually to give clergymen in North Carolina and nearby states an opportunity to continue their education, the two-day seminars are made possible by the James A. Gray Fund of the Duke Divinity School.

The Charlotte seminar will be held Jan. 18-19 in the Myers Park Methodist Church. The Goldsboro seminar is sched-

uled for Jan. 21-22 in the St. Paul Methodist Church.

The general theme of the seminars will be "The Authority of the Bible." Identical programs will be presented in each city.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Frederick C. Grant, professor of New Testament in Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and Dr. Kenneth Clark, professor of New Testament in the Duke Divinity School.

Dr. Grant's topics will be "The Authority of the Early Christian Bible" and "The Authority of the Bible Today."

Dr. Clark will speak on "Ancient Books and the Bible" and "Manuscript Discoveries and the Bible Text." He will also deliver an illustrated lecture, "Ancient Biblical Manuscripts from the Desert of Sinai and the Holy City."

The Divinity School seminars, established in 1948, are held annually in cities of eastern and western North Carolina.

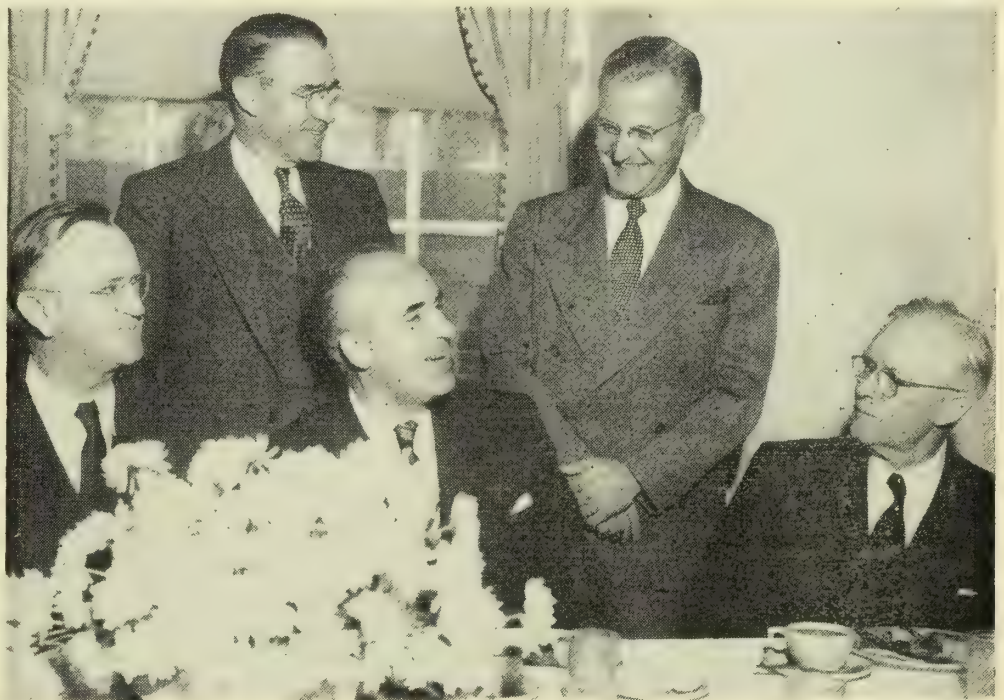
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WILMINGTON DISTRICT SETUP MEETING

The Wilmington District "Set-Up" meeting will be held in Grace church, Wilmington on Wednesday, December 2, beginning at 9:45 in the morning. All persons representing our various church causes are cordially invited to attend. All pastors, lay leaders, church school superintendents, commission chairmen, WSCS presidents, MYF presidents, Methodist Men officials, district stewards, and all members of the district staff are expected to be present. The morning session will adjourn at 12:30 p.m. All pastors will meet at 2:00 p.m. for a special session of consultation and guidance on matters pertaining to the new program of work. Each pastor is expected to attend.

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KEY FIGURES IN METHODIST COLLEGE FOUNDATION MEET



Photo, High Point Enterprise

Some of the key figures in the annual meeting of the Methodist College Foundation held at High Point College on November 16 are, left to right: Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, chairman of the Foundation; Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director; Dr. W. A. Rush of Nashville, Tenn., speaker for the occasion; Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, president of High Point College and host for the event; and Marshall T. Spears, president of the Foundation. Judge Spears presided at the meeting of the executive Council held at ten a.m. in the Lindley Chapel and Mr. Jones presided at the luncheon meeting of the Foundation held at one p.m. at which the 150 members of the Foundation were guests.

Also speaking at the luncheon meeting was Rev. D. D. Holt, who reported that on the \$2,500,000 statewide United College Appeal Campaign, the Western North Carolina Conference has pledged \$1,312,121 and the North Carolina Conference has pledged \$1,027,845. On this total amount \$748,574 has been paid by the two conferences. Mr. Holt announced that future plans of the Foundation will include the collection of the remaining pledges, securing students for the five

member institutions of the Foundation, and receiving gifts through annuities, wills and other means to give further financial strength to the colleges.

Dr. Rush, in his address, stated that the exciting feature of the Foundation's recent achievement in raising so large a sum for the colleges is that laymen and ministers "have voluntarily initiated a program to strengthen and preserve the institutions which are the very source of their church leadership. You, by your Foundation, have demonstrated again that the greatest resource of the church is not money but active church members who have a willingness to work for causes in which they believe."

Officers elected include Edwin L. Jones, chairman; Marshall T. Spears, president; J. C. Cowan, Jr., J. G. Hanes, Gurney P. Hood, Richard G. Stockton, vice presidents; C. W. Robbins, secretary; Marvin J. Cowell, treasurer.

Member institutions of the Foundation are: Brevard College, Duke University, Greensboro College, High Point College and Louisburg College. Duke University has not shared in United College Appeal funds.

News in Brief

GRAHAM METHODIST LEADERS were installed recently at a morning worship service led by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Lanning.

REV. KENNETH R. MOORE of the Morven charge has been ill with jaundice for the past month. He hopes to resume his services by the end of November.

REV. AND MRS. C. G. ALSPAUGH, JR., of the Concord-Sharon charge, Winston-Salem District, announce the birth of a son, Carlton G. III, on October 30, 1953.

REV. AND MRS. JAMES T. INGRAM of Route 3, Wadesboro, announce the birth on November 6 of a son, William Howard. The Ingrams have two other children: Elsie, 6; and Ann, 3.

REV. WAYNE McLAIN, Conference Evangelist, and former Professor at American University, at Washington, D. C., will lead a revival at Smyre church, Gastonia, beginning November 29.

PROXIMITY CHURCH, Greensboro, recently organized a Methodist Men's Club with the following officers: president, W. L. Riley; vice president, Jim Baynes; secretary, E. R. Love; treasurer, Fred Gardner. Membership is around 40.

THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Buxton church on Hatteras Island has sent 159 pounds of winter clothing to Church World Service for shipment to Korea. The gift also included \$10.59 for parcel post.

WILLARD S. FARROW, business manager, represented the Methodist Home at the National Council of Churches conference on wills, annuities, and special gifts, held at the Statler Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, November 16 and 17.

MRS. H. L. BLACKWELDER of the Homestead Methodist parsonage, Charlotte, is one of the 128 students who received diplomas from King's Business College, Charlotte, Tuesday evening, November 17. She was honored with the Bookkeeping-Typing award. A victim of influenza, Mrs. Blackwelder was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies.

REV. J. EDWIN CARTER was the vesper speaker at the Methodist Home Sunday evening, November 15. Mr. Carter was accompanied by approximately fifty members of New Hope church. As the members returned to their homes, one was heard to say: "It is thrilling to know what our church is doing for our older people."

FOUNDERS' AND BENEFACTORS' DAY will be observed Saturday, December 5, at Greensboro College. Prof. Goldie McCue, of Ohio Wesleyan College will be the speaker at the eleven a.m. exercises in Odell Auditorium over which Dr. Harold H. Hutson, president of the college, will preside. A special luncheon for the returning alumnae will be held in the college buffet dining room. Highlight of the afternoon will be open house from 3-5 p.m. in Hudson and Fitzgerald Halls.

BISHOP RALPH S. CUSHMAN of Raleigh is to be the guest preacher in the Ayden Methodist Church during "A School for Christ" beginning November 29 and ending December 2. He will be preaching in both the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services on November 29 and will be speaking at 7:30 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of that week. The pastor, C. M. Fogleman, Jr., invites all interested persons in the Ayden vicinity to attend these services.



Bethel church, Greensboro, is reaching into the homes of young married couples and finding an eager response to Christ and church-centered activity. Bethel's young adult class is one of the rapidly growing classes in Greensboro Methodism. In less than three years, the class has doubled, with the present membership numbering 70. It has raised nearly \$4,500

in two years toward the new Hoyle Memorial Educational Building which is under construction. The class participates loyally in all subdistrict young adult activities and has two members in subdistrict offices. Lawrence T. Hoyle is teacher of the class and Jack Wright is president.

A THANKSGIVING STORY

A few years ago a group of rural folk met for a fellowship supper at their church on the evening before Thanksgiving. During the day the temperature had dropped considerably so the small heater in the church was proving most inadequate. During the social hour after dinner one of the members wished for a furnace to heat the building adequately. Another member remarked that he knew where they could get a coal furnace for \$75, as a relative had installed a new oil furnace and had a good, almost new, coal furnace for sale.

The majority of those present wanted to buy it at once. Others demurred, saying other things were needed more than heat. Still others thought it too much money to raise. So the \$75 furnace which was deemed to expensive was not bought. Instead, one costing \$800 has been installed; \$2,400 has been spent for new pews. The church has been completely remodeled—with memorial windows, pine wainscoting, a new altar, and new pulpit furniture. Carpet has been purchased and new lights installed. One member gave the roof a new coat of paint; others completed the basement.

The old breezeway between the church and educational building has a new concrete floor and is enclosed now, with two "rest rooms" added. The educational building has been painted in the interior and will be shingled in the spring.

Membership has increased and all the members are active, happy and proud of their church.

Recently, the parsonage committee made definite plans to build at once a new parsonage.

Saturday evening after dinner two members of the committee went for a drive and in a few hours, at the central church on the charge, had \$2,710 in pledge with not all members contacted. Sunday afternoon two other committeemen and the pastor visited another church on the charge. Not all members were contacted there either, but \$900 was secured. With four other churches yet to report there is confidence that the parsonage will be built.

In making the report each member of the committee stated that every church

member contacted had given a pledge. The church that wouldn't spend \$75 has spent approximately \$6,000 on improvements. The M.Y.F. is working with the older group on all phases of the church's program. Two girls from this charge are at Pfeiffer preparing for full-time Christian service. One more will go next year and others will follow. On this mountain circuit the North Carolina Christian Advocate goes to every family.

There are abundant signs that from that simple pre-Thanksgiving meeting came a revival in the Warrensville Methodist Church which has spilled over to all the churches on this rural mountain circuit.

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LOUISBURG COLLEGE ACCREDITED BY UNIVERSITY SENATE

Louisburg College has been accredited by the University Senate of The Methodist Church, the oldest college-accrediting agency in the United States. Louisburg College is now accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the regional association; the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, and the University Senate.

This 165 year old institution is a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges, the North Carolina College Conference, the Southern Association of Junior Colleges, the North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges, and the North Carolina Junior College Athletic Association.

Members of the executive committee of the University Senate are: President Goodrich C. White, Emory University; Hurst Anderson, American University, Washington; Matt L. Ellis, Hendrix College, Arkansas; W. W. Whitehouse, Albion College, Albion, Mich.; Dr. John O. Gross, executive secretary of the Division of Educational Institutions, Methodist Board of Education; and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, staff member of the Board of Education, Nashville, who is recording secretary.



Contact With Youth

in the Western North Carolina Conference



WATCHNIGHT OBSERVANCE URGED ON BIRTHDAY

Jean Stanback of Salisbury, chairman of the Christian Faith area on the Senior Council, sent a reminder that on Dec. 31, 1941, our Methodist Youth Fellowship was formally installed. And she asks, "Are you going to celebrate its 12th birthday?"

Methodist youth will be observing special Watchnight Service, dedicated this year as a part of the Emphasis on Youth.

"One of the objectives of the Conference Youth Council and the National Conference of Methodist Youth is that each charge hold this special service, using the 'Bishop's Epistle to Youth,'" Jean reminded us. It will be published on this page soon along with a personal word for our use by Bishop Harrell. Bishop John Wesley Lord wrote the epistle at the request of the Council of Bishops.

Jean continues: "On pages 44-46 of the December issues of 'Roundtable' you will find the suggested Watchnight Service. It is also printed in the December issues of 'Concern' and 'Shepherd's Magazine.' Additional copies may be obtained from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for two cents each for 50 or more copies."

Thank you, Jean.

DON ADDS A NEW KEY

Not in the Western Conference does anyone doubt Don Beaty's leadership ability. Nor at Duke University, where Don is a senior.

Don was among eight elected by Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honorary fraternity.

ODK honors only men who have shown proficiency in scholarship along with outstanding leadership and service to the campus. That means to get in you have to be smart too, and Don certainly qualifies.

Other than that he is president of Western Conference Methodist youth, a big enough job in itself, Don at Duke is secretary and member of the senior cabinet of the YMCA, sings with the Glee Club, is active in the Methodist Student Movement, and has been honored both by Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma, scholastic honoraries.

All of which means, Don now has plenty of keys to hang from his key chain.

TO CINCINNATI AND BACK

Marion Craig, Conference director, and Rev. R. Harold Hipps, among other things the associate minister at West Market Street church, Greensboro, have been to Cincinnati where they attended the Christian Education Conference.

NEW DIRECTORS BEGIN WORK

Two new district directors are already at work lining up programs for the year.

Announcement has already been made that Mel Harbin is new youth director in the Asheville District.

And Rev. Roy E. Bell, new minister at Sylva and most recently at Kernersville, has accepted as director of youth work in the Waynesville District.

Already a report has come in from Waynesville:

The Waynesville District is in the pro-

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cess of planning its annual retreat at Brevard College in February. J. T. Frazier, Jr., chairman, M. V. Thumm and Jim Coleman make up the committee in charge of the program. Handling arrangements and publicity are George Culbreth, chairman, Kenneth Crouse and Jim Hornbuckle.

C. E. Murray will serve again as dean for the weekend retreat.

CONTACT AND MYFund PLUGGED

Also in the Waynesville District, the Jackson-Swain Subdistrict met at Cullowhee Nov. 9. Mr. Bell told of MYF district and conference goals for the year and announced the Christian Witness Mission in Gastonia Jan. 22-24. He also gave a plug for the conference's \$15,000 goal for MYFund.

One thing the editors appreciated was his urging youth to read the Advocate now that CONTACT is included. He also urged subdistrict publicity chairmen to keep news flowing constantly to the editor.

CONTACT DEADLINE MUST BE MET

While on the subject of sending in news, this reminder is appropriate:

In order to meet deadlines, material to be published on the CONTACT page of the Advocate should be received by the editor, Box 421, Salem Station, Winston-Salem, on the Monday two weeks before you get the issue in which it is appear.

In other words, to get news on the next CONTACT page, it must be in Box 421 by this coming Monday night.

Try to anticipate programs and activities by sending the news in advance. The editor will get the dates straightened out, or at least make an honest effort at it. Material will be used as soon as possible.

Pictures will also be used depending on the type pictures received and the amount of space available.

GASTON SUBDISTRICT BANQUET, REVIVAL

Among the activities of the Gaston County Subdistrict are a youth revival and a Thanksgiving banquet. The revival was held Nov. 8-12 at Bradley Memorial

GIVE AND LIVE

What I have given I have;
What I have kept I have lost:
Friend, you can selfishly live,
But how great and certain the cost!

Give, and you shall receive;
Keep, and your holdings decay:
Friend, if you really would live,
Try giving your life away.

—Ernest C. Durham

in Gastonia. Rev. Lee R. Spencer, pastor of Calvary in Charlotte, preached each evening.

Miss Marion Craig, who is former director of Christian education at Main Street church, Gastonia, was the guest speaker for the Thanksgiving banquet. It was held at the Masonic Temple in Gastonia Nov. 19.

THEATRE PARTIES

Two theatre parties were arranged for the MYFs of Main Street in Gastonia. Both the Intermediate and Senior groups attended showings of the film "Martin Luther" in Charlotte.

STUDENTS PLAN WORK, EYE NATIONAL MEET

Gleaned from "Tar Heel Fellowship," newspaper for the Methodist Student Movement among the colleges in the state, was this:

Members of the MSM Council retreated last weekend to Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill (to freeze and) plan work for the year, including the annual conference about next February.

Rev. R. Harold Hipps, state director of student work, gave a lecture on "Impinging Relationships" in his own animated way, but when he got through no one yet knew what he meant by "impinging."

MSM officers include Carl Edwards, president, and Sissy Brown, secretary, both from Asheville. Carl studies at Duke and Sissy at Greensboro College.

On to Lawrence

The big event in the WSW every four years is the National Conference. It will be in Lawrence, Kansas, Dec. 28 through Jan. 2, with a theme: "Christ Transforming Culture."

Speakers lined up include Dr. Nels Ferre of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Ralph Sockman and Phillipe Maury, secretary of the World Student Christian Federation.

Quotas are rather tight, but a large group expects to go from North Carolina colleges and universities. Busses will leave the state the day after Christmas and will return in time for post-holiday classes.

ELKIN PLAN BOOSTS YOUTH ATTENDANCE

The young people of Elkin church, along with their leaders and counselors, have worked out the following schedules for their Sunday evening programs: The intermediates meet at 5 p.m. for their worship service. This is followed by a fellowship period, during which light refreshments are served, ending at 7:15 in time for the evening church service.

The Senior young people meet at 6:30 for their worship program which also ends at 7:15. Following the evening church service, the senior group has a fellowship period to which the young people from other churches are invited. These plans have resulted in many more of the young people's attending the evening church service.

Officers elected for the Intermediate group are: Richard Royall, president; Nancy Neaves, vice-president and program chairman; Helen Cranford, secretary; and Rosa Roth, treasurer.

The Intermediates recently had as their guests the Rhythm Band of Oak Grove colored school. The members of the band are all youngsters under 12 years of age. Arrangements for the program were made by MYFers Mary Etta Armfield and Susan Richardson.

Five Leadership Schools Held in November; Report on Schools, Special Offerings

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS

Christian Workers' Schools have been held during November as follows:

Longview Methodist Church, Raleigh, November 1-10

Dean: Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., pastor
210a—How to Understand Children—Mr. Jack Millar, Durham
211a—Teaching Children in the Small Church—Mrs. T. A. Collins, Raleigh
The Work of the Local Church—Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr.
How to Improve the Church School—Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr.

Southport Area School, November 16-18

Dean: Mr. James Harper, Jr.
Chairman Board of Managers: Rev. N. L. Jones
113a—Christian Stewardship—Dr. L. Elbert Wethington, Durham
150a—Missionary Education—Mrs. D. S. Coltrane, Raleigh
211a—Teaching Children—Mrs. P. M. Camak, Wilmington

Gates County School, Sunbury, November 16-18

Dean: Rev. Henry A. Bizzell, Jr.
Chairman Board of Managers: Mr. E. E. Askew
211a—Teaching Children—Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, Durham
311a—Teaching Youth—Mrs. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth
Adult Classes at Work—Rev. E. R. Shuller, Conway
610a—How to Improve the Church School—Rev. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth

Biscoe Area School, Candor, November 22-23

Dean: Rev. Joseph F. Coble, pastor
211a—Teaching Children in the Small Church—Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Durham

Smithfield Area School, Smithfield, November 15-17

Dean: Rev. Johnie L. Joyce
Chairman Board of Managers: Mr. John T. Stallings
141a—How to Teach in the Church School—Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh
Mr. Jack R. Millar, Durham

STATISTICS ON LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS, VACATION SCHOOLS, FINANCIAL GIVING BY DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR 1952-53

Leadership Schools, Vacation Schools

District	Leadership Schools	Enrollm't	Vacation Schools	Enrollm't
Durham	5	708	62	3954
Elizabeth City	3	210	53	2679
Fayetteville	5	670	54	3571
New Bern	2	230	58	3637
Raleigh	7	463	59	3764
Rocky Mount	4	489	49	3156
Wilmington	5	419	59	3765
W.S.C.S. School of Missions	1	162		
TOTALS	32	3351	397	24526

Financial Giving

District	Church Sch. Rally Day	Race Relations	Student Day	Children's Building	Youth Fund	Camp Don-Lee
Durham	\$ 692.43	\$ 463.71	\$ 263.74	\$155.33	\$1,229.15	\$ 3,996.52
Elizabeth City	802.53	314.83	345.89	42.00	1,112.28	1,929.21
Fayetteville	831.45	409.91	330.57	91.50	1,449.21	3,234.61
New Bern	830.62	423.45	197.63	37.17	1,380.28	2,747.74
Raleigh	1,127.63	519.82	211.77	74.92	1,131.99	3,612.79
Rocky Mount	702.74	326.01	348.44	105.61	1,131.29	2,881.00
Wilmington	892.48	434.45	253.16	82.15	1,171.07	2,916.09
TOTALS	\$5,884.88	\$2,887.18	\$1,952.20	\$588.68	\$8,605.27	\$21,317.96

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210a—How to Understand Children—Making Homes Christian—Rev. J. W. Lineberger, Dunn
Choosing a Vocation—Rev. J. V. Early, Smithfield

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Plan a Watch Night Service for your church on New Year's Eve. Use your youth for this service. Helps may be found in **Concern** and other periodicals. Write the board office for other suggestions.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP IN THE HOME

A new four-page folder of suggestions for the observance of Christmas in the



home has been prepared. It is printed in four colors with a picture of the Nativity on the cover. Included in the suggestions is a brief service of worship for use in the home on Christmas Day. It is suggested that as many as possible use this service at 9:00 o'clock on Christmas morning, remembering that thousands of others will use it at that time. Orders should be sent to the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Copies are \$2.00 per hundred, 30 cents per dozen, for which cash should be enclosed with order.

LEADERS STUDY NEGRO METHODIST COLLEGES

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Church-related colleges comprise one of the nation's chief guarantees of "freedom of thought," presidents of 12 Negro Methodist schools declared here November 6.

"While the state now recognizes more fully than ever before its responsibility for education, it is the conviction of the church that freedom of thought can best be guaranteed and liberal and cultural development more greatly stimulated through the maintenance of a system of church-supported colleges," the presidents said in a joint statement.

Their chief purpose was to discuss means of strengthening the relationship of the church and its Negro institutions, and to plan a churchwide observance of Race Relations Day on February 14. On that date Methodist churches across the country will be asked to unite in an offering for the schools expected to total more than \$250,000.

Stressing the need of more Negro pastors, doctors, nurses, lawyers and teachers, the group said:

"Seventy-three per cent of college-age Negroes still live in the South and 80 per cent of all students attend college in their home state. The rapidly and constantly increasing numbers of students seeking a college education indicates the necessity for strengthening the educational program of the church . . . to provide more educational opportunities for Negroes to render service with a Christian attitude is a daring challenge to the church."

The 12 Negro Methodist colleges have a current enrollment of 8,859.

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GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Excerpts from an exceedingly comprehensive and challenging letter from Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, conference secretary of promotion, to the presidents and secretaries of promotion of the local WSCS in the N. C. Conference, give added impetus to the responsibility of individual members in the advancement of the quadrennial program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service:

Goals: "As you know there are six Goals and Emphases for the quadrennium, and the theme is 'That the Kingdom of God May Be Realized' . . . All officers and members of the woman's society are responsible for carrying out or working toward the attainment of the goals" . . .

Widening Fellowship Plan: "In our conference we are using two plans for our visitation program. Your society is to be visited by a district, subdistrict, or conference officer some time during this year to help you with your problems. If you have a preference write to your district secretary of promotion and if possible she will see to it that you have the officer you want. You are to give the visiting officer at least 30 minutes, so do not plan a program for this meeting. Be prepared to ask questions . . . Every local society is urged to have a personal visitation plan. The one that is being used by most societies is to assign the names of the ones on the responsibility list (composed of the members of the WSCS and WSG) to the members. Be certain to give every member a name even if several have the same name. These non-members are to be visited, befriended, and made to feel that they are needed in every Christian way we can think of. Do not give up if it takes several years to win them. Invite and take them to the meetings, and let your president know they are there so she and others may greet them. When they become members get a snap-shot of them and put it on the poster which the secretary of promotion received with the report book. Have them as "Women of the Month." Is your poster on the bulletin board so that all can see it and be challenged to join? . . . At a suitable time during the year have a tea to welcome the new members, also inviting the non-members. After they join don't forget to help them find a place to work, for there is work that fits everyone's capabilities. We are working toward 100% membership in the societies. Will your society be 100%? . . . Be a 'Big Sister' to a church that does not have a woman's society. . ."

Treasurer Chests and Charts: "The Treasurer Chest plan is to increase your pledge, for it is to be over and above your pledge, as the money collected is to go directly to the conference treasurer. This money is need so urgently and I hope that you will urge your members to give at least five cents to every country per member. This plan is to be used throughout the quadrennium."

Reporting: "All societies reporting to all district officers and the conference treasurer for the 4th quarter of last year and the first three quarters of this year are to be on the Honor Roll, and recognized on the conference or district floor. Reporting is very important to measure our progress, and to let the officers know what we are doing and what they can do to help all societies do a better job."

"Please study the Guide and all Hand-books and see that all committees

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function . . . 'Plan your work and work your plan'.

"One of our main jobs is by our words and deeds to influence your people to give themselves to full time Christian service. Have missionaries speak in your local churches whenever possible. Frequently one sentence will point up the personal challenge. The individual contact is especially valuable."

DISTRICT OFFICERS MEET

"Discipleship" was the topic used for the devotional led by Miss Alta Nye, rural worker on the Milton charge, at the meeting of the Durham District WSCS held at Harvey's Cafeteria in Durham on November 7.

Among the major reports of the officers was the announcement by Mrs. John R. Poe, secretary of promotion, of a new society at St. Johns church, Durham. Other district officers reporting included Mrs. J. O. Gunn, vice president; Mrs. A. H. Borland, treasurer; Mrs. C. C. Wiggers, CSR and LCA; Mrs. Raney Crumpton, missionary personnel; Mrs. Eugene Chesson, children's work; Mrs. E. S. Raper, literature and publications; Mrs. Raymond Thompson, supply work; Mrs. Frank Hanft, student work; Mrs. W. K. Babington, youth work; Miss Claire Harris, status of women; Mrs. Sudie Warren, spiritual life. Mrs. Norman Wood, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds, gave a brief report, and introduced Miss Mary Opal Shuford, newly appointed district secretary of WSG. Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, district president, presided.

CLINTON WSCS HAS GUEST SPEAKER

"As members of the WSCS we should investigate our attitudes from those of non-Christians, and develop as Christians," Mrs. J. A. Warren, of Chapel Hill, conference secretary of CSR and LCA, said in an address before the members of the WSCS of the Clinton WSCS at their November meeting. Mrs. Warren cited as goals and purposes of the program of CSR and LCA: To work through local church channels and in cooperation with other community agencies; to help individuals and groups toward more Christian attitudes and practices in human relations; to work for the passage and enforcement of good legislation; to guide women into a larger participation in the general program of the local church; to cooperate with other agencies in the promotion of Christian social relations that concern the larger activities of the church and community.

Mrs. Warren was introduced by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie.

Mrs. William Hobbs gave the devotional, and Mrs. N. H. Larkins led the prayer.

SUBDISTRICT MEETINGS

Chatham

Speakers at the Chatham Subdistrict WSCS meetings held at Mann's Chapel church on October 25, were Mrs. Lucille

Coburn Shore, president of the Durham District WSCS; and Rev. W. C. Shaw, pastor of the host church.

District officers reporting included Mrs. Eugene Chesson, children's work; Mrs. W. K. Babington, youth work; Mrs. C. C. Wiggers, Christian social relations and church activities; Mrs. E. S. Raper, literature and publications; and Mrs. Rainey Compton, missionary education and service. Mrs. J. A. Warren, conference secretary of CSR and LCA, also gave a report. A duet was sung by Mrs. Roy Poythress and Mrs. London Womble.

Mrs. Grady Norwood is leader of the Chatham Subdistrict.

Person

Mr. John A. Havea of Tonga, Friendly Islands, in an address before the Person Subdistrict, meeting at the Oak Grove church on October 18, described life on his native island, and told of the achievements of the missionaries there. Mr. Havea, a young minister, teacher, and worker with young people, is currently a Crusade scholar at Drew University, Madison, N. J. He was introduced by Rev. J. E. Garlington.

Also on the program were an address by Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, district president; a devotional led by Rev. M. C. Henderson, pastor of the Oak Grove church; and reports by several district officers; and Mrs. J. A. Warren, conference secretary of CSR and LCA. District officers reporting included Mrs. E. S. Raper, L. and P.; Mrs. Frank Hanft, missionary education; Miss Claire Harris, status of women; and Mrs. R. E. Crumpton, missionary personnel.

Adult life membership pins and certificates were presented to Mrs. Ed Gentry, Mrs. Ruth Carr, and Mrs. John Hester. A baby life membership was presented to Doris Hester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hester. The attendance trophy was awarded to the Allensville society.

Outer Banks

The Hatteras Methodist Church was the scene of the fall meeting of the Outer Banks Subdistrict WSCS.

Rev. W. B. Gregory, pastor of the host church, was the principal speaker. Among other features of the program were a talk by Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, conference secretary of literature and publications; a worship service, led by members of the Fair Haven society, under the direction of Mrs. Beulah O'Neal; a skit, portraying the value of The Methodist Woman and the World Outlook, by the Hatteras society; special music by a group of children from Hatteras elementary school, with Rosetta Crank as soloist; and a memorial service for the late Mrs. Eliza Ann Meekins. Mrs. Mabel Meekins was elected as subdistrict leader, succeeding Mrs. Nacie Austin. Mrs. Austin was presented an Honorary Life Membership.

Quinn County

Mrs. S. A. Dunn, district secretary of missionary education and service, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Quinn County subdistrict WSCS, held at the Lucama Methodist Church on October 27. Mrs. W. M. Wells, district secretary of spiritual life, gave the opening devotional. Rev. H. F. Surratt, pastor of the church, led the closing prayer. A vocal solo was rendered by Mr. Jack Humphry, principal of the Lucama public school. District officers presenting their lines of work included Mrs. Kerr Harris, promotion; Mrs. Wells, spiritual life; Mrs. Ira Gunn, literature and publications; Mrs. S. W. Anderson, CSR and LCA; and Mrs. L. C. Vereen, youth work.

Growth Through Years Cited; Sunday, November 29, Is Children's Home Sunday

A LATE BEGINNING

The Methodists of the Western North Carolina Conference were later about establishing a home for parentless children than other surrounding denominations and fraternities. The procession of institutional care was headed by the Masons at Oxford. In a few years the Baptists at Thomasville began their wonderful work. This procession picked up added significance when the Presbyterians got in on it, followed closely by the Episcopalians. Somewhere along the line the Methodists in the North Carolina Conference got in the parade of child care. Our Western North Carolina Conference Methodists were still on the observation grandstand rather than in the field of operation. After years of observing the good work done by others, our own Western North Carolina Methodist people began their good work.

GOOD GOING

After the child caring emphases had been in consideration for several years, an operative start was made here in Winston-Salem in 1909 when on September 1 the first child was admitted into the very poor quarters of living accommodations which were used until more substantial buildings and facilities could be provided. The late start was further handicapped by some poor leadership. Some handicaps seemed to provide a blessing in disguise. Year by succeeding year witnessed the enlargement of our plant, the building of new structures and the increased enrollment of children. By the present time 25 substantial brick buildings have been constructed, twenty of them coming as gifts from individuals. Endowment funds have been added through bequests from people, who, while in the beyond have left a residue of something good for those on this side of eternity.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT

Good leaders have been secured and hundreds of children have been enrolled and provided for during the several preceding decades. The services rendered to our parentless children have been seasoned with personal love and good direction. Many times remarks have been made to the effect that our services to needy children have been loaded with personal consideration.

NOW IS THE TIME

This is not the time to be recounting the advancement of years gone by. It is the time for our friends, stockholders in our character factory, to renew their holdings in the enterprise that continues to mean a great deal to children in need of a home. No better time than November and December can be selected for sharing with more than four hundred children who are enrolled here with the assurance that their needs will be provided for. Our good services to these children should not become an enemy of the very best services that can be rendered.

ECONOMICAL LIVING

It has been evident that our per capita cost for the services rendered our parentless children has been less than the per capita cost of similar surrounding child caring institutions. While the essential needs of our family have not been cur-

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tailed, there has been an absence of expenditures for luxuries that are out of keeping with healthy economy. Such a sound business policy has doubtless encouraged many friends to remember The Children's Home in their wills. These bequests have been placed in an endowment fund that is carefully administered by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Doubtless other investments will be made from time to time. At no time within the past two decades has there been a debt hanging over our project. Instead there has been an accumulation of funds which have supplemented designated bequests in the fulfillment of the desire of the benefactor. With such a financial backlog, our enterprise has not suffered when directed funds were insufficient to provide for the stipulated feature of service.

A REAL FRIEND

Shirley K. Smith, once a resident of Winston-Salem, and now a successful young business man of Charlotte, is one of the choicest friends The Children's Home has. He can think up more ways of helping our youngsters than most any friend we have ever recorded. Shirley writes: "It was very nice to hear from you in reference to the candy that we brought over to The Children's Home the other day. This giving of candy to our favorite place is something we are planning to make a regular habit of doing. You would be amazed, Mr. Woosley, at the happiness our giving brings to us. Since the start of our business in September, 1952, we have tried to tithe our in-

come. Believe us, it pays off in so many ways."

Shirley's candy, listed as coming from a confectionary broker, seems to be a little sweeter than most of the candy that comes to us.

FIFTH SUNDAY

November brings us another fifth Sunday, a Children's Home Sunday. This particular fifth Sunday can be made unusually helpful as it will offer an opportunity for our friends in our church schools to share liberally around the Thanksgiving emphases. Those who have something to share can find good joy in the help they can render to those who need their interest and help. During the past conference year our fifth Sunday offerings amounted to \$42,318.79. This choice fund not only helped in paying our bills but provided an opportunity for sharing on the part of the whole run of life assembled in our church schools.

HELPING HAND

The picture this week is that of Shirley Strader, born January 25, 1940, and doing well in the seventh grade. This girl finds joy in being a helped to her home mother in directing slightly younger children. Shirley is dependable in every way she is measured. This Randolph county girl is sponsored by the Intermediate Department of Calvary, Charlotte, W. A. Adersholt, Jr., being the correspondent.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Everywhere one goes there is registered the inquiry as to how our family of children is getting along. We like to tell our friends over and over again about the good physical health that prevails and the good moral character that is being developed. Of course there are some exceptions to such a statement but these exceptions are very rare, considering the fact that some of our enrolled children have been subjected to bad influences before coming into our picture of healthiness. At the present writing our family is abounding in rosy health.

FOOTBALL BOYS

Our football season has ended. Our young varsity team did a little better than we anticipated, winning six and losing four games. The reserves and midget teams won all their games against competitors of similar age and size. As has been said many times, football serves growing boys in a very effective way. Now both the boys and girls are beginning their basketball practice in our accommodating gymnasium. The winter months will not prevent the continued growth in stature and effectiveness of our oncoming youngsters.

A HAPPY TIME

Mrs. H. C. Austin, wife of the Coolee-mee Methodist minister, encouraged her MYF girls to invite our senior class over to be their guests in a lovely Halloween party. With reference to this enjoyable visit Mrs. Austin writes: "I want to write you a word of appreciation for the lovely spirit of your group. I overheard one of our girls comment, 'They had more manners than anyone I have even seen.' One of our main problems has been to develop a more active interest in other people by our local MYF. Another one of our girls was heard to say, 'Just imagine not having no home to go back to.' Perhaps she didn't realize how much of a home The Children's Home is, but she did get a glimpse of what it must be like to have homes ties broken."

Opportunity For All

By Charles M. Laymon

Deuteronomy 24: 14-15; Amos 5: 10-15;
Thessalonians 3: 7-10

It has happened! Thomas E. Murray, a member of the Atomic Energy commission, has announced that the United States will build a major atomic power plant to harness atomic energy for peaceful work. Many tens of millions of dollars will go into it.

Murray said: "This is America's answer—its significant peacetime answer—to recent Soviet atomic weapons tests. It should show the world that even in this gravest phase of arming for defense, America's eyes still are on the peaceful future." The prophet's dream may yet come true, with the beating of swords into plowshares and of spears into pruning-hooks (Isa. 2: 4).

The biblical writers in our lesson were interested in better living for their day also. For instance, the author of Deuteronomy (24: 15, 19) speaks of treating the laborer fairly and illustrates his point by insisting that the payment of wages should be prompt.

Similar needs must be met today, and the power issue is basic if we are to create an opportunity for all. In order to carry out the ideals of social justice which the listed Scripture passages stress, we need to find modern means of changing living and working conditions. This calls for industrial energy, since ours is an industrial age.

We are no longer a simple, agrarian people. With us, problems of production and distribution involve science and machinery. Social justice and industrial power cannot be separated in the modern world. For this reason, **turning the power potential of atomic energy in the direction of enriching peacetime living is a religious concern.**

Atomic energy rightly used can lift the burden from the backs of the poor, remove drudgery from many types of labor, and make available to more people, at less cost, the benefits of scientific discovery. The goals of Amos (5: 10-15, 24) are involved in this emancipation.

All of this can happen, provided our motives remain Christian. Atomic energy for peaceful uses cannot create these motives. Christ alone can do this for the Christian. And here is a wonderful fact! As the advances of science continue to make available increased material power for daily living, Christ is there always to match and exceed this output with spiritual energy.

BOOK STORE NAMES CHANGED TO COKESBURY

Ten book stores of the Methodist Publishing House changed their name to Cokesbury on November 1.

Four others—Dallas, Kansas City, Atlanta and Boston—have operated under the Cokesbury title for several years.

The change to the traditional Methodist title, derived from the names of the church's first bishops, Coke and Asbury, makes uniform the house's chain of 14 retail branches.

Stores switching to the Cokesbury nameplate are in Baltimore, Nashville, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Portland, Richmond and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1953

METHODISTS LEAD—A church census in the Nation's capital shows Methodists in the lead among Protestant bodies both in number of churches (115) and membership (123,000).

While there are 19 more Methodist churches than Catholic, the Catholic membership (250,000) is more than twice the Methodist.

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OUR PRAYERS

As Thanksgiving Day dawns, it makes us think about our own prayers of thankfulness.

There are some children who attend our Sunday schools who never hear a prayer anywhere except in church or the Sunday school. They not only never hear a prayer in their home but they never pray themselves.

Of course, there are a great many who do pray, but even their prayers are prayers in which they ask God for things. "God bless Daddy on his trip, and bring him safely home again." "God help us to do the things we should." "God make the baby well again." We are always asking. We ask God to bless us, protect us, and keep us from harm, and of course we should. God is the one who can protect us and make us well. But that does not mean we should accept all these blessings without a "Thank You." How many have ever said, "Thank you, God, for this bright, sunny day," "Thank you, God, for making lakes and rivers and sand, because we had such a lovely time on the sand and in the water today," or "Thank you, God, for Dr. Davis, because he made Mother well again?"

Perhaps you yourself have never thought much about saying "thank you" to God. So tonight and every night before you say your prayers, think first what you are going to say, and think particularly about something for which you should thank God. If you cannot do this alone, ask Mother or Daddy to help you.

God gives us so many things every day that we just take for granted. Don't let us do that any longer, but form the habit of saying thoughtful prayers of thanks.—The United Church Observer.



HOLES IN THE DOUGHNUT

Do you know why doughnuts have holes in the middle? It all came about because of a boy.

His name was Hanson Gregory, and he lived in New England in the early days. His mother made cookies for him and fried them in grease. He loved to eat them, but his hands got very greasy when he handled them, and he noticed that the center of the cookie was not cooked like the other part. The center was soft and doughy and uncooked.

He suggested to his mother that she just cut a hole in the center of the cookies before cooking them, and then all of the cookies would be nicely cooked. She did so, and soon the neighbors all cooked their cookies with a hole in the center.

And this is how the hole came to be in the doughnut.—From The Young Soldier, Toronto.

VALLEY INSTITUTE

Couple after couple come to Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas, for interviews, anxious to find permanent employment and places to live where they can take care of the family, and educate the children. Veterans longing for a new start in life, migrants, weary of traveling from place to place to work—all asking so little.—Sue Stanford in Patterns for Peace.

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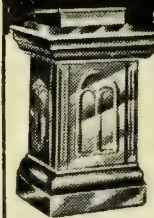
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ADDRESSES OF COLLINS, ANDERSON

The new addresses of Rev. Thomas A. Collins, executive secretary of church extension, is 132 North King Charles Road, Raleigh. The address of Walter Anderson, director of camp activities is 1617 Van Dyke Avenue, Raleigh.

DURHAM DISTRICT SETUP MEETING

The Durham District setup meeting will be held at Trinity church, Durham, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 1. Every pastor should be present and bring along with him not less than three lay representatives from his charge.

W. L. Clegg, D. S.

DISTRICT SETUP MEETINGS

Following is the list of setup meeting for the North Carolina Conference: Nov. 30, Raleigh District, Fairmont church, Raleigh; Dec. 1, Durham District, Trinity church, Durham; Dec. 2, Wilmington District, Grace church, Wilmington; Dec. 3, Fayetteville District, Haymount church, Fayetteville; Dec. 4, Rocky Mt. District, First church, Rocky Mount. All meetings begin at 10 a.m.

District Appointments

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

J. F. Herbert, D. S.
803 Sycamore Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Pre-Christmas Quarterly Conferences

November	
Rocky Mount, Marvin, 7:30	22
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, 7:30	
(Special Session)	24
Rich Square, 111, (Preaching Only)	29
Rocky Mount, St. Paul, 7:30	29
Rocky Mount, Clark Street, 7:30	29
December	
Tarboro, 7:30	3
SET-UP MEETING, FIRST CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT, 10	4
Wesley Memorial, Monk Chapel, 11	6
Farmville, 7:30	6
Rocky Mount, First Church, 7:30	8
Wilson, 7:30	9
Nash Circuit, 11	13
Middleburg, Shocco, 2:30	13
Spring Hope, 7:30 (7:30)	13
Whitakers, 7:30	16
Kenly, Buckhorn, 11	20
Elm City, 7:30	20

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Vergil E. Queen, D. S.
1516 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
First Round

November	
Dublin, 11	29
December	
Lumberton Circuit, 11 (Place to be selected)	6
Jacksonville, 8 (QC)	7
Faison, 11 (Place to be selected)	13
Clinton Circuit, Epworth, 8	13
Wesley Memorial, 8 (QC)	14
Southport, 8 (QC)	17
Garland, 11	20
Warsaw, 8	20
January	
Shallotte Circuit, Village Point, 11	3

Shallotte, Camp, 8	3
Fifth Avenue, 8 (QC)	4
Grace, 6 (QC)	6
Scott's Hill, Carroll Chapel, 11	10
Swansboro, 8	10
Trinity, 8 (QC)	11
Fair Bluff, Olivet, 11	17
Fairmont, 8	17
Chadbourn, 11	24
Rocky Point, 8	24
Whiteville 8, (QC)	27
Whiteville Circuit, Peace, 11	31
Tabor City, 8	31

February	
Carolina Beach, 8 (QC)	2
Clinton, 8 (QC)	3
Duplin, Kenansville, 11	7
Town Creek, Bethel, 8	7
Sunset Park, 8 (QC)	8
Carver's Creek, Kelley, 11	14
Elizabethtown, Wesley, 8	14
Hallsboro, Shiloh, 11	21
Council, Bolton, 8	21
Rose Hill, Charity, 11	28
Wallace, 8	28

March	
Pembroke, First, 11	7
Pembroke Parish, Prospect, 3 (Combined QC)	7
Pembroke Circuit, Calvary, 8	7
Waccamaw, Bethel, 11	14
Bladen, Deems Chapel, 8	14
Roseboro, Andrews Chapel, 11	21
Burgaw, 8	21
Richlands, 11	28
Epworth, 8	28

April	
Bethesda, 11	4
Chestnut Street, 8	4

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November	
Highlands, Cashiers, 11	22
Franklin Circuit, Bethel, 2:30	22
Franklin, First, 4:30	22
Pigeon Valley, Beaverdam, 7	23
Hazelwood, Francis Cove, 7	24
Sylva, First, 11	29
Sylva Circuit, Wesley's Chapel, 2	29
Cullowhee, 4	29
Webster, Webster, 7:30	29

Bryson City, Ministers Meeting, 10	30
December	
Waynesville, First, 7:30	2
Crabtree, Davis Chapel, 7:30	3
Dellwood, Elizabeth Chapel, 7:30	5
Snow Hill-Iotla, 11	6
West Macon, Mt. Zion, 2:30	6
Macon, Asbury, 4:30	6
Lake Junaluska, 8	6
Bethel, 7:30	7
Canton, Central, 7:30	8
Clyde, 6	9
Rockwood, Rockwood, 7	10
Cherokee, 11	13
Bryson City, Maple Springs, 2:30	13
Whittier, Olivet, 7	13

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May our children live the abundant life. This is God's first concern, man's chief responsibility, and the nation's future glory. Our children, and parents also, can best live this life in an environment which is free from the damaging influence of beverage alcohol.

As pastors and consecrated Christian laymen, let's go all-out in a great commitment day program in our conference. This can be successfully accomplished:

- (1) By praying, planning, working, and witnessing for Total Abstinence from the use of beverage alcohol.
- (2) By signing a personal Commitment Card to abstain from the use of beverage alcohol as a wise way of life, and a good example of Christian living.
- (3) By signing the Family Covenant Card which will register the commitment of the Family Circle to total abstinence from beverage alcohol, thereby dedicating the home to creative fellowship and Christian service.

A letter has been mailed by the Commitment Day Director to all the pastors and District Superintendents, calling attention to the importance of Commitment Day. A postal card was enclosed on which the report from each pastoral charge will be recorded.

Board of Temperance of the Western North Carolina Conference

Reverend Fletcher E. Howard, Commitment Day Director
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A FAMILY SIGNS THE FAMILY COVENANT CARD

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

THROW AWAY THE WORTHLESS

By Franklin C. Hubbard

"I'm very happy where I am,
Far across the sea;
I'm very happy far from home
In North America. (But)
A little voice still calls me back
To my far, far country,
And nobody can hear it speak,
Oh! Nobody but me."

—Dion Bouicault

How very true this poet paints a word picture of our contemporary scene. If you do not know or understand that of which he is writing it is because you have never sat down by his side and thought of it, never sat down to take an inventory of your life.

Often I slip out of bed at one or two in the morning and go up to my study for an hour or so for that very purpose. Employing a simile, I take out my heart and, turning it upside down, pour out all it contains on the floor for sorting. What a huge pile of things appears! Beautiful dreams not yet realized, broken hopes, joys, fears, disappointments, sighs, laughers, glooms—what a wild conglomeration of strange things.

And then comes the job of deciding what to replace and what to throw away. Decisions must be made, for one must be careful not to discard those things of value. Care must be taken not to replace those things which, through close association, seemingly are of value but only go to clutter up our lives.

Jesus knew what we are up against. At one point He said for us not to store worthless things away where dry rot will set in and destroy. Something about our treasure being in the things we set our hearts on. And then for fear that we might get too concerned and not do a thorough heart-cleansing job he tells us not to let our hearts be troubled with the removal of these worthless things. That he will fill the empty space with peace and joy and self-containment of soul.

Dearly beloved, Jesus hears all the small voices speaking to you and you are never alone. The Son of God knocks at your heart's door and speaks the loveliest of words, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." But you can't open the door unless you first throw out the accumulation of worthless and worldly things.

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THE LAST GUEST

By Mary A. Mains

He comes but once.
Death's visit none may halt, nor yet delay,
But when He lifts the veil of mystery
Beyond which lies the vast eternity,
We may envisage realms so fair and dear,
That we shall grieve to think our hearts held fear.

If come He must,
Turn, then, to Him as to another day
Night but hides the beauties of the morn-
ing.
Death may reveal a thousand wondrous things!

Think not sadly of His certain coming,
But only of the wealth of gifts He brings!

—Virginia Methodist Advocate

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHAT WE LEAVE BEHIND

How often, when a man dies, we hear, "How much did he leave?"

Most prudent parents want to leave something to their children—financial protection, educational advantages, memories of a home where spiritual values were stressed and ambition stimulated.

Some years ago a young man said to a friend of mine: "My father is dying. I managed to get a copy of the obituary to be printed at his death. Read it." The article glowed with the father's achievements. He was a director in many large corporations. He had contributed generously to charitable organizations. The obituary ran a full column.

Several days later the father died. When his will was read it was learned that the son would receive more than a million dollars. Later, the son said to my friend: "He was a good father. He sent me to three colleges, none of which I finished. He gave me three thousand dollars to pay for a divorce and stock in one of his companies to guarantee payment of alimony to my ex-wife. During his lifetime father was very good to me.

The son is at present living in a palatial home, bored to death. How "good" was that father to his son? He left the lad his money but did not pass on to him his ability to earn, his secret of achievement or his strength of character. Such traits are not conveyed by a last will and testament but by a sharing of mind and heart.

The miserable wretch who recently kidnapped and killed a little boy was the son of a respected and well-to-do father. But it was easier for that father to give money than to give understanding care.

Consider another father and son. The father was born in modest circumstances. As a youngster he was fascinated by houses. He decided to become an architect. The struggle was hard, but he managed to graduate with honor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He got a job in Panama designing buildings. The lights burned late in his workroom. He came back to New York and began a simple private practice. He won two awards for his architectural skill. The day came when a Governor of New York appointed him State Commissioner of Architecture.

From his drafting board emerged plans which were to beautify his state. Hospitals rose from scrubby meadows. Prisons became a bit more "cheerful" and more escape-proof.

Two succeeding governors re-appointed him. After sixteen years of public service he resigned to resume private practice, where he frequently dispersed more money than he received. The challenge was more important to him than the cash.

What did this man leave? A proud wife and son. The son was graduated from Princeton with honors and next June will leave a seminary prepared to devote his life to religious work.

How much money this second father left I do not know. And how much do we care?

Real greatness is not measured by the size of the residuary estate. We Americans do not stop to think whether Washington

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Let Us Pray

O God, stay close to us through life's tempestuous journey. Chasten us when we do wrong. Rescue us from yielding when we are tempted. Challenge us when we are inclined to mediocrity or complacency. Encourage and inspire us when we take a stand for righteousness. Keep ever before us the ideals of Thy Son Jesus. We pray in His name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

left a fortune or whether Lincoln left little. Each left a heritage beyond monetary measure.

In recent years many rich men have been establishing "foundations." I like that word. It suggests what all parents should try to leave their children—"foundations" on which to build.

A father would spoil his son if he said to him, "My boy, I have left your future secure." But a parent strengthens his child when he says, "I have lived and worked to leave you a foundation for your future."

Foundations are a better inheritance than securities. When we so live that we can leave our children a good name, a love of work, a training in noble character, a spirit of service, a love of God—then we have left them a solid foundation.

If I remember correctly, Patrick Henry put in his will something about leaving to his children a faith in God as his best bequest.

Is it not better to leave our children enough to live for than enough to live on? Think it over. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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. . . EDITORIAL . . .

Take a Serious View of Commitment Day

Commitment Day in many Methodist churches has become a farce. Some pastors only timidly or apologetically mention the signing of a total abstinence pledge. Others, out of deference to their drinking members or to those who are touchy over the mention of alcohol from the pulpit, pass up the occasion altogether. The majority, however, are conscientious and diligent in their promotion of Commitment Day.

Why should they not be? The Methodist Church takes a very serious view of Commitment Day. Aware that strong drink is the greatest curse in America today and aware that the liquor interests through the support of many powerful forces are trying to tell people what to believe about alcohol, Methodist leaders cannot be silent. They know that the doctrine of moderation—promoted in so many circles today—is dangerous. They see how a whole generation is being deceived and how literally hundreds of thousands of gullible people are being swept down the road to ruin by this damnable philosophy. They believe a commitment to total abstinence is wise and Christian. It is the only safe attitude toward strong drink.

The church needs to confront its members with the realities of the situation. Not everyone, to be sure, who takes a drink will become a drunkard or an alcoholic. But who knows who will and who won't? The only safe way is to leave alcohol alone. No one who refuses to drink will ever become a drunkard or an alcoholic.

This matter is tremendously important. Church members need to be given an opportunity to commit themselves to total abstinence. If the church doesn't confront its members with this opportunity, they may never be challenged to commit themselves to total abstinence. Some perhaps who sign the card will not live up to their promise. But so many will. Even if one person in every congregation holds firm, Commitment Day will be worthwhile.

The matter should be presented in a calm, dignified way, without pressure, without rancor and without a tear-jerking appeal. Nevertheless, it should be presented. The responsibility for signing or not signing the Commitment card rests with the individual.

The Methodist Church calls upon every pastor and church member to take a serious view of Commitment Day, Sunday, December 6. That the Day comes just before Christmas makes it doubly significant.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1953

Bring Youth of All Lands Together

Last summer more than 50,000 Methodist youth and young adults in this country had first-hand fellowship with students from other lands and missionaries on furlough, according to an announcement made recently by the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. (See Nov. 19 Advocate, page 7). Participating in summer camps and institutes of The Methodist Church were 63 international student enrolled in American colleges and 17 returned missionaries. Many of the students were Crusade scholars.

We doubt that the Board of Education and the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church are doing many things more significant for the cause of international good will and peace than they are doing in making it possible for our young people to know the youth of other lands. One of the most pressing needs of our day lies at this point. If the church can bring the youth of all lands together we can, in our generation, lay a foundation for world peace. The Communists know how much it means to bring people together. So they establish their "iron curtain" to keep the people they control away from the people of other lands.

Methodism is making an outstanding contribution at this point. Hundreds of our young people are going to other lands as Christian witnesses, winning for themselves and for Christ and for America good friends. An Austrian youth, a soldier in World War II, told us in Vienna last summer: "After getting acquainted with these young Christians from America, I can no longer hate Americans—as I was taught to do in the war." No! he cannot. And the thirteen of us who composed the European Caravan from the North Carolina Conference can't hate the Austrians and the Germans again, either. We learned to love them—everyone we met—during the seven weeks we worked with them in their churches.

We would like to see this international program enlarged. We would particularly like to see more of our North Carolina Methodist youth go on caravans to other lands and for more students from other lands to come our way.

The forty-odd caravaners who have gone to Europe from the North Carolina Conference are raising funds to bring their interpreter, Gunter Sommer, a third year student in the Methodist Seminary in Frankfurt, Germany, to the Duke University Divinity School next fall for a year's study. Gunter is one

of the choicest young Christians we have ever known. His coming will be a great blessing to North Carolina Methodism. The Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference has approved bringing qualified students to the Duke Divinity School. Any church contributing to this cause will receive mission special credit. We need \$2,000 by December 31 for this project. Any person or church interested in helping can send a contribution either to the Advocate or to Mrs. Herbert Waldrop, Newport, N. C.

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A Sense of Responsibility to God Is Needed

Thoughtful Protestants join with the Roman Catholic bishops who recently raised their voices against the degradation of the human personality through the media of advertisements, entertainment and literature.

Some of the fare offered the American public in some magazines, books, over radio and television and in movies is no compliment either to the producers or to the public toward which they are aimed. They are a poor commentary both on the talents of artists and the moral taste of our generation.

The dollar sign is written large in so much that comes under the head of art. There are too many people who for a price will write a lurid story, put on a sexy show, or in any way that will bring in the shekels poke fun at truth and decency. Their only responsibility seems to be to their depraved sensual appetites.

Protestants will further agree with the Roman Catholic bishops in their prescription for the way out of the present situation. "Only by regaining our reverence for God can we of America in the 20th century discover both our own value and the basis on which it stands," the bishops declare.

We are responsible creatures—responsible first and always to God. This is no time for hirelings who are willing to desecrate their talents for a price. Responsible men who write our books, edit our magazines, publish our newspapers, produce our radio and television programs and make our movies must become increasingly aware of their responsibility to God. But responsible citizens must also become increasingly aware of their responsibility to God for what they read or look at or hear.

Only a sense of divine responsibility on the part of producers and consumers can save us from further corruption through these powerful media.

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REPORT FROM AUSTRIA

The opening service of the Austria Methodist Conference October 29 at night was an inspiring experience. The spacious church was crowded while a choir of sweet voices led us in worship. The subject assigned to me was "The Christian Message in a Time Like This." That would have been a timely subject in America but one has to be in Vienna to get the full meaning of the phrase—a time like this. This proud city is divided into four zones, each one occupied by a conquering army. The Russian army occupies much of the city and practically all of the surrounding country. In order to reach Vienna the plane on which I travelled was compelled to fly in through a specially designated corridor. Pictures of Stalin are yet hanging on certain prominent buildings and Russians soldiers walk the streets. More than once since coming I have stopped to read the notices on large billboards denouncing America. You are face to face with the real thing here. Just a few miles away is Czechoslovakia where I served for eight years. It is now behind the Iron Curtain and the once flourishing Methodist church has been taken over by the state authorities.

Methodism in Austria is not large but is virile and evangelistic. We have some good properties, a very devout membership and a small group of intelligent and zealous pastors. When I observe their sacrifice and devotion it shames me and makes me long to do more for my Lord.

Dedication of Caravan Church in Linz

On Sunday, November 1, in the automobile of Captain Windsor of the U.S. Army I rode from Vienna to Linz where we dedicated a new church building.

To drive from Vienna to Linz one must travel more than 100 miles through the Russian Zone. It is necessary to secure a special permit to make the journey. But in due time we reached the beautiful city of Linz where in the American Zone I found and dedicated a beautiful new Methodist church. The story of how this congregation came into existence and how a refugee pastor and his faithful people succeeded in erecting this lovely church is as thrilling a story as I know.

Pastor Ernest Nausner I knew first in Poland where I ordained him as a Deacon in 1936. Then came the war with this good man, his wife and eight children driven like sheep in a terrible storm. At last he found a place of refuge in Linz and with characteristic Methodist spirit he started preaching. His hearers were chiefly war refugees, homeless and defenseless, but with courage and faith to start life over again.

North Carolina Methodists Helped

When I arrived in Linz I found every seat in this splendid church taken. The representatives of the state and city were there along with the commanding officer of our U.S. forces. Literally scores of people either stood against the walls or went away unable to secure a seat. It is a splendid and beautiful building, built almost entirely by volunteer labor. For three summers a youth caravan, composed of consecrated Methodist young people from North Carolina, has come over and worked on this building. They were joined by groups of Austrian young people. Here is a demonstration of how young people can step across the chasm created by war and join other young people in building the church.

By Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Bishop Moore reports on his recent visit to Austria where he presided over the Austrian Methodist Conference and dedicated the new Methodist church in Linz on which caravans from the North Carolina Conference have worked for the past three summers

As I sat in the pulpit my eyes scanned the faces of many old men and women who are refugees from Yugoslavia and other Balkan states. They were driven by the multiplied thousands from their homes by the Communists and found refuge in the American zone of Austria. Our government has housed and fed them but they are a sad, scattered people who have been uprooted and thrown upon the mercy of the world. This beautiful chapel is their church and their spiritual anchorage. How happy and contented they appeared in their own church home.

To Yugoslavia

Today, November 2, I leave Austria and push toward the South into Yugoslavia. What I will find there no one knows. The last Bishop to visit our Methodists in that part of the world was Bishop Paul Garber and I think his last visit was in 1948. For more than five years those doors have been closed, but now Marshall Tito is co-operating with Western powers and I have been able to secure an entrance visa. In another article I hope to describe conditions there and relate some of my experiences.

For almost a week I have lived in the presence of the Russian army. Turn where you will in Vienna and there they are. Russia is one of the occupying powers and wherever they are they occupy. Some of the leading hotels in Vienna have been taken over exclusively for their use.

Enormous public buildings house their army headquarters and their soldiers are to be seen in the streets.

Before leaving America I secured a "gray card" which permitted me to travel through the Russian Zone from Vienna to Linz. As we started our journey on a bright Sunday morning (yesterday) I was a bit nervous. It would have been much better to have been preaching somewhere in Georgia with dinner on the ground following. We drove a short distance from Vienna where we reached the American "check point." The American soldiers, took down our names, car number, etc., and bade us go on our way. Soon tall Russian soldiers could be seen mingling with the Sunday crowds. Tall and, I must say, fierce looking Russian officers with their long military gray coats were strolling in the sunshine. Every few miles we would pass very large military camps. Returning last night, we saw several large red stars shining in the night time. Even the darkness tells you of their presence. But nothing happened to mar our journey. It is only fair to say that when I was back safe in the American Zone I felt better.

This is already too long but I feel sure our Methodist people at home are interested in how the battle goes over here. There is much to gladden one's heart. The quality of sacrificial devotion these European Methodists exhibit in daily living is proof of the fact that the Grace of God is in their hearts. Vienna is trying to rebuild itself but there are innumerable scars of war still in evidence. The Austria of Marie Theresa and Franz Joseph is dead. Maybe a new Austria is being born but if so it is with great and agonizing struggle. The President of the Nation graciously received me last Thursday. He is a strong and kindly old man, much beloved by the Austrian people. He wished me well in my work and I certainly pray God's blessings to rest upon him and his sorely tried people.

"Give Of Thy Sons And Daughters"

By E. Harold Mohn

The air-waves carry America to every corner of the globe. Korea has heard the hit song from the states, "Honey, I don't want your presents, but it's you I want, just you."

There never was a time when this mighty little country so greatly needed the giver with his gift. "Chosen, the Hermit Nation" of a half century ago, has become the most prominent country in the world, the pivot of the Orient. It is possible that the destiny of the present generation is being forged on this tiny peninsula of twenty-seven million souls.

One has to see Korea to believe it and then it is beyond most westerners to understand. Within a city block of Inchon, where MacArthur made the surprise landing, there are 10,000 refugees living in unlivable hovels. There are 140,000 more in the remainder of the city. Thousands of them are Christians from church homes both north and south. They and their broken families are all that is left of destroyed homes below the thirty-eighth parallel or they are persons who escaped the destroyer above it.

It is the same story in Pusan, Taejon, Taegu, Seoul and other cities. At least three million people are refugees in South Korea to add to the burdens of their impoverished twenty million brethren. With all that Christian love and charity can do, survival of these masses is a daily miracle. Every human need in the catalogue is maximum; physical and spiritual. Yet this people is determined, courageous, hopeful, fearless and full of faith in the future if given half a chance. The Christian Church is having its second chance in Japan. In Korea it has the greatest chance of the present generation.

Old Religions Dead

Taejon is the city near which General William F. Dean was captured by the Reds. Our First Methodist Church there was burned. Today the congregation worships and conducts Sunday school and a rescue home for little orphans in the abandoned Buddhist Temple.

On the very spot above the City of Seoul where the Japanese erected a statue and altar during the "occupation" when

Koreans were compelled to bow in reverence to the Emperor, there stands a temporary Methodist church. Subsequently the invading communists burned the church at the foot of the hill. Shinto altar and statue, now in ruins, will serve as foundation stones for the new Methodist church as soon as the money is available. Hundreds of Christians live in the neighborhood.

The Christian Church in Korea has no serious competitor in the religious field. Even pagan secularism does not vie for supremacy in this land of suffering and material need. These ultra-democratic people know Communism for all that it is not. They want freedom and independence; they want education and a Christian culture; they want just help enough to put them on their own feet and then a chance to play their part in the world's struggle for a better way of life. They will settle for nothing less.

Personnel Needed

What is required to help lift Korea to its feet? Millions of dollars, of course. But most of all Korea needs "you, just you."

Two years ago General John R. Hodge addressed an assembly of officers and enlisted men. One of our prominent mis-

sionaries, listening from back stage, heard the general say to these battle hardened men that if it had not been for the work of Christian missionaries during the last forty-five years, our work with the Korean Government could not have succeeded so well.

Yet the facts are startling. In 1940 there were 118 Methodist missionaries in this country. In 1950 the number had dropped 56. Last October 8, I met with our missionaries at a semi-annual meeting in Pusan. All were present, except one who was ill in the hospital. I counted just 26.

Bishop H. J. Lew, of Seoul, informed me that since March of this year, 40 new Methodist churches have been started in South Korea. He added, "If we had the personnel and the money we could start 200 new churches annually." Evangelism is moving across Korea, especially in the rural sections where 80% of the population live.

In the cities youth clamor for enrollment in Christian schools and thousands must be refused. Practically every educational building was demolished or seriously damaged. Once we sent four Methodist missionary teachers to the interdenominational Chosen Christian University. Today there are none. Dr. George Paik is Presi-

dent. Until recently Minister of Education, he is regarded as one of the greatest intellects in Korea. He laid his heart bare about Korea's need for increased personnel for Christian leadership in this land of rare opportunity for Christ and His Church. Korea needs the church's dollars, millions more than we have given. But most of all, this bright hope for the future of Christendom needs the church's sons and daughters.

Korea needs "you, just you"! The handful of 27 missionaries are competent and consecrated beyond description. They need helpers. Christ in Korea needs recruits, volunteers for Christian service.

Illustrations could be multiplied a thousand fold. The next time you announce hymn 475 in **The Methodist Hymnal** to be sung on Sunday morning or at any other church meeting, ask the people to begin their singing with the fourth stanza. Then have them repeat that stanza four times.

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;

Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;

Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;

O Zion, haste to bring the brighter day."

ABOUT TWO BIBLICAL QUOTATIONS

By Beate C. Berwin

Ever since words of the Scriptures have become a common property of men, they have been distorted, applied in an incongruous way, or arbitrarily cut off from their context. Frequently people cite Biblical sayings to justify their personal opinions and show thereby their own incompetence. Among the numerous quotations used for such a purpose, there is one transmitted by St. Matthew as a saying of Christ:

"He that is not with me is against me" (St. Matthew 12, 30). A strange word in the mouth of Christ! Has it actually been said with this uncompromising rigidity by the lenient Son of man. Let us look more closely at it; let us compare this word with an apparently corresponding one conveyed by St. Mark who, repeating the words of Christ, says: "For he that is not against us is on our part" (St. Mark 9, 40). This doubtlessly more genuine citation sounds somewhat similar to that of St. Matthew, but if we listen carefully, it reveals a totally different meaning. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

According to St. Mark, Jesus spoke these words on the following occasion: His disciple John told him that a certain man who did not belong to the followers of Jesus had cast out devils in the name of the master and that the disciples had forbidden him to do such a thing because he was not one of them. Jesus answered: "Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part."

What Jesus Wanted to Say

It seems clear what Jesus wanted to say, namely: He who does a good deed—that means, he who acts in my name—cannot be, whoever he is, our adversary. He rather belongs to us, even if he does not belong to the group of my disciples. For he does his part in the community of the good ones, to those who want to realize the kingdom of God on earth.

And now to St. Matthew. He reports that Jesus had healed a man "possessed with a devil, blind and dumb;" that the Pharisees reproached Jesus thereupon that he cast out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils; that Jesus refuted this accusation by demonstrating that it is untenable because good and evil—or God and the devil—are incompatible. In this connection, St. Matthew lets Jesus say: "He that is not with me is against me." This word expresses nothing but that good and evil, God and the devil exclude each other like light and darkness. It does not say anything implying an incompatibility of the Christian view with the view of anyone who holds a heterodox opinion. It does not at all further intolerance. St. Matthew would have been more Christian than Christ himself if he would have promoted such an attitude. I think, the sole aim of St. Matthew was to pass on the deeds and words of the Master as impressively as possible. Therefore he intensifies his report; it is not enough to him that Jesus heals a possessed man, he lets the sick man be blind and dumb. For the enthusiastic adherent the word that all non-enemies of Christ are His friends is too meek; therefore he transforms it and carries it too far. For he is only interested in the question of the being or not being of the good. So his decision is hard and unbending. There is the mere alternative: either good or evil, and only in this respect the word "he that is not with me is against me" can be understood. Detached from its context, it becomes entirely misleading. Then we hear, instead of Christian tolerance and mildness, implacable hardness. Blessed unity becomes hostile separation of fellowmen.

According to the word transmitted by St. Mark, we see a world-embracing community of men of good will which is not chained by any dogma and not separated by any dogma. A brotherhood of peacelovers, the children of God, men with pure hearts.

The concept of "not being against us"

is infinitely richer and more fruitful than the concept of the "being for me." The distinction between "us" and "me" is characteristic. The "not being against us" implies a consideration of the diversity of men and of all human concerns without speaking the word for a cold individualism. For all diversity rests in God, the essence of all goodness, toward whom we are tending. This goal is the eternal task of mankind. For the sake of this task we have to give up any enmity which is founded upon "not being with me." We must not forget that Jesus himself sat at the same table with the publicans and sinners (St. Mark 2, 16). God's goodness extends beyond human measure and leads us to the conviction expressed by the apostle Paul: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8, 31)

A Divine Influence

After all, it seems strange and yet only too humanlike that in the use of the language the deep and pious word "He that is not against us is on our part" had to give way to the misunderstood and therefore narrow and impious sentence "He that is not with me is against me." And not only in the usage of the language! The history of mankind shows us that the misinterpreted word of St. Matthew was again and again put into practice though it always proved to be faulty. It ruled and rules because it conforms to the average selfish nature of man. In the history of Christianity it tried to realize itself through crusades, inquisition, and similar forms of intolerance. In vain it tried and still tries to realize itself through war.

It is high time that we put away that misleading hostile flag and write the word of St. Mark on a new banner. For the future community of men—upon which we set our hope and our hearts—shall not deal with enemies but with friends who will strive to realize the kingdom of God on earth in universal brotherhood and unity!

Junaluska 1954 Program Opens June 1; Urge Unification, Long Range Strategy at Top

JUNALUSKA TRUSTEES MAP PLANS

Further steps toward the erection of two new buildings at the Lake Junaluska summer assembly were taken in Atlanta November 10 by the board of trustees.

A proposal to locate a \$50,000 archives building at the lake—to serve also as American headquarters of the World Methodist Council—was referred to a committee for consultation with the church's southeastern College of Bishops.

The trustees also voted to explore the possibility of building a modern youth center for high school and college-age visitors, employees and residents. Sam Banks, Lakeland, Fla., chairman of a special committee on youth work and recreation, and Hugh Massie, Waynesville, chairman of the board's building and grounds committee, were asked to investigate plans and costs of such a center. A new children's building was opened at the lake last July.

Walter Richard, Atlanta, is chairman of the archives building committee. He and Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the assembly board who presided at the annual meeting, were delegated to confer with the southeastern bishops when the churchwide Council of Bishops meets December 8-11 at St. Simons Island, Ga.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, reported to the board on the proposed archives building. He said the building is to be financed by private subscriptions and will serve as the official depository for historical records and materials of the church and as the office of the World Methodist Council's American section. Dr. Clark is secretary of the council, a federation of Methodist communions in 75 countries.

Rev. James W. Fowler, Jr., formerly of Forest City, was confirmed by the board as the assembly's new superintendent, and elected treasurer. He was elected to the superintendency in September by the board's executive committee and appointed by Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte, vice chairman of the board.

Mr. Fowler outlined plans for the operation of the assembly, "dedicated to Christian education, fellowship, spiritual guidance and recreation at every point." Waynesville and Hazelwood are cooperating fully in a project to correct the problem of sewerage disposal which led to the closing of the lake last summer for swimming. He said that new equipment will enable the sewer lines to be eliminated. He said he believed the lake will be approved for swimming next summer.

Rear Admiral (retired) W. N. Thomas, former chief of navy chaplains and a lake resident, was re-elected dean of Memorial Chapel. The board paid tribute to him for his four years of volunteer service. Dr. W. F. Quillian of Atlanta, summer resident, was elected associate dean.

Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta, was presented to the board as the new program director of the assembly. He is executive secretary of Methodism's southeastern jurisdictional council.

He outlined a plan calling for sponsorship of \$5,000 "rooms of recognition" in the new wing of Lambuth Inn. He said that Methodist districts and episcopal areas are being asked to finance the rooms, to be named for bishops and other church leaders. Acceptances have been received already from the Statesville, N. C., and Savannah, Ga., districts,

and the Florida and Mississippi areas.

The board adopted an annual budget of \$116,940, approximately the same for the fiscal year just ended.

The 1954 Program

Lake Junaluska's 1954 season will open June 1, and run through September 15, Superintendent Fowler announced.

The summer agenda of conferences, training schools, leadership workshops and special events will start with the traditional "Haywood County Day" on June 6.

College students of 12 states are scheduled to meet at the lake June 16-18 under the auspices of the Methodist Student Movement. A series of Western North Carolina youth assemblies is set for June 17-July 3. A southeastern youth conference is planned for July 22-29.

Methodist women have scheduled three meetings. Annual sessions of the W.N.C. Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild are to be held June 16-20, followed by a nine-state conference of the WSCS and WSG July 2-4, and the groups' annual missions conference, July 15-21.

An eminent British churchman, Dr. W. E. Sangster, has been engaged to preach during the annual Candler camp meeting, August 8-15. A second British clergyman of wide renown, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, is tentatively booked for a sermon series June 21-27.

Other program highlights will include a Bible conference June 27-July 3, a missionary conference July 15-21, a town and country conference July 21-26, a conference of pastors and district superintendents July 26-30, an institute for superintendents and house parents of Methodist children's homes August 8-13, a leadership school for Sunday school workers August 2-13, a conference of local church chairmen of missions' commissions August 16-8, a South-wide laymen's conference August 19-22, a conference on urban church life, August 16-19, a convocation of supply pastors August 22-29, and a laymen's spiritual life retreat September 3-5.

Music concerts are to be scheduled throughout the summer as Saturday night features, and the annual music week set for August 2-7, under the supervision of Prof. Cyrus Daniel, director of music at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Clark was named chairman of special Fourth of July program to center around the dedication of Memorial Chapel and its new "Room of Memory" in honor of southeastern Methodists who served in World War II.

Methodists of the southeastern jurisdiction and general board officials who are planning programs next summer at Junaluska are requested to send full details to Mr. Sells, 63 Auburn Ave., Atlanta 3, Ga., before January 15, the board stipulated.

Any questions or suggestions concerning the 1954 summer program also should be addressed to him.

Information desired about real estate building facilities and accommodations at the assembly grounds should be directed to Superintendent Fowler at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

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COMMITTEE TO STUDY LONG RANGE PLANNING

Looking toward The Methodist Church's 1956 General Conference, a committee has been named to draft a petition calling for:

1. Unification of numerous general services of the church at the top level.
2. Studies designed to produce a long range strategy and general program of the church—exceeding the customary four-year emphasis.

The action, reminiscent of the Survey Committee's report to the 1952 General Conference, was taken November 14 in Cincinnati by the joint commission of presidents and executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education. They met in conjunction with the biennial national Methodist conference on Christian education.

The group named Rev. Alva I. Cox, Akron, Ohio, chairman of a committee to draft the proposed memorial to General Conference.

Other members are: Rev. Elwin H. Schreyer, Seattle; Rev. Robert E. Hayes, Houston, Tex.; Rev. Donald E. Redmond, San Antonio, and Rev. Malcolm V. Musina, Williamsport, Pa.

THE NEW JONESBORO HEIGHTS, SANFORD, PARSONAGE



For several months now Rev. W. J. Neese and family have occupied the lovely new parsonage of Jonesboro Heights, Sanford. Begun in 1952 during the pastorate of Rev. T. M. Vick, the commodious structure is modern in every

respect. The building committee was composed of Mrs. Russell Mann, John B. Lipscomb, L. P. Cox, L. L. Thomas, Miss Flora Wyche, Mrs. W. R. Hartness and Sam Womble.

To Make Education More Person-Minded; Peace Group Hold Annual Meet

EDUCATORS STUDY THEIR JOBS IN CINCINNATI MEET

The tenth session of The Methodist Church's national conference on Christian education, held November 11-15 in Cincinnati, might well have been called a conference on "human relations."

The program planners, seeking to be different, made the conference a laboratory so that the 600 delegates could probe and test almost every aspect of personal and group relations among people and with God.

The natural conclusion was: to be effective, Christian education, like other teaching-learning sciences, must be personal even in mass situations. The student Christian, regardless of age, must experience the individuality of "my God" as well as rejoice in the communion of "our God."

This was not a new educational technique. Jesus was a master of it. But the delegates seemed to grasp a new significance in the "you-centered" approach.

"Jesus met people where they were and so must we," said Rev. Gerald B. Harvey, Los Angeles, president of the biennial conference.

The local church must provide its members a "real sense of belonging if it is to satisfy a normal hunger," said Dr. Ross Snyder of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

He was one of three educational experts who teamed with Dr. Harvey to shape the program into a creative experience. Others were Dr. Paul Maves, Drew University, and Dr. Warren H. Schmidt of the Adult Education Association, U.S.A.

When a Christian comes out of a church he should feel like exclaiming "Egad, this is really what I belong to!" Dr. Snyder said in contrasting churchmanship and membership in a social club.

"Beliefs in themselves are not enough . . . effective Christian education is 10 to 25 per cent information and the rest is healthy imagination," said Rev. Oscar C. Plumb, Buffalo, N. Y., keynote speaker who gave the addresses.

For the most part delegates comprised "professionals" in the field of religious education—presidents and executive secretaries of annual conference boards of education; conference and area directors of adult, youth and children's work; director's of Christian education; college and seminary teachers; staff members of the General Board of Education and other agencies.

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WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT LUNCHEON HONORS NEW PASTORS

Ministers and their families of the Waynesville District serving in the district for the first year were honored recently at a luncheon and program in the fellowship hall of the Bryson City Methodist Church. The luncheon was served by the ladies of this church and hosts were ministers who have been serving in the district prior to this year.

Mrs. I. L. Roberts of Canton, president of the Waynesville District Ministers' Wives, presided at the luncheon, at which all the new families were introduced. Mrs. P. F. Snider of Cherokee led the group in an interesting program, which featured the telling of humorous incidents relating to parsonage families.

Chaplain (Admiral) W. N. Thomas of

Lake Junaluska climaxed the program by reading a humorous tribute to ministers' wives.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP GARBER

During the past year a number of our preachers have sent me each week their Sunday bulletins and their Newsletters. I have deeply appreciated this action and I have read the bulletins with much interest and inspiration. In reading these bulletins I feel that I understand better the problems of the local congregations and can join with them in absentia in their worship services and in their plans and programs.

I would be very happy to receive the Sunday bulletins and Newsletters from all our congregations in our North Carolina Annual Conference. I would consider it a real privilege to follow each week through the bulletins the program of each of our Methodist congregations in the North Carolina Annual Conference. I would be happy to be placed on the mailing list of each congregation.

Fraternally,

Paul N. Garber

BOARD OF WORLD PEACE SEES U.N. AT FIRST HAND

New York, home of the United Nations, was fittingly made the meeting place of the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church, November 17-19.

Christ Church, of which the president of the board, Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, is minister, entertained this 1953 annual session.

First hand contact with the United Nations in operation both in its own buildings and in the offices of the U.S. Mission to the U.N. consumed several periods of the three days.

A high spot was a dinner which board members attended at Christ Church addressed by the Hon. V. K. Krishna Menon, delegate of India to the U.N. The evening was planned by the Christ Church committee on the U.N. which carries out an active program of hospi-

talities particularly toward younger members of the U.N. staff of the member nations.

Appreciation for the interest which Mr. John Foster Dulles, as Secretary of State, is taking in the strengthening of the U.N. was voiced by the board. "It is heartening to have a public official in his place of leadership take this stand expressing strong belief in the cooperative adventure of the nations toward a better world order," the resolution read.

Similar gratitude was expressed to the Secretary General of the U.N. for providing opportunities for organizations to learn about its functioning and to confer with its representatives.

"Church groups have a conscience concerning the direction in which civilization is moving," Dr. Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to the U.N.'s Secretary General, told the Methodist peace board in a lengthy conference. "This gives them a natural interest in the U. N."

"Loud but not strong," was the way Mrs. Jeanne Singer appraised the anti-U.N. movement. Representing the U.S. Mission to the U.N., of which she is a staff member, Mrs. Singer deplored, with the board members, the incomplete picture the public obtains of the scope and operations of this world organization. "The press tends to be mainly interested in the conflicts of the U.N. rather than its constructive accomplishments," she said. "It is at this point the non-governmental organizations can be of much help."

MOTHER OF DR. EUGENE C. FEW PASSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mrs. I. Pierce Few, 81, mother of Dr. Eugene C. Few, pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro, died November 26 at her home in Greer, S. C., following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at Greer November 28.

Survivors, in addition to Dr. Few, include her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Rachel Smith of Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Frances Edwards of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. O. W. Pipkins of Lancaster, S. C. and Mrs. Alfred H. Paddison of Smithfield; five other sons, B. F. Few of New York, William T. Few of Travelers Rest, S. C., James P. Few of Greer, S. C., Marion L. Few of Kingstree, S. C. and Joseph A. Few of Anderson, S. C.

When the Tabernacle church of Black Mountain celebrated recently its 140th anniversary as an organized Methodist church—the oldest church west of the Smoky Mountains—the four oldest members were honored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The four have a combined record of 231 years of Christian service. They are, left to right: Mrs. Ella Byrd, member for 57 years; Mrs. J. J. York, member for 67 years; Mrs. Mary Ingram, member for 54 years; and Mrs. Mary Jones, member for 57 years. Mrs. Percy Justus, who stands back of



the group, presented the lovely corsages the group is wearing.

DUKE PRESS RELEASES NEW BOOK ON PROTESTANT MUSIC

Musical traditions of each of the major religious denominations enrich the church, Robert M. Stevenson declares in a new book published recently by the Duke University Press.

The book, "Patterns of Protestant Church Music," was written primarily for church musicians, pastors and other religious leaders charged with promoting denominational interest. The book traces the differing musical traditions that have grown up in the various denominations.

Much space is devoted to hymns and to textual problems that confronted such hymnists as Watts and the Wesleys.

"Certainly hymns because of their first place in any order of Protestant worship deserve extensive treatment in any history of Protestant music," Stevenson says.

In evaluating the importance of religious music, he points out, "Luther proclaimed as did no other religious leader of his century the value of music in church life. Music in his scale of values ranked second only to theology itself."

CLYDE CHURCH RECIPIENTS OF SEVERAL FINE GIFTS

Members and interested friends of Central Methodist Church, Clyde, have presented a number of gifts to the church to be used in the sanctuary.

A lovely altar set, consisting of brass cross, candlesticks, vases and a communion table runner were gifts of Mr. and Mrs. John Stamey.

Five brass offering plates were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Price, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Corzine, Mrs. Howard Shook and Sharon Shook, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Belcher and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haynes.

A maroon Bible bookmark was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Matthews and family.

A large illuminated picture, the "Head Of Christ" by Salmann, will be hung in the sanctuary behind the pulpit as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rogers.

A brass baptismal bowl to match the altar set was given by Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Chambers.

To add beauty to the communion service, a large high polished aluminum communion service was presented by Mrs. Mark Leatherwood.

One gift will be presented a Sunday until each has been dedicated to the service of God.

OUR FRONT COVER PAGE

Many loyal Methodist families, like the P. A. Martin family of High Point, will sign the Family Covenant card on Sunday, December 6, pledging the entire family to abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. On our front cover page Mr. Martin is seen signing for the family, while Mrs. Martin, Vernon—who is 18 and a senior in high school—and Wanda—who is 14 and in junior high school—look on. Another son, Bobby, is a student in High Point College. The Martins have been active members of Ward Street church, High Point, for many years.

News in Brief

REV. AND MRS. HOWARD C. WILKINSON of Lexington announce the birth on November 21 of a daughter, Barbara Gail.

DR. DENNIS H. COOKE, president of High Point College, was the Laymen's Day speaker at Central church, Concord, on Sunday, November 22.

ASBURY CHURCH in the Gastonia District received \$1,276 on Sunday, November 22, as members of the congregation marched to the altar to make a thank offering to apply on the church building debt. One of the loveliest church buildings in the area, the building was completed last March. The new structure contains a sanctuary that will seat 450, fourteen Sunday school rooms, a full basement and an assembly hall. Last year Laboratory church on the same charge had a renovation and remodeling program costing \$8,000. This congregation has made a thank offering amounting to \$400. Rev. N. L. Oliver is pastor of these two progressive congregations.

DR. JOHN R. CHURCH, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, conducted a revival meeting at South Bluff Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, November 8-22. The singing for the meeting was led by Rev. E. Clay Milby of Valdosta, Georgia. Many were converted and a great number received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. On the final Sunday morning the entire floor of the church was filled with people pledging to tithe. Thirteen were added to the membership of the church. "Dr. Church is truly one of the great evangelists of Methodism and I heartily recommend him to any church desiring a real revival," writes the pastor, Rev. Lowell O. Ryan.



WALTER F. ANDERSON, above, of Raleigh has been appointed director of camp activities and associate secretary of church extension for the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Anderson's first task is to promote the Christmas offering for the Methodist church in Jacksonville. He will work with Rev. T. A. Collins, executive secretary of church extension for the North Carolina Conference, in an effort to establish churches in unchurched areas of the conference. Mr. Anderson has been in law enforcement work for the past 28 years. In 1925 he entered police work in Winston-Salem and became police chief of that city in 1935. In 1942 he resigned to accept a similar position in Charlotte where he remained until 1946 when he became director of the State Bureau of Investigation. In 1951 he was appointed director of prisons for North Carolina and served in that capacity until last August. A member of Edenton Street church, Raleigh, Mr. Anderson is one of the most active laymen in North Carolina Methodism. He has been called upon for numerous speaking engagements throughout the state.

REV. AND MRS. P. F. NEWTON were honored recently with a reception given in the educational building by the women of the Whiteville Methodist Church. Many members and friends called during the evening.

REV. ROBERT H. STAMEY, president of Brevard College, will preach Sunday, December 6, at Marvin church in Union County at ten a.m. and at Harrison church near Pineville at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Stamey is a former pastor of both churches.

REV. J. T. FISHER of Shallotte was the visiting preacher recently in revival services at Mishop Springs church on the Waccamaw charge. There were 23 conversions and twelve additions to the church. Mr. Fisher is a former pastor of the church.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE Board of Education has announced plans for district rallies to be held in the seven districts early in March 1954. The theme for these rallies will be "Facing New Threats to Christian Freedom." Leading educators and ministers will lead forums using three topics, "Threats to Freedom of Religion," "Threats to Freedom of Thought," "Threats to Freedom of Choice."

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, author of the Sam Jones books and founder of the One-Day Revivals, has just returned from a circuit out West. His next circuit of One-Day, Week-end missions on the Grace of God will carry him through South Georgia and Southern Alabama into Florida, where he will spend the winter. His winter address is Sebring, Florida. His permanent address is 466 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

OPEN HOUSE was held on Sunday, November 15, at the Reidsville circuit parsonage. Around 200 members and friends of the Bethlehem, Lowes, Mt. Carmel, Salem and Wentworth churches called. The parsonage has recently undergone extensive redecoration, and improvements in the heating system. Joseph W. Lasley is the pastor, his appointment having become effective following the 1953 session of Western North Carolina Conference.

CHAPLAIN GEORGE F. HOOD is the first chaplain to receive assignment at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury. Chaplain Hood, who is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, was transferred from the VA hospital in Augusta, Ga. where he has been stationed for the past eight years. A native of Catawba County, Chaplain Hood entered service in the Veterans Hospital in 1945. He served for ten years as pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference prior to entering the army chaplaincy in 1941. Chaplain and Mrs. Hood, and their two children, live at 224 Heilig Avenue, Salisbury.

REV. MARK W. LAWRENCE, pastor of Queen Street church, Kinston, has been named conference missionary secretary, succeeding Rev. O. L. Hathaway, who was appointed superintendent of the Fayetteville District at the last session of the North Carolina Conference. A member of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference, Mr. Lawrence has had wide experience in the field of missions and church extension. Since he has been pastor of Queen Street church, Kinston, two new Methodist congregations have been organized in the city. Queen Street church last year was chosen by the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance as an outstanding charge of the year.



Youth In Action

in the North Carolina Conference



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The young people of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship extend heartfelt sympathy to Linda Leigh, conference Christian Faith chairman, on the death of her mother in an automobile accident Sunday. Linda and her father are both in serious condition in a Virginia hospital. Our prayers and thoughts are certainly with them.

Thanks for your cooperation so far in raising money for the Smith-Blackburn Fund. The goal of \$1000 may seem a long distance away, but, if we all get to work, we can reach it. Send your contributions—as a district, subdistrict, local MYF, or individual—to Miss Faye Corbett, 327 East Main, Clayton, or to the conference office.

Committees will be meeting soon to make definite plans for Louisburg and ACS. If you have suggestions for improvements, or comments on previous sessions, please let me know.

Assistants for the program area chairmen have been appointed. They are: Christian Faith: Margaret Beattie, Joy Burwell; Outreach: Martha Hester, John Thompson; Fellowship: Harriette Ratcliffe, Junior Winstead; Citizenship: Suzanna Latham, McGee Creech; Witness: Lloyd Bray, Jr., Sarah Hill.

The MYFund contributions have been coming in at a fairly rapid rate. I hope it continues. The perennial goal of \$10,000 has never been reached; maybe this is the year!

In closing, might I leave the words of the poet, who wrote, "Christ has no hands, but our hands . . ."

SPIRITUAL QUEST WEEK OBSERVED BY DURHAM METHODIST YOUTH

"Knowing and Sharing Christ" was the theme shared by the young people who attended the Youth Spiritual Quest Week at Duke Memorial church, Sunday, November 15, through Friday, November 20. Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, was the inspirational speaker during the week, which also featured fellowship, special music, witnessing, altar calls, and question and answer periods.

A picnic supper on Sunday night opened the series of services. Hundreds of youth attended the supper which was held in the church basement. There was an approximate attendance of 2,100 during the week. Much preparation was made for the week including: morning devotionals at local high schools, printed leaflets, and prayer groups which were held in the respective MYF's. Robert Pullman was general chairman of the special week's observance and Horace Mansfield is president of the sponsoring Durham Subdistrict.

Dr. Powell's messages were a great inspiration to his listeners. The purpose of the week, "To Save the Unsaved," was well fulfilled.—Ken Hall, Publicity Chairman, Durham Subdistrict.

PERSON COUNTY SUBDISTRICT

The Person County Subdistrict left their November meeting with a feeling of having accomplished something special.

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FELLOWSHIP HELPS WITH BUILDING FUND

Shown above are some of the members of the Long Memorial Church Fellowship in Roxboro who participated in a Rummage Sale to help the church in its building program. From left to right, Betsy Willson, Pat Satterfield, Clem Mewbourne, and Carolyn Nicks.

They had raised fifty-two dollars for the Smith-Blackburn Fund. In addition to the regular worship program, which was given by Carolyn Lloyd, there was a special ceremony to receive the sacrificial offering for the Smith-Blackburn Fund. This fund is to help support Ed Smith, who was once a member of the Person Subdistrict, and Lin Blackburn. In the ceremony, a representative from each Local Methodist Youth Fellowship presented the money collected in his group at the altar. Before a beautiful worship center, composed of a globe, a Cross, the Bible, and two candles, some twelve presidents made the offering from his respective group. Phyllis Singleton, of

Living

Do not live to make a living,
Rather live to make a life,
For the measure of succeeding
Is your service in the strife.
All that you leave behind you,
When your soul has crossed the bay,
Is the good you've done to others,
As you tarried by the way.

—Author Unknown

Roxboro, is president of the Person County Subdistrict.—Buddy Gentry, Publicity Chairman.

CASWELL SUBDISTRICT FELLOWSHIP TEAM

The Caswell Subdistrict, Jim Long, president, has adopted an excellent system of using fellowship teams within their own area. The team is open to invitations from interested churches for two Sundays in succession. The first meeting is set aside to talk about the Methodist Youth Fellowship and the second is a workshop in the afternoon to discuss organization, setting up program areas, and installing new officers. The work of this team began at Semora on November 1, and they hope to visit all fourteen churches in the county at the rate of one each month. Those interested in this fellowship team idea can get information from the conference youth director.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

One of the quadrennial emphases for youth in The Methodist Church is the New Year's Eve Watch Night Service. We hope that this December 31st, every local church or charge throughout the North Carolina Conference will be participating in a Service of Watch when the old year leaves and the new one begins. In the struggling world in which we live and which ever challenges us as young people, it is only fitting that we start a new year with God.

Your service can begin at any time that you choose. Some subdistricts and local churches have scheduled an entire night of fellowship and worship, beginning around 8:30 or thereabouts and lasting through mid-night. Last year's issue of "It" contains some excellent suggestions on how to schedule your night, so that youth and older persons alike will enjoy the fellowship and benefit from the service.

There has been prepared a special Worship and Communion Service for Watch Night for our Methodist church. We have an abundant supply at the conference office for those who would like a copy or copies. Any other suggestions concerning your watch night in your local churches will be appreciated so that it can be passed on to other churches. If you need help in planning, don't hesitate to contact the director of youth work at 6667 College Station, Durham.

NEW BERN SUBDISTRICT

Mary Jac Stevenson, president of the New Bern Subdistrict, sends the following calendar for her subdistrict:

Nov. 9—Personal Conduct
Dec. 14—"That We May Know Peace" (Drama)
Jan. 11—Dr. Babbington-Johnson, speaker
Feb. 8—Peace and War
Mar. 8—Vocations
Apr. 12—"Challenge of the Cross" (Drama)
May 10—Methodism
June 14—The Bible
July 12—The Home

Congratulations are in order to this group for such excellent long-range planning.

DOES YOUTH IN ACTION OWE YOU MONEY

Horace Mansfield has been getting refunds to all subscribers of the old "Youth In Action," but several dollars have been returned because of insufficient mailing address. If you have a claim, please register it immediately with the youth director and your dollar will be sent.

Mrs. Reed Gives Timely Suggestions for A Happy, Christian Celebration of Christmas

By Edith Willis Reed

Christmas is a time for children. Christ came as a tiny baby, cradled in a manger.

Christmas is a time for giving. Do we offer children opportunities to give? The need of the world is a challenge to children. Whenever children are given a chance to decide, they always decide to give up the traditional treat so that the money may be used for children who otherwise would have no Christmas joys. It is the adult who votes for treats. Let us not deny to children the joy of giving; the joy of making things for those whom they love or for those who need; the fun of planning, and choosing, and wrapping packages.

Christmas is a time to remember to write some notes to people whom you can help to have a happy Christmas; remember persons who may be lonely, and say to them, "I wish you a pleasant Christmas."

Christmas is a time of beauty, mystery and wonder—a quiet stable, the smell of clean, fresh hay, the stillness of night, a baby, shepherds, a bright light, wise men bringing gifts, yes, Christmas is a time to remember Jesus. It is His birthday that we celebrate. Let us remember this as we plan.

Christmas is a time of hallowed memories. It is a time for associations with familiar, beloved objects and customs. Every year some of the same old stories should be read, the old songs sung, old customs kept alive. The two Bible stories, Luke 2: 8-20, and Matthew 2: 1-11 should be read many times in family groups.

The Meaning of Flowers

Holly has always seemed to be a living part of the Holy Season. To the early Christians the tree was a symbol of the love of God that filled the heart of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Mistletoe wreaths were hung upon the altar at Christmas-time for many centuries after the birth of Jesus as an emblem of his healing power. In those early days the Christians stood under a wreath of mistletoe to give each others the sacred kiss of peace and goodwill.

The poinsettia is called "the American Christmas flower," because at Christmas time the flowers bloom with such joyous abandon.

Among folk legends there is one that tells how the snow-covered trees bloomed afresh on the night of Jesus' birth. One tells that the Christmas rose "blossomed fair" in the dead of winter.

Suggestions for Families at Christmas

Plan for happy times together. Sing carols, plan surprises for other persons, read stories of Christmas from such books as: This Way to Christmas—Sawyer; A Christmas Carol—Dickens; A Tree for Peter—Seredy; Christmas Everywhere—SeaChrist; Snow Over Bethlehem—Milhaus; The Family Celebrates Christmas—Carl; The Twelve Days of Christmas—Karasz; The Animals' Christmas—Eaton.

Make Things Together

Make decorations for the Christmas tree, make cookies, candy, gifts, Christmas cards. The Church School literature gives helpful suggestions.

Enjoy Records of Christmas Music Together

Some records: Christmas Hymns and Carols, RCA-Victor; Christmas Carols of

Many Lands, RCA-Victor; Famous Vienna Boys' Choir, The Messiah, Victor No. 11825, and No. 7316; An Album of 4 records, Christmas Carols, Columbia-C 94.

Worship Together

Use worship helps found in the Church School literature. Set up a worship corner, use a manger scene. Worship on Christmas Eve. Read stories of Jesus' birth from the Bible.

Share With Children in Other Parts of the World

Contributions to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will be used to purchase food, medicine, warm clothing, vitamins and other necessities of life. All contributions for relief should be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

Clean used clothing in good condition is still needed in many countries. Warm clothing is greatly needed in Japan. Such gifts may be sent to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland.

Children may desire to share with their own church-supported missionary.

Watch Christmas programs on television together—Listen to radio broadcasts together: Bell Telephone Hour, Firestone Hour; The Messiah; Church choirs.

Attend a church service together.

Suggestions for Churches at Christmas

Sponsor a family workshop: toys may be reconditioned for children who would not otherwise have much of a Christmas. Clothes may be neatly mended, buttons sewed on, or simple garments made. These will be welcome gifts for needy families.

Children may attend the workshop as well as adults. They may be taught to make simple gifts for their own families, as well as for persons in need.

Have a Cooking Party

A cookie baking project would be pleasing to the boys and girls. Cookies could be made, cut with Christmas cutters, decorated with bits of orange peel, spices, candies, then packed in tin boxes, and given to persons chosen by the boys and girls.

A Family Supper

This may be planned early in December. After supper stories, poetry, and carols may be enjoyed. Parents may be given copies of the carols and poems used so they may be used again in the home.

Send Worship Materials to Homes

The churches that want to buy worship aids may secure: "Christmas Worship in the Home," a four page folder of suggestions for family worship. Order from The Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, \$2.00 per hundred.

Church school teachers may remind parents of Scripture, songs, stories, poems and pictures in the church school literature, which may be used for home worship.

Vesper Service

On the Sunday afternoon before Christmas, a lovely Vesper Service may be planned with the singing of carols and the reading of the Christmas story from

the Bible. "Living Pictures," illustrating Christmas Masterpieces may be posed by older boys and girls, with a spotlight frame.

The Church May Select Helpful Books

For Nursery:

Jesus, the Little New Baby—Lloyd \$1.00

A home made cloth book with about six pictures of Jesus, the man, the boy, the baby. Use a pretty shade of blue solid cloth, pink edges, sew together on machine.

For Kindergarten:

Jesus, Friend of Little Children—Chalmers, 75 cents

Prayers for Little Children—Jones 25 cents

A Child's Grace—Bannister, \$2.00

For Primary:

Children's Prayers for Every Day—Moore, \$1.00

Small Rain—Jones, \$2.00

Tell Me About the Bible—Jones, \$1.50

Tell Be About Jesus—Jones, \$1.50

Tell Me About God—Jones, \$1.50

For Junior Boys and Girls:

My Own Book of Prayer—Jones, 25 cents

The Beggar Boy of Galilee—Sawyer
The Bible Story for Boys and Girls—Old Testament

The Bible Story for Boys and Girls—New Testament (Each \$2.50 by Bowie)

Perilous Voyage—Ball, \$1.75

Christmas Tree Decorations from Many Lands

In some countries the children make cornucopias which are sometimes filled with candies and nuts. Often a Bible picture or scene is placed in the open and one on the outside. These pictures may be drawn free hand also.

In Italy children thread cuts of macaroni between squares 2" by 2" on each side of colored construction paper.

In many lands children trim their trees with paper chains, made from strips of construction paper of several colors with links made by pasting the end of the strips together interlocking them as the pasting is done.

In Poland children make Christmas tree decorations by following an ancient custom of paper cutting. All sorts of designs are cut from one color paper and pasted on a sheet of another color. A string is attached for hanging on the tree. Many designs are like our paper snowflakes. To make a snowflake, a square of paper is folded with top edge to bottom edge, then folded once more to make a small square (side to side fold). Then a diagonal fold is made and all sorts of simple designs may be made by cutting different patterns along the fold lines or the outside lines.

Christmas

On the first glad Christmas night
Good tidings came of love and light.
This joyous and Holy date
In many ways we celebrate—
Ringing bells in towers high,
Golden stars shining in the sky,
Frosty mistletoe o'er head,
The holly berries decked in red,
Sharing gifts and tinkling toys,
The joy of gay young girls and boys,
Jesus' love on every tongue,
Carols on lonely doorsteps sung.
Let every nation draw nigh,
And sing praise to Thee, Lord most High.
Let the world, with joyous song,
Bring peace to earth and shatter wrong.

Many Groups Study Missions; Executive Board Meets; Report from Bethlehem Center

OUR MISSION STUDIES

In spite of the commercial urgency to do our Christmas shopping early and the crowding out of a real Thanksgiving Day, not to mention a Thanksgiving season, many of our Societies and Guilds are turning aside from secular activities and studying at least two of the current study topics—"The Life and Task of the Church Around the World," and "Spanish Speaking Americans in the U.S.A."

Wesley Memorial church, High Point, had a profitable all day study of the former under the direction of Mrs. V. D. Sale, secretary of missionary education. Mrs. Harry Hendrick has conducted this study at Memorial church, Thomasville, for both the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Centenary, Winston-Salem, had the study of Spanish Speaking Americans in the form of a panel discussion with Mr. Chester Davis, popular newspaper man with the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, as moderator. This, too, was a revealing and thought provoking study.

The interest and enthusiasm which both studies have been received, however, is convincing proof that not enough time is given for either subject to be thoroughly discussed and digested and we strongly advise the jurisdiction study class, which gives six hours to the study of these and other subjects.

Also in the presentation of Spanish Speaking Americans it would be commendable if the needs among migrant workers and their families at our own doorsteps might be given more consideration. In presenting his report to the State Migrant Committee one of the workers said recently: "Some churches are diligent in sending missionaries to Africa to train, educate and give the gospel to the natives, but I recommend that they also send missionaries to the migrant camps in their own back yards."

The migrants in North Carolina are from Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico, as well as American Negroes and Indians, and they are found in large numbers in Pasquotank, Currituck and Camden Counties, which is referred to as the Elizabeth City area; a new camp near Aurora in Beaufort County; and near Hendersonville within the bounds of our own conference. Religious workers in these camps are supported by the N. C. Council of Churches, but the needs are innumerable. Many more workers are needed, better means of transportation for the workers, athletic equipment for baseball, volley ball and tennis particularly, and craft kits, sewing kits, games, literature for children, such as Bible pictures and Bible story books, Testaments, good hymnals, children's books; phonograph records, rhythm band instruments, song books. It is the dream of our N. C. Council to purchase a "Harvester," which is a station wagon furnished with a pulpit, song books, Bibles, portable organs, etc., for use when the workers have religious services sometimes in the fields where the people are working, for in many cases there are not even trees under which the meetings may be held. The Harvester is also equipped with movie equipment, games and some playground equipment.

Housing conditions in the Eastern area are extremely poor, many times with families of varying nationalities living in one room, and sleeping on hard benches, or the springs of old cots with ticks made

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of straw and corn husks. Because of poor housing the problems of health, sanitation, and immorality are innumerable. Some of these people, especially the Puerto Ricans, do not adjust readily and our religious workers have to gain their confidence before they can influence them. Much of the small wages are spent in drinking and gambling.

The housing conditions in the Hendersonville area are much better but there are many needs there, too. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Asheville District through its department of Christian Social Relations is helping to supply the needs, but they are too great for one district to undertake.

These are our Spanish Speaking Americans in North Carolina and as Christian women are a part of our obligation.

"A Migrant Mother's Prayer"

Lord, give us a house that's clean and neat,
And a refrigerator to keep our meat;
A small fenced yard with grass so green
With children playing, nice and clean.

A little house in town, dear Lord,
Where we may shop at a neighborhood store
And have close friends on either side
And never have to say goodbye.

A place where we'll be welcomed
By friends that we will make—
At church, at school, at play, dear Lord,
I pray for my children's sake.

Just a little house, dear Lord,
With pictures on the wall;
And help us grow in Christian love,
And happiness for all.

STUDY CLASS AT RONDA, WINSTON SALEM DISTRICT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service at Ronda held the first study course of the current year on October 26, with Mrs. J. W. Crawley, wife of the pastor, leading the study of "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

It is the established custom of the Elkin circuit that the Woman's Societies of all the churches on the charge meet together for their studies and each sponsor an approved study in turn. All women on the charge are urged to attend, whether members of the Woman's Society or not. At this meeting there was excellent representation from all the churches and in addition almost forty Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild members from First church, Elkin, were guests. The study began at 5:30 p.m., and paused midway for a fellowship supper.

As action following the study, the ladies agreed to sponsor a clothing drive in their respective churches for the benefit of the CROP program in that vicinity. The Rev. James W. Crawley, the district CROP supervisor, reported that already more

than 1400 pounds of good used clothing had been collected, with about 450 pounds of that amount being contributed by the women participating in the study.

This information was sent by Mrs. George Hill of the Ronda church.

SALISBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Salisbury District Executive Board of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Marshall Miller in Concord, November 10, with 17 members present. Mrs. W. J. Clayton, district vice president, gave the devotions and presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. D. Stentz.

Reports were given by the members, stressing plans for the future, followed by a general discussion of the work being done in the smaller societies. A tentative date was set for the annual district meeting and plans were made for a spiritual life Quiet Day during Lent. This will be under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Murph.

A film strip, "Our Widening Fellowship" was shown by Mrs. J. D. Stentz. Subdistrict chairmen will make this film available to every society during the coming months.

CHILDREN'S WORK

In a letter to district and local secretaries of children's work, our conference secretary, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, urged the use of the missionary studies in special sessions for the primary and junior children, and that the children be urged to bring special offerings for The Children's Fund. 40% of this fund goes to the treasurer of the Woman's Society, 40% is directed through the World Service Fund, and 20% is used in any way the children choose to use it, either locally or to some special person or project they are interested in.

WINSTON-SALEM BETHLEHEM CENTER

Mrs. Marion Wooten, head resident of our Winston-Salem Bethlehem Center, reports: "We received our supply check for \$300 and have purchased three dozen sheets. We will purchase three dozen more to make our supply adequate.

"Forty children enjoy our kindergarten program each morning and twenty happy little fellows play in the nursery. This gives us sixty children in our day care program. Many more are waiting to get in. Some parents are hard put to find acceptable places to leave their children while they work and long for a place with Christian influence and training.

"We have 20 Girl Scouts enjoying the Girl Scout program. We attended the Scout Rally and marched in the Homecoming parade of Winston-Salem Teacher's College.

"The Advisory Board bought a loom to replace one we had on loan from the Arts and Crafts Center. The Golden Agers have been weaving rugs all fall getting ready for their exhibit at the Fair. Can you imagine their pride when they won first prize?

"The parents were visited in their homes by the Advisory Board members and were entertained at the Center with a weiner roast. Our last purchase with coupons was a dish washer sink. We must plan for replacing several of our nursery beds, so please remember the coupons."

(Marion also says scraps of materials for doll clothes can be used, the Girl Scouts helping to make the doll clothes. They can also use scraps for quilts, which are very much needed.)

Holiday Activities Varied; Seniors Honored; Holt Speaks; Many in Recital

MANY ACTIVITIES DURING THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

School was out for the Thanksgiving holidays on Wednesday afternoon, and the activities began for a jam-packed weekend for our boys and girls.

Regular basketball practice for the varsity and junior varsity boys and girls took most of the afternoon. After supper the intramural basketball group got underway with their first practice session. Teams will be organized in the near future, and games will be played on the nights that the varsity plays away from home. As an added attraction the teams will get to play between halves of the home games. Also on this evening the Burwell girls entertained the Garriss boys with a party.

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, found our group going to Edenton Street church for the Thanksgiving worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Before the huge Thanksgiving meal, provided by the generous donation of Mr. W. H. Basnight of Ahoskie, the boys and girls and adults paused for a Thanksgiving devotion which included the singing of a hymn, a responsive reading telling of the purpose of giving special thanks at this season of the year, and prayers by the various groups. You should have heard the kindergarten group praying, "Thank you God; for everything." The primary and juniors gave their thanks too. Everyone joined in this prayer:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with hearts full of thanksgiving and praise for the many spiritual and material blessings which Thou hast given us. We humbly thank Thee for our home, our campus, our farm, our school, our church, our community, for friends and loved ones who care for our every need. For dedicated people who serve here and help us grow; for love each for the other, for the pardon of sin, for the opportunity to grow in grace, for Thy guiding hand in all our activities. Above all we praise Thee for the gift of Thine only Son Jesus Christ.

Then came the Thanksgiving meal. The turkeys and all the trimmings were furnished by our friends, Mr. W. H. Basnight, and the umm's and ah's could plainly be heard as the boys and girls tasted each delicious morsel. Thanks again, Mr. Basnight, for your thoughtfulness.

Thanksgiving afternoon found the group going to Brooks Recreation Center for a skating party, as the guests of Mr. Brooks. Much fun was had by all even if Mr. Barrett and other adults didn't know how to skate. We thank you, Mr. Brooks, for sharing your facilities with us.

Thursday night, those who wished to went to see the North Carolina State Varsity and Freshman Basketball game at the Coliseum, as guests of the North Carolina State College.

SENIORS SELECT SUPERLATIVES!

The senior class met on a Tuesday recently and selected the superlative members of their august group. Of course, everyone in the High School could hardly wait until our school newspaper was printed to find out the results of the voting.

Bruce Lamm, was named "Mr. M.O." and Doris Horne, "Miss M.O." Both are certainly outstanding, Bruce having been a member of our football team, and served as Captain, and Doris is our head

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cheerleader. Both of them display the poise that is so becoming in our Seniors.

Best Dressed seniors are Juanita Goins and Jack Price.

Wilbur Hardin was selected as the Best Looking and Eleanor Pierce the prettiest.

Most Athletic are Doris Horne and Jack Price. The friendliest is Jean Braswell, and most likely to succeed was our busy Annual Editor, Janet Best.

MUSIC STUDENTS GIVE FALL RECITAL

The music students gave a recital Thursday night, November 18. Also participating in the program were the third graders who danced a "Jump Jim Crow" dance; the girls quartette which rendered "Tranquility"; the boys' trio, singing "Cowboy Riding Along," and the boys' quartette who sang "Old Nicodemus."

Those taking part in the recital were: Ivan Perry, Billy Gibson, Delaina Dobson, Michael Nowell, Betty Jean Fannin, Janet Morris, Gail Jennings, Jean Willett, June Lee, Patricia Taylor, Joyce Johnson, Eleanor Pierce, and Donald Griffin.

In the girls' quartette were Barbara Strickland, Claudette King, Doris Horne and Annie Ruth Strickland.

The Boys' Quartette was composed of the following, L. B. Catlett, Bobby Braswell, Irvin Hasty, Danny Partin, Wade Salmon, Allen Keel, and Dickie Maultsby.

CHRISTMAS "KIDDIE" PARTY

Our children are already getting into the Christmas spirit, thanks to Ivey-Taylor Company. M. B. Thomas, manager, invited our children to the annual Christmas kiddie party, and furnished tickets for each child. On Friday morning, our children left the campus eagerly awaiting the time they would reach the Ambassador theatre. Each child received a Christmas carol book, a balloon, and a candy walking cane. The cartoons and comedies made them laugh with glee.

SATURDAY: MOVIE, CIRCUS, FOLK FESTIVAL

Saturday afternoon the boys and girls from the sixth grade up went to see "The Robe."

Saturday evening found the young ones going to the Boy Scout Circus, the first of its kind at the Coliseum. The Rotary and Exchange Clubs provided tickets.

The older boys and girls went to the N. C. Folk Festival which brought participants from all over the state. Regular church school and church, Intermediate MYF and Senior MYF and evening worship rounded out the weekend.

SENIOR MYF BOY-GIRL RELATIONS

Following up the chapel program of Rev. D. D. Holt mentioned elsewhere on this page, the Senior MYF planned a program on boy-girl relations, asking Mr. Hedden, Mrs. Presson, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Don Flammia and Rev. and Mrs. Troy Barrett to share experiences with the group and discuss such topics as: Puppy Love, Pet-

ting, Going Steady, The Choice of a Life's Partner and other questions.

EVENING SERVICE AT EDENTON STREET CHURCH

Following MYF those who wished boarded the bus and attended the evening service at Edenton Street church. Some several weeks ago Mr. Hedden and Mr. Barrett took a car load of the boys and girls to the evening service. Others asked to go. Another car was added. Now, there is one bus load that attends regularly and enjoys the fellowship and spiritual uplift that is received there.

REV. D. D. HOLT SPEAKS ON VOCATION AND BOY-GIRL RELATIONS

Asked to return by popular demand, Rev. D. D. Holt, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, spoke in our chapel on Tuesday, November 24.

In the afternoon, Mr. Holt spoke on vocation and a life's work combining humor and fact, to help the high school group see that this business of choosing a life's work is important and that college is essential. He said that we have a Methodist college for every need right here in our state, and thought that any boy or girl who wanted to pursue any course could do so with the backing of the school and the institution. He asked the group if they had thought about their vocation . . . many had . . . and made specific suggestions about these and other vocations.

In the evening Mr. Holt spoke on boy-girl relations and the choosing of a life's partner, the other most important choice in life. This time those from the fourth grade up attended and received information and challenge concerning matters of friendship, dating, courting and marriage.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT HAS BANQUET

The Senior Department of the Edenton Street Church School was entertained with a banquet and folk games recently as guests of P. D. Snipes, superintendent of the department. Mr. Snipes is also a trustee of the orphanage.

The group gathered around the tables and partook of delicious food prepared by the church hostess and her helpers. After comments and words of appreciation the dishes were removed, the tables were then moved back and Miss Hulda Lineberry of the Raleigh Recreation Department led the group in games. A good time was had by all. Thanks, Mr. Snipes, for making this possible not only for our senior boys and girls but for all the senior departments in the church.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE FOURTH GRADE NEWS By Sonja Page

Monday, November 16, the fourth grade of the Methodist Orphanage took a trip to the Colonial Stores warehouse, and to the airport to find how transportation helps us in our community. Mr. Campbell, the manager, took us through the warehouse and showed us the one-and-one-half million dollars worth of produce stored there. Mr. G. G. Blankford answered our questions and gave us an apple. There was a train at the back of the store that brought in carrots in ice, bananas, oranges and other produce from all over the country. They also have 24 trucks and 50 drivers.

We went to the airport and saw the planes come in and go out. When one came in the pilot took us aboard and showed us the plane and answered our questions. Before returning home we were given pictures of the plane and some candy.

Good Government

By Charles M. Laymon

Romans 13:1-10; Acts 5:25-29

Twelve governors and one president sat about the table in the Green Tea room of the Muehlebach hotel at Kansas City recently. But like another gathering, many decades ago in Boston Harbor, the Missouri tea party was not a social event.

This time the issue was not "taxation without representation." Instead it was the drought which had killed the pastures, dried up the streams, emptied the feed bins, crowded the stockyards with cheap cattle, and driven hundreds of farmers from the soil.

National disaster faced the American people, and the processes of government were beginning to function in an attempt to prevent it. As one observed the President and the highest officials of the states in serious conference, one might have thought of Paul's word to the Romans in today's lesson. The Apostle was referring to the ruler of the nation, and said of him: "He is God's servant for your good" (Romans 13:4). These men in Kansas City were fulfilling this conception of the character and function of government.

In the midst of the hubbub of political campaigns and the bickering of politicians, this high ideal of governmental responsibility seems to be forgotten sometimes. But when a crisis faces the nation, the authorities move quickly to meet it. A continual sense of social responsibility, however, is what Paul had in mind. What he is saying is that government is not for the personal enrichment of those who govern, but for the well-being of those who are governed.

There is another side to this philosophy of government. The rulers of a nation, Paul says, are God's servants. If they were responsible only to the people, they might submit to partisan pressures that are not for the nation's best interests. The Apostle insists, however, that they have a mandate from God to govern well. The great presidents of our country have realized this truth.

Today's lesson has to do also with the responsibilities of citizens in such a government. These include the payment of taxes, "revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7). Citizenship on these terms is a matter of conscience and religion.

In a democracy we have the privilege of a government "of the people, for the people, and by the people." Let us make it also a government "under God."

METHODISTS ASKED FOR 17 MORE MILITARY CHAPLAINS

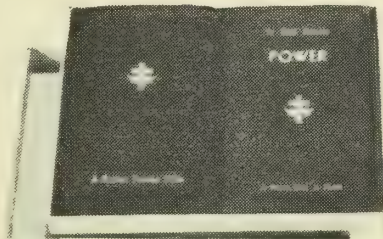
The Methodist Church has been asked for 17 additional chaplains.

A letter from Major General Ivan L. Bennett, chief of chaplains, USA, to Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, chairman of the Commission on Chaplains, states: "Based on projected losses of chaplain personnel on active duty for the remainder of the fiscal year 1954 and known requirements, I hereby request that you accept a procurement quota of 17 for The Methodist Church . . . Procurement against this quota may begin immediately."

Maj. Gen. Bennett points out the neces-

sity for "spiritual ministrations and guidance" for armed forces personnel and urges that the quota of chaplains in the Army be reached. The next course at the Chaplain School, Fort Slocum, New York, is scheduled for mid-January.

Methodist ministers who are interested and have basic qualifications of completed seminary work and elders ordination should write immediately to Methodist Commission on Chaplains, states D. Stewart Patterson, executive secretary of the commission.



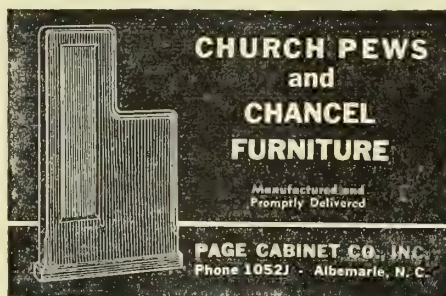
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

A JOB FOR JOE

By Mary Collier Terry

Joe went to visit his Grandfather and Grandmother in the country. It was his first visit to a farm and he liked it except that he had no jobs to do. At home in the city he helped father by pushing the lawn mower to cut the grass in the yard. He helped mother dust the furniture on Saturdays. He played with baby sister when she sat in her play pen. There was always some way for a boy to help at home.

It wasn't that folks didn't work on the farm. Everyone seemed to have something to do, all except Joe. Grandfather milked the cows and fed the pigs. Grandmother had a big flock of chickens to feed and care for, besides her work in the house. Big Uncle Jim worked around the barn and in the garden and out in the wide fields. Even Duke the dog had a job bringing the cows home from the pasture every evening.

It was just more than Joe could stand so he said to Grandmother early one morning, "I want a job like everyone else."

Grandmother said, "How nice! We'll find you one. As a beginning come with me to feed the chickens."

Joe threw the grain over the chicken yard fence. For a while it was fun watching the chickens scramble for the grain. He laughed when Old Mister Rooster came strutting up and all the hens stood back while he got the biggest share. But Joe was just helping. He wanted a special job all his own.

Grandfather must have noticed that something was wrong because one day he said, "Come with me to the barn, Joe. I have a job for you."

Joe could hardly go fast enough. There in the corner of a pen was a baby calf. "Oh, Grandfather, I like him! I like him!" Joe clapped his hands because he was beginning to feel happy.

"He's hungry," said Grandfather.

"Doesn't he have a mother to feed him?" asked Joe.

"Not exactly," Grandfather told him. "The mother is not very well and she doesn't have milk enough for him, so we must feed him milk from a baby's bottle for awhile. Do you think you could take care of him?"

Joe was thinking how funny that would be. A calf taking milk from a baby's bottle, but Joe would know how to feed him. A lot of times, he had held Baby Sister's bottle.

He watched as Grandfather fixed a bottle of warm milk. How that baby calf did go for that bottle of milk! It was all Joe could do to hold it. The calf pulled at the nipple until every drop was gone. Then he nudged his soft silky head against Joe as if to ask for more. Joe liked that.

Joe told him, "That's enough for this time. Just wait awhile and you'll get some more. I guess I'll have to name you Greedy, you want so much."

One day Joe forgot his job. He was busy down by the brook watching the minnows play hide and seek around the pebbles. He forgot it was time for Greedy's bottle.

But back up in the barn the little calf knew it was time. He was angry and he butted his head so hard against the bars of the pen that two bars fell out making

a place big enough for Greedy to get through. He stepped out in the bright sunshine looking all around for Joe and his bottle of milk. There was a little path that led down to the brook. Greedy must have seen Joe because he walked right down that path very big and proud-like.

Joe was kneeling down at the edge of the water reaching and trying hard to catch a minnow. All at once Joe felt something bump against his back. Splash! Into the brook went Joe! The water was not so deep but deep enough to get Joe plenty wet. He scrambled out, his clothes all dripping.

When Joe saw the calf he was not really mad; in fact he laughed. It was so funny, Greedy pushing him into the brook. Besides, he had a right to because just at that minute Joe happened to remember the bottle of milk.

As Greedy stood there looking at Joe and waiting Joe told him, "I know, I'm sorry I forgot your bottle." He guided the little calf up the path toward the barn. "And if I forget again you come and push me in the brook again and it will be good enough for me!"—Alabama Christian Advocate.



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S. J. Starnes, secretary
Board of Missions

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the following changes in appointments in the Wilmington District, N. C. Conference: Lumberton Circuit, Rev. J. D. Aycock; Southport, Rev. R. H. Jordan; Pembroke Circuit, Rev. Thos. L. White (AS) Pro Tem.

V. E. Queen, D. S.

Our Readers Say

SPENCE WAS THERE, TOO

Dear Editor:

You and Bob Tuttle and Ray Jordan have made it difficult for ordinary folks to have anything to write about. I may interview the Sphinx next week. If so, I will write an account of it. Can't hope to cope with you boys otherwise. Saw your name in the Wesley Museum in London. Who was it that left his mark everywhere he went? Kilroy?

Missed the boys at conference very much. Will be glad to get back home. Nice trip, but too strenuous for old folks. Rome Italy

H. E. Spence

Dr. and Mrs. Spence are on an extensive trip through Europe, the East and the Holy Land. Editor.

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In Memoriam

MR. MELVILLE G. POWELL

MILL SPRINGS—We, the members of Bethlehem Adult Bible Class wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed member and friend, Mr. Melville G. Powell, who departed this life May 23, 1953.

His life reflected the precepts of Christianity in the spiritual and civic places that he served in his church and community. He served as teacher of the Young Peoples Sunday School class for many years, and was a member of The Bethlehem Male quartet and was loyal to his church choir.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of these expressions be sent to his family and a copy to the North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Bethlehem Adult Bible Class, Mrs. James Egerton, President.

MRS. JOHN J. HUNT

GREENSBORO—On September 3, 1953, a most beloved and faithful member of our Susanna Wesley Bible Class of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, passed from this world to be with her Lord, whom she loved and served. Her friendly smile will be missed by everyone.

We the members of the Susanna Wesley Class pay this tribute to the memory of our beloved friend, and co-worker.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. Percy Groome, her two granddaughters, Mrs. Claudius Dockery III, and Mrs. John L. Schrum Jr.

"To live in hearts we leave, is not to die."—Mrs. E. C. Glenn, Mrs. Conrad S. Whittington.

REV. D. B. WILLIAMS

The passing of our dear friend and brother on September 12, 1953, was a great shock to his be-

loved and honorable family, and his host of friends.

Doing good was inherent in Brother Williams. Eighty-four years ago he was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Williams, a devout and pious couple of Yancey County, who reared him in a Christian environment.

He was educated in the schools of Yancey County, and taught there many years. He studied for the ministry and was ordained to preach some forty years ago.

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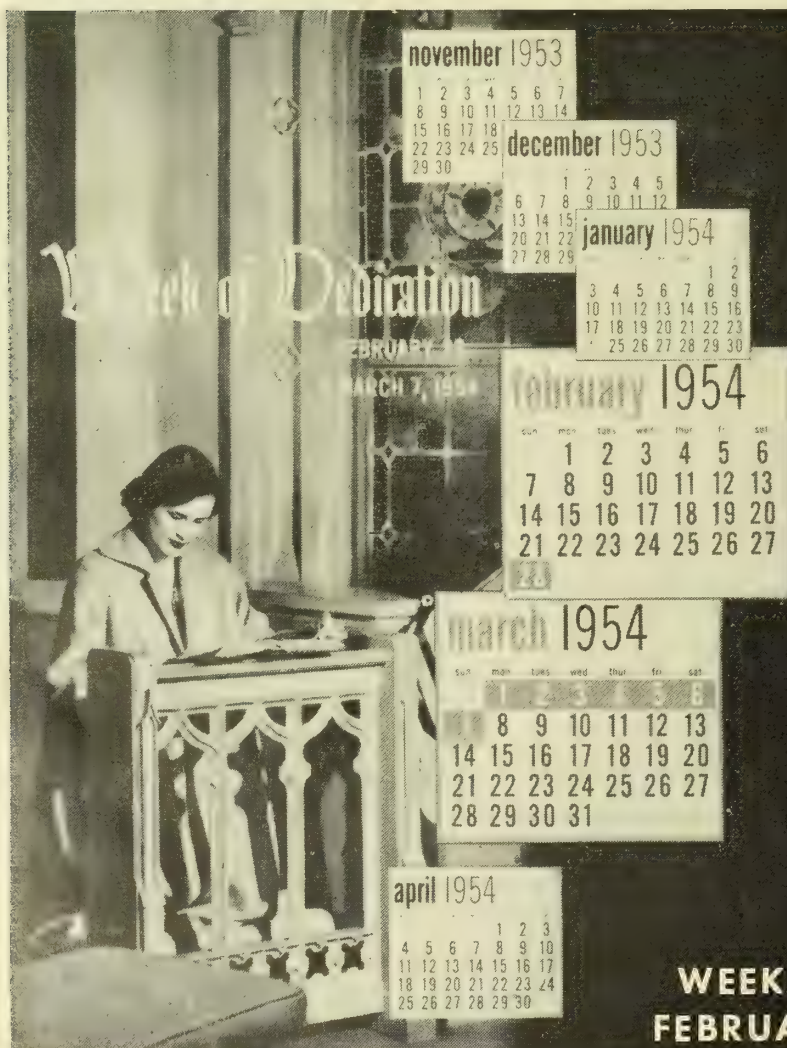
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Sunday, December 13, Is Universal Bible Sunday

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

NO ROOM FOR CHRIST

No room for Christ within the inn,
And much the same today;
Do you make room within your heart?
Do you take time to pray?

No room for Christ within your home,
But work and play and fun?
Do you bow down in family thanks,
When busy day is done?

No room in business for the Christ,
No room in social whirl,
No room in sports and politics—
We keep Him from His world!

Do you take time to go to church,
Or read the Holy Book?
Do any work in His dear Name?
To Him how must you look?

Then when your crowded life goes up
To face His last review,
Knowing you've always kept Him out,
Can He make room for you?

—John Cline in "The Lights of Home"

A CHURCH MEMBER EXPLAINS

You see, Lord, it is like this—we could attend church much more faithfully if your day came at some other time.

You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, when we are all tired out.

Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night. Saturday evening is the one time that we feel that we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies, or to a party, and often it is midnight or after when we reach home.

You have chosen the very day when we want to sleep late. We find it hard to get the children off to Church School in time because it is difficult to get up early enough. It is usually after ten before the morning dishes are done, and then it is time to think about Sunday dinner.

I mean no disrespect and do not claim that my judgment equals yours, but you must realize that you have picked the day on which the morning newspaper takes the longest time to read thoroughly, and also the day on which we have the biggest dinner of the week.

I am telling you these things because I want you to see our viewpoint that it is not our fault that we are not able to get to church. We should like to go, and we should go; we know that we promised to "attend upon its ordinances," but it must be clear that the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select any other day of the week, we shall be glad to give the matter further consideration.

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering for He is faithful that promised. And let us provoke one another unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—St. Paul (Goldsboro) Sunday Bulletin.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

LIFE'S WONDERS

In a few days America will pay homage to the Wright brothers, who 50 years ago proved that man could fly.

With some amusement I recall reading a small item tucked away on a back page of a daily paper December 18, 1943, ten years ago. Its heading read, "Kitty Hawk Celebration Cancelled by Blizzard."

What does the word Kitty Hawk signify to you? At the time I tried that question on two or three college students without getting any answer. I am sure, however, that most of you recall Kitty Hawk as the North Carolina town where, on December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made their first flight in a power-driven airplane.

So unbelievable did their achievement seem that day that most newspapers were unwilling to risk their reputations by publishing the report. Then the possibilities of aviation caught the imagination of the world and its development has become probably the greatest wonder of our generation.

Yet the achievements of aviation have become so common that the wonder has faded. The other day when a pilot set a record of over 1300 miles per hour, the news was front page—for a day. But now it's almost old stuff.

There are some wonders we outgrow; there are others which grow up with us. Airplanes belong to the first group. Stars, for instance, belong to the second. When we were children we learned the rhyme:

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are:
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky."

To be sure, I did look up at the stars when I was a lad. But I did not spend much time wondering about them. A new sled or a new bicycle could take my mind off the stars any time. But as I have grown up, I have discovered that the wonder of the universe has grown up so much faster.

The heavens seem immeasurably vaster to me now than when I was a boy. When I read an estimate of the diameter of the Milky Way at one quintillion, eight quadrillion miles, I am lost in wonder. Yes, there are wonders which grow up with us.

There are millions of people who do not remember when we had no radios. The impact of this wonder is lost to them. How exciting it was in those early days when an out-of-towner got Station KDKA, even though the reception was barely audible.

A friend of mine, one of the earliest radio commentators long before networks were devised, told me that one of his greatest thrills was receiving a letter from a listener who had heard his broadcast while crossing the Caribbean Sea. The wonder of it frightened him almost out of his wits.

Christmas, the event which we will celebrate shortly, is one of the wonders which grows. I confess that Christmas was the red letter day of the year for me when I was a child. When the red bells and green wreaths began to appear in the windows and shops, my temperature started to rise. The excitement, the expectation, the glow continued to mount as

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Let Us Pray

Our Father in Heaven, help us, we pray, to clear our minds and hearts of all that would beset us. We would, in this approaching Christmas season, turn to Thee in thanksgiving for the precious gift of Thy Son. May we seek and find the Christ Child spirit in the lives of those who surround us. Above all else, we pray that we might know the simple faith and trust of the Christmas Story as emphasized by the little ones who bear our image. In the name of the Christ Child we pray. Amen

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the day drew near, until the night before Christmas—well, that was the greatest night of the year.

The emotional excitement of Christmas has cooled with maturity, but the wonder of it has deepened and widened. Wherea in my childhood I thought most about the presents to be received and given, now I think beyond the gifts to that tidal wave of goodwill which sweeps up the coastline of the world, even though many shores are studded with bristling battleships. What is the power that lifts the tide of the world's heart at Christmas time?

It is the incoming surge of life's divines force—love. The mystery of love is in exhaustible. It is God-given. The more we know of it, the more we see remains to be known.

A few years ago I received a Christmas card with the picture of a poorly clad but smiling boy from New York's lower East Side. On it were the words: "Nuthin' can stop Christmas."

Nothing can stop it because Christmas is the divine invasion of good will. It leads the list of life's growing wonders (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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An Award That Honors All Christian Missionaries

Churchmen everywhere are highly pleased that the Nobel Peace Prize for 1952 has been awarded to Medical Missionary to Africa Albert Schweitzer.

There is widespread approval also that the 1953 Prize went to General of the Army George C. Marshall. This approval, of course, is not given on the military record of General Marshall, as illustrious as it has been; but on his contributions as the architect of the Marshall Plan which aided so materially in the reconstruction of Europe following World War II. All over Europe are concrete evidences of General Marshall's humanitarianism, and his contributions to world peace are undeniable.

But Albert Schweitzer as peace-maker, as healer of humanity's ills, is in a class all by himself. His ministry to the sick and afflicted in the jungles of Africa is without doubt the most outstanding example of humanitarianism of our day.

What about this great, good man who has at last been recognized and acclaimed by so many as "the man of the century"?

Dr. Schweitzer was born in 1875 in the Alsatian village of Kayserberg, Germany, the son of an Evangelical preacher. Educated at the gymnasium in Gunsbach and the University of Strasbourg, at 24 he became a minister at St. Nicholas Church, Strasbourg. In 1902 he became curate of the church and a year later was appointed principal of the Strasbourg Theological College. He also became an able author, completing his volume on "The Religious Philosophy of Kant" and beginning work on his famous "The Quest of the Historical Jesus." He also became a gifted musician.

At 30 he entered a medical college. In 1913 he established a hospital at Lambaréne, a French Protestant missionary settlement in Equatorial Africa. Since then he has achieved world renown as a medical missionary, as an effective Christian witness, as a celebrated musician and author, and above all, as a great humanitarian.

His life story is the most captivating romance of the twentieth century.

What will he do with the \$33,200, the amount of the Nobel Peace Prize? Well, the 78-year-old missionary plans to use it all to enlarge his hospital to take care of more patients, particularly lepers.

Churchmen are glad that in citing Albert Schweitzer for this award, not only is the work of one man being recognized, but that of the noblest and most selfless people on earth today—the

Christian missionary who has gone out to the far corners of the earth to lift needy people to a higher spiritual plane. In honoring Albert Schweitzer, all devoted Christian missionaries are honored.

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What About Religion on the College Campus?

In the eyes of certain people, irreligion from time immemorial has been associated with the college campus. The favorite pastime of many critics is cracking at America's institutions of higher learning, calling them centers of godlessness, iniquity and communism. America's students are being corrupted by ideas contrary to the church, some are saying.

Just how true are these charges?

Well, let Rev. James L. Stoner, who has practically lived on college campuses during the past nine years conducting university Christian missions for the National Council of Churches, answer this question. "Frequently I am asked," says Mr. Stoner, "are college students religious?" I answer with an emphatic 'yes'. College students are concerned about the Christian faith and are seeking to improve their religious knowledge."

Of the 2,350,000 students enrolled in colleges and universities, around 600,000, Mr. Stoner testifies, are active members of churches, church Foundations and Christian Associations near the campus. More than 1,175,000 are involved in the church program either at home or on the college campus. More than 90% participate in church, informal dormitory discussions, and other types of meetings dealing with religious issues sponsored by religious or independent groups.

About 1,200 of the 1,800 colleges in the United States have some type of Christian mission or Religious emphasis week. Sixty per cent of the colleges offer courses in religion. Churches operate more than 1,500 student centers near the campus and there are more than 900 YMCA, YWCA and Christian Associations seeking to help meet the religious needs of college students.

More than 100,000 students and faculty members are reached annually by university Christian missions.

This is an impressive record. It speaks well for college administrators, faculty and students. So any time you hear the colleges scored for their irreligion, you might present the other side of the case. In all fairness, any impartial observer will be compelled to admit that somebody is doing a creditable job for Chris-

tian faith at our institutions of higher learning. You can find a good illustration on practically every college campus in North Carolina.

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Encouraging Reports on the Revised Standard Version

That the Bible, year after year, tops all other book sales is hardly news. But there is real news in the announcement recently that for the first nine months after its publication on September 30, 1952, sales for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible totaled 2,106,586 copies. Moreover, sales continue at a brisk pace.

Of course, there have been criticisms—some constructive and well taken; others, superficial and unwarranted. It is encouraging that the public is buying and apparently reading this new version of the Bible. The important point is not that they agree or disagree with the translators, but that they are being stimulated by the reading of the Scriptures. After all, the Bible cannot do us much good unless we read it. The large sales of the Revised Standard Version indicate not only that it is being widely accepted, but that it is being widely read.

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A Telling Blow By the American Medical Association

Many churchmen will laud the decision of the American Medical Association that beginning January 1, 1954, tobacco and alcoholic beverage advertising will be eliminated from its eleven publications. Tom Gardiner, AMA business manager, stated that "more or less sensational advertising of cigarette manufacturers regarding medical claims had influenced the decision."

We believe the American Medical Association has acted in the public interest. It is time for somebody to take issue with the extravagant and wild claims of cigarette advertisements and with the spurious and revolting ads of the liquor interests. Medical men, better than anyone else, know how phony and deceptive cigarette and liquor ads are. Although you could not put tobacco and liquor in the same class, yet recent scientific statements about the association of cigarette smoking with lung cancer should serve as a warning both to tobacco manufacturers and to the tobacco-consuming public.

The American Medical Association's action should have a sobering effect both on those who manufacture and those who use the products being banned.

ARE SATURDAY BIBLE SCHOOLS THE ANSWER?

By Elwood Idell Terry

During the last few years articles appearing in religious and secular periodicals have frankly stated that Sunday School Bible teaching is farcical, or that the Bible itself is hardly taught at all. Most of those articles that dwelt especially on the pupil's lack of knowledge of the contents of the Bible—their ignorance of Biblical characters, scenes, and quotations from the Bible that are liberally distributed throughout English literature—were written by high-school or college teachers of English who acquired their information by giving "Bible tests" to their students, practically all of whom had come from church-going homes and had attended Sunday school from early childhood to young adulthood.

The results of these tests were devastating. They revealed that many students could not remember the names of the occupants of the Garden of Eden, who thought that Joseph was the father of David, that Jonathan killed Goliath, and that Abraham led the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Such names as Benjamin, Potiphar, Haman, Lot, Lazarus, and Simon the Zealot, did not register with most of those Sunday school "graduates."

Adults Ignorant of Bible, Too

There is no denying the pitiful ignorance of the Bible today, not only by young people but by older ones as well, including a considerable proportion of the members of adult Bible classes. The only reasonable answer to the foregoing criticisms can best be put as a question: How can you expect pupils to learn much about the Bible in one hour a week, and much of that hour, even up to half of it, usually taken up with "opening exercises" and other matters? When we remember that the great majority of Sunday school teachers, although they may be devout Christians and sincerely anxious to help their pupils develop sturdy Christlike characters, are not trained Bible teachers themselves, is it any wonder that, so far as Bible instruction is concerned, the schools don't teach much?

The Released Time Program

The only movement that has made any headway at all in the endeavor to make up for Sunday School deficiency is the weekday church school movement, operating during school hours on released time.

Although I have no sympathy with the purpose of which Mrs. Vashti McCollum brought suit against the teaching of religion in the public schools, I believe the decision of the Supreme Court is sound and should be upheld. The principle laid down by the Court was that the public school system must not be "used" by the churches to help them teach sectarian religion. The Protestant churches that combined to support this movement did not intend to teach sectarian religion, but it is extremely difficult to draw a hard and fast line between sectarian and nonsectarian beliefs. Catholic and Jewish children were allowed to be taught in separate groups by teachers of their own respective faiths. Before the Supreme Court decision was made, usually not more than one hour was allotted from the weekday school session in which pupils who so desired, and who had the consent of their parents, might study in one of the public school classrooms Bible

and religious subjects under a teacher provided by the churches. The Supreme Court decision invalidates the use of any part of a public school building for such purposes, but does not forbid the granting of released time for such instruction elsewhere.

Began in Gary, Indiana

This plan of giving some form of religious education in weekday schools originated in Gary, Indiana, in 1914, and when the Supreme Court rendered its decision some 2,000 American communities had such a plan in operation. Although more recent reports have estimated the number of communities conducting some kind of a weekday church-school program as more than 3,000, it cannot be said that the plan has been successful in giving the widespread religious instruction to our young people so greatly needed today.

A survey conducted by the National Education Association covering 2,629 school systems of various types, showed that out of an enrollment of about 5,000,000 in schools where the plan was in operation, only 700,000, or 14 per cent, were enrolled in the religious classes. But if one considers the total population of the schools considered in this survey, figures are even more unfavorable, for only about five per cent of the students involved had been enrolled in released-time classes.

School superintendents and principals quite generally, while not personally opposed to religious instruction, admit or complain that the plan causes numerous difficulties in school administration, and the Supreme Court decision has certainly rendered the administration of such a plan much more difficult both for the school authorities and for the churches.

Is There a Way Out?

Is there, then, no way out. Must we always be frustrated in our endeavor to provide adequate religious instruction for our children? It seems to me that the perfectly plain way—the ideal solution—has been staring us in the face and we have failed to see it or have ignored it. But, first, let me state two conditions that I believe are necessary for the successful solving of our problem. In our country, with its multiplicity of denominations and religious beliefs, the proper place in which to teach Bible courses and religious subjects is in church buildings. Secondly, the instruction should be given at a time that does not interfere with day-school hours.

When is such time available? Obviously on Saturdays during the school year. The preferred time in most cases would probably be Saturday morning from nine to twelve o'clock, with appropriate intermissions for recreation.

The children may object at first to "going to school" on Saturday, but most children would not go to school at all if their parents did not send them. And I can conceive of such schools being made so interesting that the children will be eager to attend and would not want to miss a single session. There is no valid reason for giving either pupils or teachers a full holiday once a week. That was not the original purpose for closing the public schools on Saturday. We do not have

school on Saturday because it is the Jewish Sabbath; and while Jewish children are keeping their Sabbath day with their parents, there is no good reason why the children of Christian parents should not be devoting a few hours of the day to the study of the Bible and religious subjects.

One of the serious complaints that educators have brought against the released-time plan is that the churches do not have the resources to provide adequate instruction and find it difficult to engage well qualified teachers. Besides, the one hour a week is insufficient to give satisfactory results, especially when the pupils must leave and return to the school building, as they are now forced to do. It is not much better than the Sunday School hour.

Many Qualified Teachers Available

Now there are in every town or city of any size many school teachers, members of different denominations, who are qualified or could qualify themselves to teach these religious courses, and who would be glad to do so for adequate compensation on Saturdays when their time is their own and they are free from public school duties. The compensation would be for short part-time work, and should not cost the churches any more and perhaps not as much as for one full-time teacher on the released-time plan. Also, many churches now employ directors of religious education, who are usually well qualified to supervise such schools and teach courses in them. It should be considered a part of their regular duties.

Under this plan the schools could be graded as found necessary and teachers employed for the different grades, thus offering religious instruction for children from the second or third grade up to high school. The plan is, indeed, very flexible and adapted to almost any situation that can be imagined. If several churches of different denominations in a given community have co-operated in supporting a teacher on the released-time plan, they could hold the Saturday school in the church that was most centrally located or could rotate the school among those churches from year to year. If several or all of the churches of one denomination in a city should wish to maintain such a Bible school for their own young people, that should not be difficult to arrange. Or if one large church with ample resources desired to conduct its own Saturday Bible School, but insisting that the teaching be non-sectarian and inviting all the children and young people of the neighborhood, whether members of that church or not, to enroll in its classes, it might develop a flourishing and powerful center of religious education and character building.

These Bible schools should not supplant the Sunday schools, but in many cases they could be co-ordinated, which would provide four hours a week of religious instruction to pupils attending both sessions.

Our aim should be nothing less than to establish Saturday Bible schools of some form in every community where there is at least one church and a graded school throughout the length and breadth of our land. Where is the forceful, God-inspired leader who can promote this cause and put it over?

GOLDSBORO'S YOUNGEST CHURCH BUILDS

St. Luke church, Goldsboro, has a wonderful story to tell. The Official Board of St. Paul church, Goldsboro, at its regular Quarterly Conference on September 20, 1950, organized the official board for the new church from a group of about a dozen families who stated their interest in organizing a new Methodist church in the eastern section of the city. In November, 1950, Rev. W. D. Caviness was appointed to the church as its first pastor. The first church service was held on November 19, 1950, and the Sunday School was organized the next Sunday, on November 26, 1950. Robert Rose was elected Church School superintendent and he and many fine spiritual teachers have done an excellent job in the Church School until today the enrollment is 341.

The church has grown steadily throughout these three years and today the membership stands at 255. However, 288 members have been received in St. Luke. This rapid growth shows the tremendous need for another church in the eastern section of the city of Goldsboro.

St. Luke was granted an initial sum of \$5,000 from the Conference Board of Missions and with this it purchased a lot 90x373 feet for \$3,600 from Mr. George Spence who then gave the church a gift of \$500 to be applied on a parking lot for the church.

The church organized a WSCS in February, 1951. This group has grown steadily until now it has four circles and in 1954 it should have six circles. The women of the church have done an excellent job for the Kingdom of God and they are one of the hardest working groups in the church for the Building Fund.

The church is made up almost entirely of young adults. As a result of this, it is one of the most challenging churches in the entire conference. Most of the families have small children as is evidenced by the fact that the pupil enrollment of the Daily Vacation Church School in 1953 was 137.

The new suburban church has a great financial problem. The members of St. Luke have been giving in a wonderful manner. Their percentage of giving is far above the normal. Yet on the other hand they cannot give large amounts, and yet the church must be built now. The congregation has been meeting in the Edgewood School. Rev. W. D. Caviness, commenting, said: "This has been an ideal place in which to meet as far as a school is concerned and the entire membership of St. Luke is indebted to the school board of Goldsboro for this opportunity, but they are expecting us to be out of the building just as soon as possible. They asked us to be out by September, 1953; but this was impossible, and they have graciously granted us an extension of time. We had to build and yet with young adults we did not have the money to build. We were able to negotiate a loan from the Durham Life Insurance Co. for \$35,000 and the ground breaking was held on August 16.

J. Luther Helms is the contractor for the new church and Connie Wessell is the architect. Remarkable progress has been made on the building since its beginning.

Children's assembly on Sunday morning (left) and morning worship at Edgewood school (right).

A breakdown in the figures of the church membership shows a very interesting situation. Some people think perhaps that a new church like St. Luke would simply be drawing members from other Methodist churches. But such is not the case. Of the 255 members of the church at the present time, the following is a breakdown in the way they were received: profession of faith, 62; from other Methodist churches, 152; from other denominations, 39; reinstated, 2; total, 255.

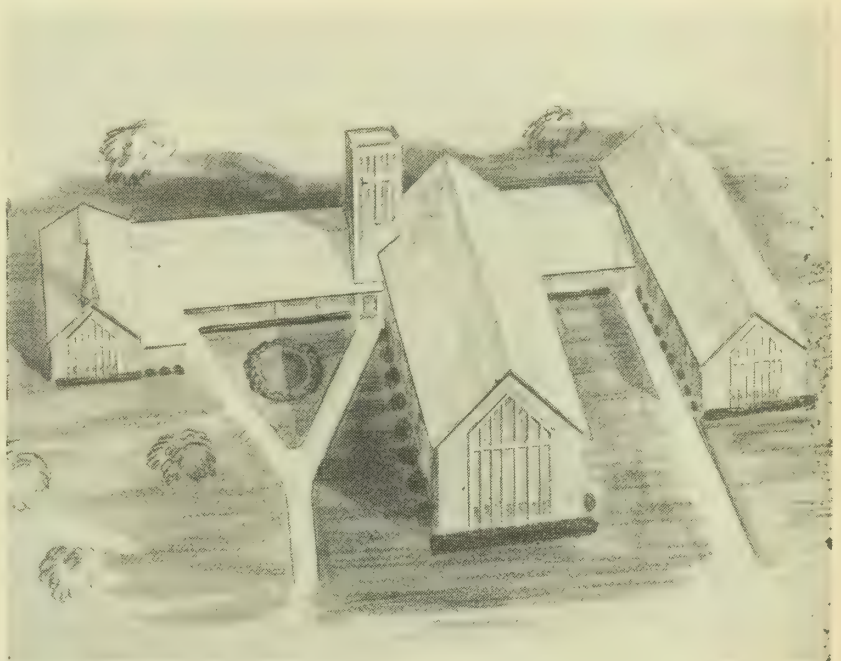
A total of 288 members have been received in all during the history of the church.

W. D. Edwards is the chairman of the official board and John Bass, Jr., is the chairman of the building plans committee.

The church will be built in three units or stages. The first unit is composed of a fellowship hall that will seat 300. This will be used as a recreational hall, a dining room, and church for the time being. Also in this first unit is a kitchen and eight class rooms and rest rooms. The second unit will consist of more class rooms, offices, and a chapel and the third unit will consist of the sanctuary that will seat 400 people.

St. Paul church should be commended for its foresight and its willingness to sponsor a new church. The members of St. Luke are indeed grateful for the encouragement, the interest, and the financial support which the members of St. Paul give to St. Luke. On Christmas, 1952, St. Paul made a special Christmas offering and designated it for St. Luke.

This is a picture of the complete Church as planned. The center portion is the Sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall is on the right, and the Chapel on the left, with the Sunday School rooms in the portion that joins these three portions.



Hoyle Memorial Continues Building Program; Young Women Urged to be Nurses

SHELBY CONGREGATION BEGINS NEW SANCTUARY

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new sanctuary of Hoyle Memorial church, Shelby, were held on November 24 with the pastor, Rev. Zane G. Norton in charge, assisted by Miles Beam, chairman of the official board of Central church, Shelby; J. C. Strickland, chairman of the Hoyle Memorial official board; Robert Laney, Jr., chairman of the finance committee of the building fund; and H. H. Howard, lay leader of the church.

To cost around \$50,000 the new structure will complete a building program launched six years ago when an educational unit costing a similar sum was constructed. The balance of \$8,000 owed on the educational building is in hand and will be paid December 10.

To be of brick construction, the sanctuary will seat about 335. Completion is expected by next June.

Hoyle Memorial church was organized in 1944 with two committees, one from Central church, composed of Horace Grigg, Charles Hoey, Durant Crowder, the late Thad Ford and George Hoyle, and the other from East Shelby, composed of D. D. Rollins, H. H. Howard, J. T. Barber, Miss Leola Allen and Miss Inez Allen, began work on the project. The two committees met with Rev. E. M. Jones, superintendent of the Gastonia District at that time. The new church was named Hoyle Memorial, honoring the late Rev. Robert M. Hoyle. Services were held in the Jefferson school with 56 charter members.

Dr. J. H. Barnhardt, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference then living at Shelby, was appointed to the new congregation and remained with the group until his death in 1945. Rev. J. L. Pittard was appointed to serve the rest of the year. He was succeeded that fall by Rev. D. L. Stubbs, who remained with the congregation for three years. Rev. S. G. Ferree served from 1948 until ill health forced his retirement in 1952. Weldon Bayliss, educational director of Central church, served until Mr. Norton was appointed that fall.

The church now has a membership of 200 and an annual budget of \$7,000. The congregation also raises \$5,000 annually on the new building. The Gastonia District is contributing \$10,000 and Central church \$4,000 on the project.

Louis H. Asbury and Son are architects and Archie White is the general contractor.

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METHODIST HOSPITALS NEED STUDENT NURSES

For 52 years Miss Minnie Ferguson of Cuero, Texas, devoted her life to the field of nursing. After her death, in tribute to her life of service, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cuero Methodist Church established the Minnie Ferguson Nursing Fund, hoping to help some Methodist girl in training for the nursing profession.

In October, the first scholarship award from this fund was made when \$175 went to Marilyn Ethel Davenport, an outstand-

ing student nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. "My wanting to be a nurse did not start with my entering training," Miss Davenport says. "It seems that all my life, there has been a deep desire to serve people who were sick. When I finished high school, the need for nurses was so great that no other thought entered my mind, other than to help fulfill that need. I consider helping people who are sick or wounded a wonderful privilege in serving God and His cause."

Every year our Methodist Schools of Nursing need 2500 new students. Among these young women, who come from every city and village in our nation, are many who need financial help to complete their three years of training. The Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church can help any church organization or individual who would like to contribute to Christ's healing ministry in this way by directing funds to worthy Christian girls in training in any of our hospitals. Any organization or individual interested in providing such help should contact the Personnel Director of the Board, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Just how do the girls in training feel about the nursing profession? Again, the words of Miss Davenport, who was an active "MYFer" in Houston's McAshon Methodist Church: "I enjoy my work as a student nurse thoroughly, and I try to be a good student. I shall always try. As for compensation, what greater payment could I receive than knowing that I helped in a small way toward the recovery of someone? I could talk all day about it, but I think in these few words you can understand why I want to be a nurse."

The need for such Christian young people in our hospitals is great. Voluntary health, pre-payment plans and better education have resulted in more people using hospital facilities. As these facilities are expanded, the number of nurses, doctors, technicians, office workers, maintenance men must increase, too. Realizing that "human life, being a gift of God, is sacred," means that every Christian must do his part to see that the hospitals, the children's homes, and the homes for the aged are able to care for all who need help, and that the men and women who serve humanity in this way are well qualified for their jobs and of the finest Christian character.

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NEW HOPE GROUP VISITS CHARLOTTE HOME

Forty-two members and friends of New Hope church, Winston-Salem District, boarded a chartered Grayhound bus on the church grounds, Sunday afternoon, November 15, for a trip and visit to the Methodist Home in Charlotte. The bus was driven by John T. Dean, Grayhound bus driver, and member of New Hope church.

Upon arriving, the group was greeted by Mrs. G. G. Adams, counselor, and many happy members of the Home, who directed the visitors to the new wing of the building and the Memorial Chapel, where the vesper service was to be held. The New Hope choir sang the anthem "Faith of Our Fathers" and Rev. J. Edwin Carter, guest minister, gave the vesper message.

Following the services, four hostesses directed the New Hope members by groups in a tour of the home. After a picnic supper in the fellowship and recreation room and good-bys to old friends and others newly-made the visitors returned home saying it had been a great experience to see The Home and to know the wonderful people it serves.



GROUND BROKEN FOR HOYLE MEMORIAL, SHELBY

Rev. Z. G. Norton turned the first shovel of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$50,000 sanctuary on which construction has begun. Participants were (left to right) Miles Beam, J. C. Strickland, the pastor; Robert Laney, Jr.; and H. H. Howard. (Ellis Photo)

Rev. T. A. Groce Called from Retirement Second Time to Form New Asheville Church

By Rev. Horace R. McSwain

The Groce Methodist Church, Asheville, already has over 100 members although it was begun only about six months ago. It was constituted a pastoral charge on September 6th by Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of the Asheville District. This new church is in the fast growing suburban development of Beverly Hills, three miles out of Asheville on U. S. Highway 70, near Oteen. The church has had regular Sunday morning worship services and Church School sessions in the Haw Creek School building since the first of June, when about 100 were present for the first meeting on Sunday evening, June 7th. The charter membership of the church, beginning the first of June and running through annual conference, was 93, with several additional church letters having been requested. More than 40 are enrolled in the Church School with an average attendance of 35. John Perian is chairman of the board of stewards, Thomas F. Dabney, Jr., is Superintendent of the Church School and J. Wesley Dennis is Charge Lay Leader.

The vigor of the new church is suggested by the fact that by annual conference a Woman's Society of Christian Service had been organized with more than 20 members. Mrs. J. Wesley Dennis is president; Mrs. Ray R. Rast, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas F. Dabney, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. J. Frank Benfield, treasurer. Plans are being completed for the organization of a Methodist Men's group.

The organization and growth of Groce church has been dramatic and thrilling. The District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, appointed Rev. T. A. Groce to the work on April 1, 1953. On Sunday, May 31st, a representative group of laymen and ministers from the Methodist churches in Buncombe County came together at Central church in Asheville and organized the Buncombe Methodist Council. A report of the work in the Beverly Hills section was made by Mr. Groce and some of the residents of the area who were interested in having a Methodist church there. The Council endorsed the work and underwrote a portion of the salary of the pastor. On Sunday evening, June 7th, the first meeting was held in the Haw Creek School building with



Rev. T. A. Groce

about 100 attending. On Sunday, June 21st, the Buncombe Methodist Council was again convened to consider the purchase of a lot for the new church. A 3½ acre lot on U.S. Highway 70 was available, but the price was high—yet it was an ideal location. The Council recommended the purchase of the lot and the organization of the new church.

The work has gone forward rapidly from these early decisions with nearly 100 charter members in less than four months. Soon after the purchase of the lot, H. M. King, A.I.A., architect for the Methodist Board of Missions, was asked to come and make recommendations for the new church to build on this lot on the unit basis. The first unit to be built will be an educational building with an assembly room to be used as the sanctuary and also as a fellowship hall. Plans are underway for this first unit with Mr. Hobart Lee as Chairman of the Building Committee. Others on the committee are Jack Baber, Thomas Dabney, Jr., Charles A. Daniel, Mrs. Paul Jacobs, Mrs. Hoyt Johnson, Hubert Kanipe, Henry H. Lehmann and John Perian.

This fine work has been done under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. T. A. Groce, with the wise guidance of the District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald. Mr. Groce, a minister who is widely known and loved in the western part of the Western North Carolina Conference, celebrated his 75th birthday during annual conference in High Point, Tuesday, September 22nd. The love and devotion the people have for him is shown by the fact that before he had been in the work at Beverly Hills two months, the members proposed the name Groce Methodist Church in his honor! He is serving the work in a fine way, this being the second time that he has been called from "retirement" to organize and build a new church in Asheville.

The pastors and laymen of Asheville and Buncombe County have been wholehearted in their support and encouragement of this work. Dr. Embre H. Blackard, pastor of Central, has been especially zealous in supporting the organization of this new church, even though he knew that a number of members from Central, including several officers and teachers of the Church school, would join Groce church. Dr. Blackard points out that Methodism failed to organize a new Methodist church in the Kenilworth section of Asheville and so another denomination started a church there. Nearly all of the Methodist people in that section of Asheville transferred their membership to this new church and most of the Methodist people who moved into the section joined the church of the other denomination and were lost to Methodism!

The churches and pastors of Buncombe County are supporting this work with Mission Specials to help buy the lot for the Groce Methodist Church and to build the church. This work has given a new vigor and vision to Methodism in Asheville and Buncombe County.

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AMERICAN BISHOPS IN INDIA

The Delhi Annual Conference meeting in Delhi from October 21-26, 1953, was for a short time under the Episcopal guidance of Bishop Fred P. Corson of the Philadelphia Area. Bishop Corson also addressed the conference on the topic "The Convocation on Evangelism, 1953." Another distinguished visitor from America who addressed the conference was Bishop Marvin A. Franklin of the Jackson (Miss.) Area.



The congregation of the newly formed Groce Methodist Church in Asheville. Begun six months ago, the church now has more than 100 members

Bishop Garber Visits Williamston; Youth to Participate in Essay Contest

WILLIAMSTON METHODISTS OBSERVE 125th ANNIVERSARY

In February of 1803 Bishop Francis Asbury made his second recorded trip to Williamston, traveling by horse-back northward from Washington. He preached to an overflow congregation in the courthouse. In his Journal he pays tribute to John Watts, a local preacher, who was the leader of the small Williamston church. Apparently the congregation worshipped in the home of the pastor, because Bishop Asbury expressed in the Journal a desire for "a house of our own."

On November 22, 1953, 150 years later, Bishop Paul N. Garber followed the same route by car from Washington to Williamston. The occasion was the 125th anniversary of worship and church activity on the same plot of ground purchased by a board of Methodist church trustees in 1828.

Since that year the congregation has had three houses of its own. The first was a log structure which was used until a frame house typical of church architecture a century ago was built. The present building was erected about sixty years ago and has been remodeled to meet changing needs. Three years ago a modern educational plant was added to the church under the pastorate of Rev. E. R. Shuller. And so Bishop Garber came to a modern and adequate church house located on a site where Methodists have gathered for a century and a quarter.

Taking as his text Proverbs 22:28 "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set," the Bishop told the story the first Methodist church established at the Foundry in London. Examining the organization and program of that church, he pointed out spiritual landmarks which twentieth century Christians should keep firmly established. Among these were the preaching of a vital religion, preaching and other activity by laymen, evangelistic zeal, a democratic spirit, a concern about social problems like unemployment and health, and a stewardship which shared.

Following the dinner hour, Bishop Garber met with the charge lay leaders of the Elizabeth City District, challenging them to promote actively a program of increased church attendance and to support the cause of church extension. Under the leadership of District Lay Leader H. L. Swain, the laymen adopted goals for the year and laid plans for the organization of men's clubs on every charge in the district. C. Freeman Heath, recently appointed district superintendent, was present and pledged the laymen his support in the achievement of their goals. Rev. R. E. Walston is beginning his third year as pastor at Williamston.

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CONFERENCE SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism is sponsoring a conference-wide essay contest, using as a theme "Why Go to Church." This theme will relate closely to the general emphasis on church attendance from January 1 through Easter of 1954.

The following points have been agreed upon to guide each contestant:

1. All members of the youth division of every local church throughout the North Carolina Conference are eligible to participate.

2. The subject of the essay will be "Why Go to Church."

3. Each essay presented is not to be more than 400 words in length.

4. The contest is to be held during January, February, and March, 1954.

5. Every paper presented shall be postmarked not later than March 31, 1954.

6. There will be four prizes given in the conference as follows: first prize, \$50.00, second prize, \$25.00, third prize, \$15.00, and fourth prize, \$10.00.

7. Essays from each district will be judged within that district. The four with the highest rating will be advanced for judging on a conference level, there to be judged for first, second, third, and fourth prizes within the conference.

8. Your essay is to be sent to your District Secretary of Evangelism.

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CHILDREN'S HOME FOOTBALL SQUAD HONORED

The Children's Home Alumni Association honored the Home's football squad by a banquet held at Maple Springs Methodist Church in Winston-Salem on Nov. 17. Some fifty members of the Alumni Association and forty members of the Children's Home family were present.

The Rev. Paul Hamilton, pastor of Maple Springs church, and his wife were guests of the group, and Mr. Hamilton pronounced the invocation.

Jim Malcolm, class of '34, acted as Master of Ceremonies and also presented an interesting and entertaining talk. Short talks were also given by Children's Home coaches, W. C. McClary, Mike Gibson and Bill Edwards.

Nine senior boys from the Home were called upon to say a few words and relate some of their more outstanding experiences at the Home. Also, several alumni members told a few humorous stories about their lives while at the Home.

The Alumni Association has hopes of making this supper an annual event as it feels the Home members need recognition and encouragement from their older "brothers and sisters."

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SUBDISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTES COMPLETED

The thirty-two Subdistrict Missionary Institutes of the Western North Carolina Conference were concluded on November 23rd with an attendance of over 4,000. These institutes were held in 32 of the 44 counties of the conference with representatives of the churches of the other 12 counties in attendance. This is the second year that the institutes have been held on a subdistrict basis and the attendance was two to three times as great as when they were held on a district basis. Thus, the institutes bring the promotion and cultivation of missions much nearer the local church, resulting in a growing conviction among the Methodists of the conference that the local churches must participate in the program of missions of The Methodist Church in a much larger way.

The institutes are under the direction of Rev. Horace R. McSwain, Conference Missionary Secretary, assisted by the District Missionary Secretaries, the District Superintendents, and the host pastors.

In fourteen of the institutes the speaker was Dr. Carl Stewart, pastor of the Leland Memorial Methodist Church in Havana, Cuba. Dr. Stewart lifted up the urgency of missions in this tiny island re-

public and the building of the Leland Memorial Methodist Church, which is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference this year through its program of Advance Mission Specials.

In eighteen of the institutes the speaker was Rev. Burr Baughman, missionary to Borneo, whose American home is in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Mr. Baughman gave a thrilling account of his work during the past five years as a missionary to the "wild men of Borneo," the former headhunters, who have responded so marvelously to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In addition to these speakers, Dr. Cecil Robbins, editor of THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, spoke in a number of the institutes, sharing his rich experience of the past summer as counselor to the North Carolina Conference Caravan to Europe and his deep conviction that the hope of the world today is in Christian Missions.

News in Brief

BORN TO REV. AND MRS. JOHN MAIDES of Stantonsburg a baby girl named Mary Nell in Woodard-Herring Hospital, Wilson, N. C., November 17th.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH is the name of the new mission church listed this year in the appointments as "South Charlotte Charge." This new church is sponsored by Dilworth church, Charlotte. Rev. Robert P. Crawley is pastor.

"THE MEBANE METHODIST CHURCH requests the honor of your presence at a Community Open House on Sunday, December 13, 1953, at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. New parsonage, 205 S. Fourth St., Mebane, N. C."

REV. AND MRS. PAUL H. DUCKWALL of the Midway charge, Thomasville District, announce the birth of a son, Richard Wade, on November 26. The Duckwalls have two other sons: Paul, Jr., 7; and Michael, 4.

"WE LOVE OUR CHURCH, O GOD" was the theme of an impressive program given by members of the Sunday School of Brookland church on the Brooksdale charge, Rt. 3, Roxboro, on Nov. 29. At the close of the service a generous love offering was placed on the altar for the new church, work on which was begun two days before.

DEAN JAMES CANNON of the Duke University Divinity School has just been elected to a major post in the national scholastic honorary fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. He was named South Atlantic District Senator at the annual meeting of the Senate of the United Chapters. The Duke Divinity School dean has also been elected a member of the Senate Committee on Chapter By-Laws. Secretary of the Duke University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa since 1928, he was last year named chairman of the honorary's South Atlantic District.

KENLY Woman's Society sponsored a reception in the parlor of the church in honor of their new pastor, Rev. E. H. Measamer, and family. The Buckhorn and Lucama members were invited as well as the members of the other churches in Kenly. After the guests had been served they were seated in an adjacent room to which the honorees were invited at the close of the reception. They found a huge table loaded with all manner of good things. The Presbyterian minister presented the gifts to the Measamers with a welcome from all of the churches.



Contact With Youth

in the Western North Carolina Conference



Bishop Harrell Urges:

Be Still And Hear His Voice

December promises to be a busy month for Methodist youth. Besides the traditional Christmas programs of the church in which youth always play a vital part, there are the Student Recognition Day services on Dec. 27 and especially this year the Watch Night services Dec. 31.

The Watch Night Service assumes added importance for us since that is the anniversary date of the MYF founding. This year the service includes the "Bishop's Epistle to Youth," written in New Testament style by Bishop John Wesley Lord at the request of the Council of Bishops. It is available in the Nov. 13 issue of *Concern*, the December *Roundtable* and *Shepherds* and in the program for the service.

To go with the Epistle and especially for the youth of the Western N. C. Conference, Bishop Harrell has drafted a personal message to the youth of the Conference:

"I am delighted to learn that the Youth of the Western North Carolina Conference will observe in an especial way Watch Night Service as the old years goes out and 1954 is born. This service holds great possibilities for all of us, and it is my sincere prayer that the Youth Organizations in the Western North Carolina Conference may be deeply blessed by this observance.

"As on this occasion you gather around the altar of the church for the Sacrament of the Holy Communion may Christ be exalted in your thinking, and be to all of you a very present help. One of the purposes of the Communion is to aid us to experience our Lord as a present Friend and Saviour.

Best of All Preparations

"Let us think more of His power than of our problems, more of His plans than of our program, and let us be still in mind and heart that we may clearly hear His voice. Such a period of worship and fellowship should make our hearts ready for the special work our Youth Organizations are attempting for 1954. If at the Holy Communion during this Watch Night Service we are conscious of His presence and leadership and dedicate ourselves anew to follow as He leads, we shall go to our task with the best of all preparations.

"I am deeply interested and concerned in all that is being planned for our Youth during this quadrennium. When I can in any way serve you, be sure that it is my privilege and pleasure so to do.

Sincerely your friend,
Costen J. Harrell"

DO NOT FORGET STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

But with all the emphasis on Watch Night, let's not overlook the importance of recognizing our students.

In many churches of the conference,

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Bishop Costen J. Harrell

plans already are made for both college and high school students to conduct the entire evening service Dec. 27. Student fellowship dinners are also being planned by some churches. Let's not forget that the students away at school are also MYF members.

While most of the students will be participating in the recognition service, a representative group of Methodist students will be approaching Lawrence, Kan., for the quadrennial MSM conference Dec. 28-Jan. 2. They will consider the theme, "Christ Transforming Culture."

CENTENARIANS PLAN CAROLING FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The MYFers of Centenary in Winston-Salem will go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 20. Following the Candlelight Vespers, a program of Christmas music by the combined church choirs, the Senior Highs and Junior Highs will have supper at the church. Each group will have a brief Christmas devotional after which both groups will go caroling in special busses. The itinerary will in-

clude local hospitals and homes. The groups will return to the church for refreshments.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR COUNCIL MEETING JAN. 1-2

President Don Beaty writes this reminder:

The council meetings of our conference MYF are particularly important to our conference organization. By full council meetings, we mean that all conference officers and advisors and all subdistrict presidents and advisors are expected to be present.

In the past, our council meetings have been limited because we did not have enough people to do all the jobs that needed to be done. But it is my hope that at our next meeting at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, Jan. 1-2, we will have every subdistrict president and conference officer present.

Besides making reports on projects which are already under way, we will complete plans for the remainder of the conference year. We will also be making last-minute preparations for our Christian Witness Mission in Gastonia, Jan. 22-24, and further plans to follow up this project in every subdistrict and local church during the Lenten season.

SATURDAY NIGHTS DEVOTED TO PRAYER MEETINGS

From Lucy Gibson and Coy Brown comes the following report of a project being carried out by the young people of Oakview church in the High Point Subdistrict:

We, the young people of Oakview church, would like to tell the youth of all other churches about our Saturday night cottage prayer meetings.

We started these meetings about three years ago. The services provide us with fellowship with our Christian friends, and best of all, fellowship with our Heavenly Father. Not only do we receive inspiring messages, but we have the opportunity of sharing our experiences, singing hymns, and participating in the fellowship of prayer.

These meetings are held every Saturday night in the homes of the MYFers or anyone wishing to have it in his home.

A CIRCUIT FELLOWSHIP

Three churches of the Summerfield charge in the Greensboro Subdistrict have formed a MYF Circuit. They are Morehead, Center and Summerfield. The youth meet every Sunday evening for fellowship, worship and recreation.

Recently elected officers are: Fred Macon, Nancy Trogdon, Ann Hardin, Barbara Turkett, Virginia Christopher, Carol Florance, Betty Hardin, Barbara Stack, Ann Florance, Pat Walker, Doris Bowden and Ernest Macon.

LINCOLN SUBDISTRICT SENDS BIBLES TO KOREA

The Lincoln Subdistrict answered the appeal for Bibles for Korea with a \$58 collection at the November meeting at May's Chapel.

In October a "Christmas in October" party was held at which time gifts were brought for the girls at Allen High School in Asheville.

The Lincoln Subdistrict has also pledged \$524 to the MYFund.

NEWS AND PICTURES
for Contact With Youth
are due on Monday two weeks
before publication. Send to:
Box 421, Salem Station, Winston-Salem

Student Recognition Sunday Set for Dec. 27

Many Area Schools Planned; Give at Christmas

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY
DECEMBER 27, 1953

Each church is urged to observe Student Recognition Sunday, December 27, by having a special service in which the students will have a part. Students in our Methodist colleges and Wesley Foundations have been given information and materials and have been urged to participate in their local church service when called upon.

A specially prepared worship program "The Open Door" is available from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. "Witnesses" by students should be short talks on some aspects of student work: The significance of the Methodist Student Movement; Why one chooses a church college; Wesley Foundations; Summer projects, etc. "Meditations" should be five-minute talks from the hearts of students: the vocation of a Christian student; The campus community; The meaning of student fellowship; The finding of truth, etc.

Students should be used not only in the worship program itself but as choir members, ushers, etc. Names of all college students of the church should appear in the church bulletin on that day.

MOTIVE is the magazine of the Methodist Student Movement. It makes a splendid Christmas gift to students. Individuals or churches might give MOTIVE to the students from their church this Christmas—single subscriptions, eight issues, \$2.00, or group subscriptions of fifteen or more to one address, \$1.00 each. Address communications to MOTIVE, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

"The Christmas season offers a real opportunity to extend the horizons of children and their leaders and at the same time stimulate their interest in, and concern for, others. Here are a few suggestions:

"Contributions to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief will be used to purchase food, medicine, warm clothing, vitamins, and other necessities of life. Food is scarce and goods scarcer in Germany. Today in Korea there are an estimated 125,000 orphans and unaccompanied children. Also, around 294,000 widows with 517,000 children are generally without means of support in Korea. The greatest need of India is food which is scarce and expensive. Hundreds of refugees who have lost everything have poured into Hong Kong. Warm clothing is still needed in Japan.

"The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief can relieve these situations to the extent that Methodist furnish the money. Small and large amounts of money are urgently needed. Offerings for relief may be designated for any country being served by the committee. All contributions for relief should be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

"Churches which have taken advance projects may consider special needs of their missionaries or missions. The pastors should be able to suggest needs which children may help to meet.

"If children shared with children in Africa or with American Indian children during the year, perhaps they would like to share with them again.

"If a missionary has visited the church during the year, perhaps he or she sug-

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gested how others could assist in his or her work. Boys and girls in such situations would gladly respond to such suggestions.

"Clean used clothing in good condition is still needed in many places. All articles of clothing (except shoes and hats) for all ages are most acceptable. Gifts of this kind may be sent to give missionaries in India, Japan, and Korea, or to the nearest address of Church World Service: New Windsor, Maryland."—Children's Work Bulletin.

BRING MORE PEOPLE INTO CONTACT WITH CHRISTIAN TEACHING

By increasing church school membership and church school attendance more people are brought into contact with Christian Teaching. Wherever we turn there are persons unreached by Christian teaching, persons who do not know Christ personally or His way.

In our church the responsibility for getting this job done is placed on the Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation and the membership workers associated with him.

To help your Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation to get organized for his work a kit has been prepared by the General Board, and may be secured for \$1.00 in cash from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. This kit contains a turn-over chart which will help others understand the work to be done; the Assistant Superintendent's Manual on Membership Cultivation; the Prospect Book to be used by each major group in the church school; a Church School Goal and Achievement Chart for use in classes or for the whole church school; a Church School Membership Prospect Card; and a pamphlet on The Church School Survey. The separate items may be ordered—the manual and prospect books from the Methodist Publishing House; the prospect cards from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. The books are 15c each, and the cards 25c per hundred. Call on your board staff for suggestions in this work.

"The church school is, next to the Christian home, society's chief and best agency for teaching persons the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His way for their lives, and yet only one American in every five is a member of the church school. Any church school anywhere can increase its membership if it really wants to and is willing to work.

"The command of our Lord, 'go ye therefore and teach all nations,' and the example of his own ministry, put upon His followers the imperative obligation to make known to all people the Christian way of life. Such a mandate allows no room for indifference on the part of The Methodist Church." Let every church get started in improving membership and attendance by appointing a person, the

Assistant Superintendent for Membership Cultivation, to head up this work.

A LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR EVERY SUBDISTRICT AREA DURING 1953-1954

Staff meetings have been held in each district since the annual conference session and plans are well underway to have a leadership school in every subdistrict area during the year 1953-54. Chairmen have been appointed as follows to call a meeting of the pastors, church school superintendents, and directors of Christian Education to make plans for a school in the named areas:

Durham District—Alamance County, Mrs. J. H. Lanning; Durham County, Mr. John C. Dailey; Caswell County, Rev. Wesley Brogan; Person County, Rev. J. E. Garlington; Orange County, Rev. J. R. Haley; Pittsboro Area, Rev. Brooks Patten

Elizabeth City District—Hertford Area, Rev. H. M. Jamieson; Columbia-Creswell Area, Rev. E. R. Meekins; Hatteras Area, Rev. P. M. Porter; Manteo Area, Rev. H. R. Ashmore; Elizabeth City Area, Rev. R. L. Jerome; Mattamuskeet Area, Mr. P. D. Midgett, III; Washington Area, Rev. N. W. Grant; Ahoskie Area, Rev. Earl Richardson; Williamston Area, Rev. R. E. Walston; Gatesville Area, Rev. Henry Bizzell

Fayetteville District—Cumberland County, Rev. Robert Regan, Jr.; Laurinburg Area, Rev. Ralph I. Epps; Richmond County, Rev. Lester A. Tilley; Montgomery County, Rev. Clyde Boggs; Moore County, Rev. George Blount; Sanford Area, Rev. W. J. Neese; Siler City Area, Dr. E. L. Hillman

New Bern District—Morehead Area, Rev. Leon Couch; New Bern Area, Rev. J. A. Russell; Goldsboro Area, Rev. W. D. Caviness; Greenville Area, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.; Mt. Olive Area, Rev. Russell Harrison; Pamlico County, Rev. R. L. Hethcox; Snow Hill Area, Rev. W. B. Cotton; Kinston Area, Rev. M. W. Lawrence

Rocky Mount District—Roanoke Area, Rev. M. R. Gardner; Warren County, Rev. Sidney Boone; Enfield Area, Rev. C. W. Barbee; Tar River Area, Mr. Tom Newbold; Wilson Area, Rev. L. C. Vereen; Northampton Area, Rev. E. R. Shuller

Raleigh District—Raleigh Area, Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr.; Smithfield Area, Rev. Johnie L. Joyce; Dunn Area, Rev. J. W. Lineberger; Fuquay Area, Rev. H. B. Baum; Louisburg Area, Rev. W. N. McDonald; Granville County, Rev. O. K. Ingram; Henderson Area, Dr. A. P. Brantley

Wilmington District—Jacksonville Area, Rev. J. D. Autry; Clinton Area, Rev. Carlton Hirschi; Wallace Area, Rev. K. R. Wheeler; Southport Area, Rev. Harry Jordan; Wilmington Area, Rev. Ernest Smotherman; Whiteville Area, Rev. Paul Carruth; Elizabethtown Area, Rev. W. A. Crow; Lumberton Area, Rev. W. R. Stevens; Pembroke Area, Rev. Christian White

Each area chairman and each district superintendent has been sent a package of materials containing the booklet of courses which may be offered; the dean's manual, the forms for setting up the school, and an instruction sheet. The executive secretary will be glad to meet with the planning committee whenever possible in order to give help if needed. Other help may be had by writing the Board Office, Box 6667, College Station, so that there will be plenty of time to

Missionary to Japan Writes; Mrs. Doughtie Reports Jurisdictional Gains; Coupons Net \$720

AI KEI GAKUEN CENTER

"Our youth retreat yielded promising results, and because we have two pastors working faithfully and sincerely we are hoping all the youth who are reaching toward faith will step forward now." This optimistic note was sounded by Miss Mildred Ann Payne, missionary to Japan, in a recent letter to Dr. Ethel Tilley of Raleigh.

Miss Payne is director of Ai Kei Gakuen, a social and evangelistic center in the heart of Tokyo, a special interest of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Ai Kei Gakuen, whose name means "Garden Radiating Love and Grace," serves many children and young people with its general program of Christian education, including its Well-Baby Clinics, its nursery and kindergarten, club meetings, and library. The youth department at Ai Kei Gakuen was opened following World War II, in "an attempt to guide the bewildered and distressed youth of Tokyo." More than 300 young people assemble at Ai Kei Gakuen each week for Christian education. A long cherished dream was realized in 1952 when Ai Kei Gakuen was able to open a summer camp for children, making it possible for a few of the thousands of the children of Tokyo to leave the city and enjoy fresh air, sunshine, and substantial food under the supervision of Christian leaders.

A STORY IN FIGURES

A recent letter from Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, conference secretary of promotion, which was published in part in the November 26 issue of the N. C. Conference Woman's Page, gives some pertinent figures from the report of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS for the fourth quarter of 1952-53 and the first quarter of the current conference year.

These figures reveal that the Southeastern Jurisdiction, with 8,160 societies and 75 new societies, led the other six jurisdictions in those two areas. The jurisdiction is also leading in number of new members—8,295; and the number of subscriptions to the World Outlook—7,007. On the conference level North Carolina, South Georgia, and Little Rock are in fifth place in number of new societies. The N. C. Conference organized 11 new societies, and has realized a net gain of 6. The number of unorganized circuits in the conference totals 33, and the number of churches where there is no WSCS organization, 61. Other significant figures in the report give 586 societies in the conference reporting, 12 new 100% societies, 567 new members, a net loss of 82. The total number of 30,693 adult members places the N. C. Conference fourth place among the other 17 conferences in the jurisdiction. A total of 44 societies sent a remittance to the conference treasurer, and 330 sent cash for supply work.

"These figures are what you reported to your district officers," Mrs. Doughtie writes. "If you did not report, then you brought your conference and jurisdiction standing down . . . Compare this year's report with last year's and see if you are progressing."

ANNUAL MEETING PLANS MADE

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, former missionary to China, and currently executive secretary of the work of the WDSC in Africa and Europe, and Mrs. A. M. Gates, former president of the N. C. Conference

Woman's Society of Christian Service North Carolina Conference



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Woman's Missionary Society, will be principal speaker and leader of the meditations, respectively, at the annual meeting of the conference WSCS next March. The First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City will be conference host to the sessions which will meet March 23-25.

CASH FOR COUPONS NEEDED

With the numerous major responsibilities which crowd one's waking hours, the sometimes seemingly minor, but nonetheless important opportunities for service are neglected. Such has too often been the case in failure of many societies and individuals to send redeemable coupons to The Methodist Orphanage.

The goal of \$1,100.00 has been set for 1953, \$720.48 of which has been raised as of November 25. More diligent efforts on the part of the women throughout the conference would bring the total to par and above. The money derived from the coupons will be used to complete the payments on the electric dish washer at the orphanage.

Products from which the coupons are redeemable include Octagon Soap Products, Borden's Silver Cow Evaporated Milk, Luzianne Coffee and Tea, Rumford Baking Powder (save the post cards), Ballard's Obelisk Flour and Prepared Mixes, Hearth Club Baking Powder, and Mrs. Filbert's Margarine and Salad Products. Double value has been placed upon the coupons from Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Detergent, Rumford Baking Powder, and Hearth Club Baking Powder. It will take little effort to help the Methodist Orphanage turn coupons into dollars.

NEED GIFT SUGGESTIONS?

The study books for additional and extra sessions for children of The Methodist Church have proved delightful and profitable reading in the home. Further use of the books is sometimes made in the giving of book reviews by children in the schools. Because books are always acceptable and appreciated gifts, and because of the informative and interesting nature of the children's study books, they make excellent Christmas gifts, or gifts for any occasion.

Among the current mission study books for children of the primary age group are "At Work and Worship Around the World," by Mattie Lula Cooper, 50 cents; "The Round Window," by Elizabeth Allstrom, \$1.25; "New Friends for Nena," by Margaret Clemens McDowell, \$1.25. For the Junior age group the several mission study books include "All the World Shall Worship Thee," by Mary Cureton Brumley, 50 cents; "Many Hands in Many Lands," Alice Geer Kelsey, \$1.25; "We Gather Together," Grace McCarvan, \$1.25; "The Secret Suitcase," Dorothy W. Andrews and Louise B. Scott, \$1.25.

These books may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 7829 Reading Rd., Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

'IT WAS GOOD TO BE THERE'

"We believe that you will rejoice to read this report of the first conference which Korean women have been able to hold in many years and which the United States Unit of the World Federation of Methodist Women made financially possible," Mrs. Paul Arrington, Chairman of the WFMW writes in a recent WFMW news sheet. The report included, in part, these vitally interesting highlights:

One hundred and eighty women of the Korean Methodist Church met August 5-11 for a week of retreat and conference in the cozy little village of Sin Tan Jin, about centrally located in South Korea. The conference, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Korean Methodist Church, was made possible by the WDSC gift funds from America . . . Getting together, sharing experiences and "strengthening their hands in the Lord" made the conference a time of fellowship of inestimable value, and surely they were "sitting together in Heavenly places" as they sat day after day on the hard floor of that village school building which had been secured for the conference.

The conference schedule was very full. The day began early—5:30 o'clock each morning saw them assembled for prayer, seven class periods filled the day, and special preaching services brought the day to a close. Spiritual insights were grasped in Dr. Fritz Pyun's class in Old Testament studies on Attributes of God. Each Christian worker gained inspiration for her own task through a study of I and II Timothy and Titus taught by Miss Kate Cooper. Christian Education, its purpose and methods took on new meaning as they eagerly followed the lectures of Miss Emma Wilson. New possibilities of program building for the Woman's Society were found through the teaching and demonstrations directed by Miss Sadie Maude Moore. Miss Bessie Oliver's class on Social Service was most helpful. Two projects immediately undertaken were, visits and gifts for wounded soldiers in Korean Army Hospitals, and subscriptions begun to raise funds for a Woman's Society Headquarters and Service Center in Seoul. Recreation time was directed by Miss Clara Howard and brought real fun and relaxation. All hearts were stirred one day when discussion centered around missionary projects and a list of missionaries who have been supported by the Korean Woman's Missionary Society was presented. Korea has sent missionaries to Manchuria and Japan, donations for missions to India and Africa and has supported home missionaries, but many local and district groups also help support local missionary projects. Rev. Cho's lessons on personal evangelism were practical, the women loved Mrs. Soo Chin Kim's helpful messages and Evangelist Cho's preaching services and his accounts of the recent visits to Cheiju Island were appreciated. He introduced the three Bible women present from Cheiju Island—all women of sterling worth, doing real pioneer Christian service on that island where life is hard, religious superstitions are strong and poverty is great.

Saturday evening of the conference will be long remembered by the hundreds of people who gathered under the stars to witness a showing of the movie, "King of Kings," in the village squares . . . The Sunday evening vesper service was held on the grassy banks near the sandy shores of the "Silk River" . . . At Sin Tan Jin, Christian women beheld the radiance and power of the transfigured Christ, and they said, "It is good for us to be here" . . .

Hearts Prepared for Christmas; Sponsors Are Prompt; November Income Down

RAISING CHILDREN

We are still in the business of raising children. In order that this raising may serve its best purpose, our staff members find a lot of satisfaction in living close to the needs of the youngsters. Those of our staff members who do the best work at directing their children find a lot of joy in helping their youngsters think through the circumstances that are so meaningful to them, be these circumstances pleasing or displeasing. We here at The Children's Home find it not only necessary to talk about our children to our friends but to be with our children in their actual living experiences. So each of our staff members in his or her proper responsibility has a lot of satisfaction in living with over four hundred children, ranging in age from a little over two to nineteen years.

THE BIG JOY TIME

Each day in December registers increased anticipation on the part of our boys and girls as the Christmas season spreads its joyful tidings about over our campus. There may be some of the staff members who are wondering whether they will get all the expected assignments done in time for a wholehearted Christmas celebration, but such is not the case with the youngsters. They have the feeling that the counting off of the days before Christmas is a rather slow process. However the intervening time may be diagnosed, it is a matter of certainty that our youthful family is living in the joyful times of expectancy.

HELPFUL SPONSORS

We continue to celebrate over the fact that without any solicitation on our part there are enough inquiring friends for sponsoring every child we have here. As fast as we can take care of the changes in our enrollment we answer the requests for the privilege of sponsoring a child by the friends who want to do something in a direct channel of personal joy. If the inquiries so far received hold up through the next ten days, it appears that most every child we have here will have had his preference relayed to inquiring sponsors.

PERSONAL PLANS

Our procedure of enabling each child we have here to know that somebody personally cares for him or her calls for detailed consideration. The first part of this personal consideration has to do with each home mother's tabulating the desired gift each child would like to receive, such tabulations calling for three items, either one of which would please the child. This tabulation is then handed in to our office to be forwarded when an inquiring sponsor so requests. At this writing well over half of the sponsors have inquired about what their child would like to have and doubtless are now in process of securing the gift. The packages will soon be coming by the dozens to be tabulated and stored away for our older boys and girls, acting as Santa Claus, to carry them to the proper destinations. With these packages coming in to each household, after the younger children have gone to sleep, the home mothers, with such assistance as they call for, will be very busy placing the packages around the family Christmas tree, ready for the joy that

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TIME

While we do not kid ourselves into thinking that the Christmas celebrations we have here on The Children's Home campus can in every way take the place of joyful Christmas times in the private home, we do know that a mighty good effort is put forth in providing for our youngsters a series of joyful experiences to such extent as to cause our family to feel that The Children's Home is not only a place to eat and work and sleep and secure clothes, but also a joyful place of happy comradeship. Even though our staff of workers may be worn with tiredness, the joy that surrounds them is sufficient to overcome any complaining soul who may have grown weary in her well doing.

NOVEMBER TIDINGS

We confess to somewhat of a depressed feeling through the month of November as the financial forwardings to us were reduced so much over the previous November financial receipts. But for the fine voluntary giving forwarded by sponsoring groups our income would have been far below our financial outgo. There was not a great deal to celebrate over in the November financial findings.

DECEMBER TIDINGS

December brings to us financial tidings that are very encouraging. To be sure,

the November fifth Sunday offerings are stimulating and in addition a number of our congregations have forwarded substantial amounts on the total yearly askings for our family. It appears that our friends will see to it that December will be a great month in their sharing with their foster children.

DONE AND DONE

The new plan for Children's Home askings does not lend itself to as much joy bell ringing as we have been used to for a decade or so. Unless our friends give us information we do not always know whether the total askings have been received. We can compare the check with the pastoral charge askings but not with the local congregation on the pastoral charge. The following congregations have forwarded their entire askings for our boys and girls during the present conference year and are herewith listed with their pastor in charge:

Abernethy Memorial, Asheville, E. J. Nease, Jr.
Ebenezer, Belmont, J. S. Gibbs
West Jefferson, M. W. Nesbitt, Jr.
Old Fort circuit, L. W. Hall
Harmony, Harmony circuit, H. M. Welman

GROWING RIGHT

The picture herewith presented is that of Jerry Cook, fourteen years old and doing well in the ninth grade. In fact Jerry does well at anything that he sets himself to do, whether it be a leader in the Boy Scout troop or a dish washer in the kitchen. A fellow just likes not only to look at Jerry but to be with him. He is made of genuine dependability. This lad is sponsored by the Wesley Fellowship Class at Central, Spencer, Miss. Louise Brannock being the correspondent.

GOOD HEALTH

While we have our minds on our boys and girls we are glad to report that sickness has almost vanished from our campus. The boys and girls are not liable to be sick before Christmas as they are following it. Good health has been with us for several months. Of course there is some child who needs some surgery or the dressing of some wound or even an upset stomach most of the time, but such cases are fewer now than usual. When our family is healthy our family is happy.

MORE BUILDINGS

Our architect is spending some time now with us as we plan for two new buildings authorized to be constructed here on our campus, one for boys and one for girls. The cost in providing for these buildings has come to us through the W. Z. Stultz estate. In the acceptance of this bequest our board of trustees must follow the directions that accompanied the bequest. These new buildings are not intended to increase the size of our family so much as to decrease the number of children in each family unit. While our home mothers do not complain at having thirty children to the household, it is a matter of concern to us to reduce the number somewhat. The planning and construction of new fire-proof buildings call for careful thinking. It is expected that all our buildings will be made fire-proof before we get through safeguarding the interests of a lot of precious youngsters.

Better Race Relations

By Charles M. Laymon

Acts 10; Romans 10: 12-13

The Southern Governor's conference, at a recent meeting in Hot Springs, Va., heard a plea from Governor Herman Talmadge of Georgia that the Supreme Court uphold segregation in the schools and let the South solve its own racial problems. At this same meeting, Governor James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, in a progress report, said that \$62,900,000 of the \$89,000,000 available in his state for educational purposes is being spent on improvements in and extension of Negro-school education.

These statements confirm the fact that the racial question is an important one on the American scene. A national conscience is making it a national issue, and public leaders feel compelled to express themselves, in one way or another.

The Christian church, in its early days, faced the question of race also. In today's Scripture lesson, Peter was visiting in the home of Simon, a tanner by trade. Because of his profession, he was regarded by the Jews as ceremonially unclean and an outcast. Although Peter was a Christian, his Jewish training would not let him feel at ease in Simon's house.

In addition to this situation, Peter was invited to preach in the home of Cornelius, the centurion. The Jews regarded him also as an outcast, because he was a Gentile. As a Christian, Peter was impelled to accept the invitation, but as a Jew he had ingrained reservations.

Had it not been for a vision, in which Peter heard a voice saying, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common," Peter might not have visited Cornelius. In the face of this great Christian truth, however, he could not hold back. As a result Cornelius and his household became Christians.

Better race relations today will depend on the recognition of the same truth that inspired Peter to go to the home of Cornelius—the sacredness of personality. No human soul is basically unclean. God has made every man his own in the very act of creation and in the loving death of Christ on the cross for all.

The church must lead the way in putting this truth into life, as Peter did. To express Christian brotherhood among all races in a complicated national life, with varying social traditions, economic patterns, and political practices, may turn out to be the greatest challenge to our generation.

Book Reviews

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH, Wallace Fridy, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1953. \$1.50.

This small volume of 128 pages, pocket-size, is a group of meditations on "guidance for every day" and is a companion volume to the author's very popular book, A LAMP UNTO MY FEET.

Let me say something about the author:

He is the young minister of the Bethel Methodist Church in Spartanburg, S. C., and formerly served as director of religious education in Wesley Memorial church, High Point. He reads widely, counsels often, preaches earnestly, writes a weekly column in a local newspaper, and has just guided his congregation in the building of a new sanctuary. He is humble, friendly, and genuinely consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ. That is

the kind of man who has written this interesting book.

Let me give three comments on the book itself:

The chapters are "down-to-earth," practical, and "beamed" to the average, seeking Christian in the daily walk of life. One reads them and feels that they are words from one who has experienced and who has triumphed in the daily warfare of the soul.

The illustrations, taken from life and wide reading, are particularly helpful. They are incisive and pointed. They are pegs which help to sharpen the remembrance of the spiritual verities being discussed.

Dealing with the eternal truths of the Christian revelation, A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH affords fresh understanding and clear appreciation of those values which all of us desperately need in these days. There is no idle trafficking in the pages. There is no casual discussion of passing interests in these lines. Here we have the genuine, abiding truths of great living!

Wilson O. Weldon

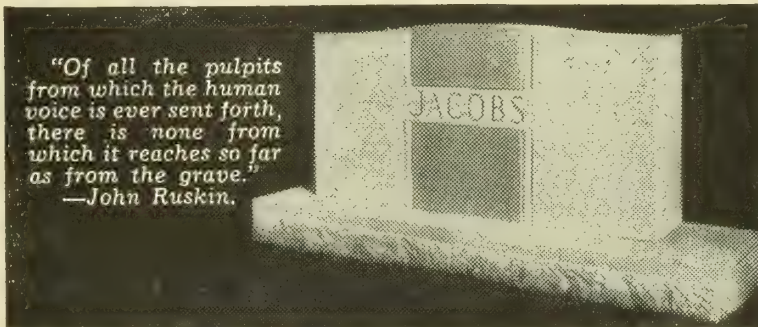
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SONG IN THE AIR is the title of a new Christmas carol book now available from the Service Department of the General Board of Education, according to the Rev. Wallace Chappell, of the Youth Department staff, who made arrangements for its publication. The 48-page book will contain many of the well-known hymns of

the Christmas season, most of the well-known carols, and a number of quite beautiful lesser known carols. There are several lovely two-color drawings by Majory Anderson, Yorkshire, England, to make the book attractive. **Song In The Air** is an excellent Christmas greeting gift. This will be the third songbook produced by the Youth Department, the other two being **Sing It Again** and **Lift Every Voice**. **Song in the Air** will sell for 10 cents for single copies. Order from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.

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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MR. CRAB'S CLOTHES

By Emma Florence Bush

Richard was sitting on a large stone on the beach one hot day, digging his bare toes into the sand and making it fly in all directions while he waited for his chum Edwin to join him.

It was hot and Richard was tired, for he had been playing hard all the morning. He knew he would be more comfortable under the shade of the big rocks not far away, but still he sat on the big rock, and dug his toes into the sand.

All at once he heard a little complaining voice that seemed to come from beneath him.

"I wish you would stop throwing sand in my eyes. It is hard enough to get off these clothes without having anything else to try my patience," it said.

Richard could not believe his ears. Looking closer, he found the voice came from a crab who was wriggling and twisting in a hollow under the stone on which he had been sitting.

"What are you doing?" asked Richard. "Taking off my old clothes, of course," answered the crab crossly. "I have split them down the back and I am trying to crawl out of them, but my left front boot sticks and pinches so. O dear! Do give a fellow a lift, can't you?"

Richard was very much afraid he would hurt the crab, but he gently took hold of the old coat and pulled. He did not succeed in getting the crab out of trouble, however.

"Thank you just the same," said the crab. "I see there is no help for it. I shall have to part with that leg." He gave two or three violent kicks and his leg, still covered with the offending shell, fell off in the sand.

"Oh, you poor thing. You will be lame!" cried Richard.

"Don't worry," said the crab. "It will soon grow again, but as I am a little lame at present, and my new clothes are rather soft and thin, I shall have to hide under the stone for a while until my new leg grows and my clothes get harder and thicker."

He scrambled into the hole under the stone.

"Just pack a little sand around me," he said, "then my enemies will not find me. You might sit on the stone again if you wish. You will not hurt me and it will be safer for me."

Richard carefully tucked and patted the sand around his new friend, then he sat down once more on the stone. All at once he heard Edwin calling and ran to join him.

"I will not tell him about the crab," he said, "for he might want to look at him and the poor fellow is so upset now it would be a shame to disturb him."

A few days later, Richard looked carefully under the stone. There was no crab there. "I must have fallen asleep and dreamed it," he said, "for of course crab's don't talk. I know, though, that what he told me is so, for I looked it up in father's big encyclopedia."

But after that all summer whenever Richard saw a crab scuttling along the beach, he always wondered if it was his friend with his new leg and his new suit of clothes.—Zions Herald.

SHERIFF DOUBLES IN PREACHING

Methodist supply pastors have at one time or another combined preaching the gospel with almost every method of earning a living but Frank Stewart, Church news editor of the Cleveland PRESS, has dug up a new one.

The sheriff of Portage County, Ohio, carrying a Bible and sermon notes instead of holster and handcuffs, starts off every Sunday morning for Drakesburg Methodist Church of which he is the pastor.

Preaching came naturally to Sheriff Robert Stockdale. He once taught public speaking at Kent State University. Doubtless his platform skill was an asset when at the age of 36 last year he ran for this top law enforcement office of the county.

Like lay preacher Captain Thomas Webb of the British Army in pre-Revolutionary New York City, who preached with his drawn sword laid across the open Bible, Sheriff Stockdale is not neglecting his duties when he is in the pulpit. There are arrangements to alert him should his services be suddenly required.

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PREXY PREACHES ON DECK—Dr. Harold G. Cooke, president of McMurray College in Abilene, Texas, this autumn cruised to Pearl Harbor on the U.S.S. Wisconsin, the world's largest battleship, as a guest of Navy Secretary Anderson. The Secretary is a trustee of McMurray. On the voyage Dr. Cooke preached to the ship's company on deck and taught the Protestant Bible study class in the crew's lounge.

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The Church should welcome investigation of its loyalty, but the investigation should be conducted by God-seeking spiritual leaders, not by vote-seeking politicians.—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

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Announcements

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First Round

December	
Pasquotank, Newbegin, 11 & 2	11
Currituck, Sharon, 11:30	13
Kitty Hawk, Kitty Hawk, 7:30	13
Columbia, Wesley Chapel, 11	20
Creswell, Creswell, 3	20
Jamesville, 7:30	20
Belhaven, 11	27
Washington, 7:30	27
January	
Stumpy Point, Stumpy Point, 11	3
Mattamuskeet, Englehard, 3	3
Swan Quarter, Providence, 7:30	3
Church Extension Meeting First C., E. C., 6:30	5
Hatteras, Frisco, 11	10
Kinnakeet, Avon, 7:30	10
Williamston, 11	17
Windsor, Windsor, 7:30	17
South Camden, Camden, 11	24
Chowan, Bethany, 3	24
Hertford, 7:30	24
Pastors with Youth Director, First C., 10	26
Manteo, 11	31
Wanchese, 7:30	31
February	
City Road, E. C., 7:30	1
Washington Circuit, Ware's Chapel, 11	7
Bath, Bath, 7:30	7
Ahoskie, 11	14
Harrellsville, 3	14
Murfreesboro, 7:30	14
Men's Meeting, Hertford, 6:30	17
Plymouth, 11	21
Roper, Roper, 7:30	21
Church School Institutes:	
Washington 5-9	22
Ahoskie, 5-9	23
First Ch. E. C., 5-9	24
Manteo, 10-3	25
South Mills, Trinity, 11	28
Moyock, Moyock, 7:30	28

In Memoriam

MRS. EMMA JONES

CORAPEAKE—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Parker's Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of our oldest member, Mrs. Emma Jones, who passed away at her home October 7th, 1953.

Though confined to her bed for some time, she bore her illness with great patience and fortitude.

She lived a beautiful life; true and loyal to her home, her church, her friends and her community.

We thank God for her life so nobly lived and extend to her family and loved ones our heartfelt sympathy. Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Earl Barnes, Mrs. Lee Riddick, Mrs. Ethel Morgan.

MRS. J. C. LASLEY

REIDSVILLE—We, the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service, of Salem Methodist Church desire to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our oldest and most beloved members, Mrs. J. C. Lasley, who entered into life eternal on September 27th, 1953.

She was loyal to her family, having led her eight children to know her God and see them good Christians and citizens. She was a Christian who learned early in her life to lean on her God; never doubting, living a consecrated life, doing her best each day. It is a thrill to know people who have lived nobly and have made their mark and have left their world a better place because they have lived in it.

While we miss her presence, we know her memory will live on. May we be permitted to say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In expressing our sympathy, we offer these Resolutions:

First: We extend our most sincere sympathy to the members of her family and pray God's blessings upon them, realizing our loss is Heaven's gain.

Second: That we always keep in our minds the memory of her loyalty and service.

Third: That a copy be sent to the family, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and a page memorial for her be kept in our minutes. Mrs. Ben Stedman, Mrs. Allen Stokes, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

MRS. ETHEL IVEY PARKS

GOLDSBORO—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, pause in loving remembrance to offer our tribute to one of our co-workers, Mrs. Ethel Ivey Parks, who on Sunday, September 20, 1953, was called to her eternal home.

Her kindness, her faithfulness, her unselfishness, endeared her to all who knew her. Through her years of great physical suffering she never lamented her illness, but was always interested in the welfare of everyone else. She displayed that wonderful promise—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be included in our minutes; a copy be sent to the family; and a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully: Miss Hattie Dewey, Mrs. E. C. Crow, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. J. W. Ward.

JESSE WARREN HEDGPETH

FAYETTEVILLE—Human personality and influence are not limited or measured in terms of time or space. Human interest, a gracious spirit, unwavering loyalty, and unselfish service build a tower of character that reaches to the skies.

The congregation of Hay Street church has recently lost such a builder who possessed in large degree the characteristics mentioned above. He was Jesse Warren Hedgpeth, born in Fayetteville, December 13, 1901, the son of Crawford L. Hedgpeth and Bert Cole Hedgpeth. Jesse passed from our midst on July 31, 1953 after a long period of ill health.

Whereas the Official Board of Hay Street Methodist Church deplores the loss of Jesse W. Hedgpeth from our number, and desires to go on record as paying tribute to his excellent character and faithful Christian

service through many years to the church and the community, and further the said board has directed that suitable resolutions be inscribed, recorded, and presented to the family of Jesse W. Hedgpeth; and

Whereas we bow humbly and submissively to the will of God in the demise of our beloved brother, loyal and faithful always to the Sunday school and the church; and

Whereas we, the Official Board of Hay Street Methodist Church, would make permanent this record of our esteem for Jesse W. Hedgpeth; therefore

Be it resolved that a copy of these expressions become a part of our official church records, that a copy be forwarded to the family of the lamented Jesse Warren Hedgpeth, and a copy be sent for publication in The North Carolina Christian Advocate.—Manly B. Fisher, Chairman; Mrs. Oris C. Harvey, G. C. Davidson.

MRS. CORA HAWKS SMITH

CORNELIUS—We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed friend and faithful member Mrs. Cora Hawks Smith who passed away November 2nd, 1953.

She was always loyal to her society, to her family, to her church and to her God. Her Christian spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. We deeply feel our loss but her Christian life of unselfish service among us is a blessed memory to cherish.

In expressing our sympathy, we offer these resolutions: That we keep in our hearts the memory of her beautiful life; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family; a copy be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society.—Mrs. Mason Lawrence, Mrs. J. Cliff Westmoreland, Mrs. W. W. Washam, Mrs. F. W. Kiker.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

CHRISTMAS AND THE GOOD NEWS

By W. R. Cullom

People generally understand that the word "gospel" means "good news." A popular gospel song of some years ago said, "Tell me the old, old story." The word "old" as used here means that the gospel story has been tried through the ages and found to be thoroughly trustworthy and satisfying. In this sense, the word "old" is a most worthy one and one that is in complete harmony with the facts of long, repeated, and well-tried experience.

There is another sense, however, in which the story of the gospel is perpetually and even eternally new. I mean to say that it is a love story, and that love is always new and grows more so with age. It is fresher and even more meaningful with the passing years. This is true in the case of love between a man and a woman, and the love between parent and child. When responded to by faith and personal surrender, it is infinitely more so in case of a personal human soul and its father Creator.

This must be what Augustine had in mind when he cried out in his **Confessions**, "O God, thou has made us for thyself, and our soul's are restless until they find rest in thee." The essential Christmas story announces an indescribable climax in the approach of God to man, a love story whose depth, whose height, whose fullness, whose richness, whose power, and whose glory can never be known or expressed. The person in whose soul this story comes to be stale, dry and mere sing-song should never try to tell it to another. Such a soul should stand before Raphael's Sistine Madonna and meditate upon its lovely and loving significance until his soul is quickened and made to thrill with joy at what is here announced. The curtain between the spirit world and the material world is unfolded; the Virgin is entering our world bearing the Son of God upon her arms; the pope, the saint, the cherubs and the angels are giving response as best they can with a wonder and an amazement that no tongue can tell nor any pen describe.

The same type of response is given by the angelic song which shouts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men in which I am well pleased." The aged Simeon takes the babe into his arms and cries, "And now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord, according to thy word in peace, for mine eyes have seen the salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel." (Luke 2: 29-32) A turning point in the history of the universe had come.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

This fadeless flower from Memory's tree
Is blown by Yuletide winds to thee.
When it falls within thy hand,
Love-laden, you will understand
That there are those who gladly share
Your every grief, your constant care;
And who in mirthful moments, claim
The right to share with you the same
High joy, or peace, or happiness
That heals a heart of its distress.

—W. L. Hutchins in "Withered Weeds"

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

WHOM CAN WE TRUST?

A postmaster in a small town once owned a St. Bernard dog. This dog possessed physical strength and unusual intelligence. He was a one-family dog and became the devoted protector of the youngest daughter of the family. The huge creature would follow the little girl wherever she went.

He slept outside her bedroom door. Occasionally he prowled through the house, just to be sure that no one molested his master and his "flock."

His great shaggy head and superb dignity won the hearts of the neighbors.

One day the owner said to a friend: "This dog seems to think. Somehow he has become a sort of anchor here in our family. He has revived faith in this household." The father wanted to demonstrate his faith in his dog.

One morning he took his friend, his small daughter and the dog to the railroad station. Half a mile down the track, the engineer pulled the whistle cord.

The father placed his little daughter on the rails. He said, "I want you to see the faith I have in our St. Bernard." To this friend the thing seemed preposterous.

The dog, alarmed at the danger, leaped to the rails. He snatched the child by an arm and deposited her safely on the platform.

That father's act may be so extreme as to seem foolish. A dog's fidelity, beautiful as it is, can hardly be counted on in life's extreme emergencies.

A certain trust in oneself is essential to success. Horace, the old Roman poet, had a kernel of truth when he said: "He who relies on himself is the leader to guide the swarm."

We all know persons whose faith in themselves serves them as the whiskers of a cat serve that animal. I have no inside information on this subject, and I may be wrong, but my understanding is that a cat's whiskers enable it to tell whether a hole is large enough for it to get through. Some people have a faith which makes them feel confident they can get through a situation.

This helps—but it is not a faith worthy enough and strong enough for these times. I cannot trust completely my conscience, my will, or my strength. I need God these days to keep me from drifting.

Likewise, our faith in our fellowmen is good—but not good enough. If I received a telegram tomorrow that someone dear to me had just died, I could not comfort myself by going out for a walk to look at the men I met on the street.

When I walk through the "valley of the shadow of death," it is not the crowd which comforts me. Nor is it enough to know that other people are going through the same sorrows. I need to feel the care of a Divine Shepherd.

Faith is an anchor—faith in ourselves, in our fellows and in our nation. All these are not secure, however, unless our anchors of faith lay hold on the rock bottom, which is God. As we draw near to Christmas, let us drop anchor in the Bible's promise: "The Eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Think what life would be in a land like

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Let Us Pray

We pause, our Father, in the few preparation for Christmas to get a better perspective, to understand a little better the meaning of the occasion we are about to celebrate. We truly want to prepare our hearts, and not merely our bodies. We want above everything else to prepare Thee, and not ourselves. We want to learn how to give to the Christ-Child, not simply to one another. We want to worship Him, and not the gaudy trappings of a half-pagan holiday. O God, show us how. Prepare our minds and hearts for the most joyous and the most spiritually enriching experience ever. We pray in Thy name. Amen.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

Russia, whose leaders do not believe in God. How far could we trust dictators who recognize no higher law than their own desire? Who could be sure what law would be tomorrow? What could one put in the future?

When I was in Russia seven years ago I could feel the fear and uncertainty which hung like a pall over the people. I saw the peasants crowding the churches because they knew that the promised Godless dictators are not enough to rule and die by.

President William McKinley once tapped his desk in the White House and said, "No man will ever sit here who does not believe in God." What confidence gives us in lands like Canada and the United States, to have leaders who rely on a Higher Power!

Read again the motto on our coat of arms: "In God we trust." And take heart. (Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Convert Nuclear Energy into Life, Not Death

When President Eisenhower last week proposed to the General Assembly of the United Nations that all atomic powers pool some of their atomic resources for peaceful purposes he gave new hope to millions of peace-loving citizens in every country. With the realization that the two most powerful nations are now in a position to wage atomic warfare and with the realization that the chasm between these two colossi is widening step by step, people of every nation have been frightened almost into a state of hysteria. We know now that in atomic warfare there can be no hiding place for anyone.

The words of President Eisenhower came as wonderful good news to our friends in other lands. For the past few years, at least, they have had considerable trouble in understanding us. In Europe, particularly, our friends have been mystified by our words and action. They have wondered time and again whether we are as altruistic and as peace-loving as we pretend or whether we are just another big, mad nation, drunk with military and economic power. The President's courageous words should set them at ease. "My country's purpose," he said boldly, "is to help us to move out of this dark chamber of horrors into the light."

To sum up, the President urged that nations possessing atomic know-how contribute some of their nuclear materials to an international agency sponsored by the United Nations and begin now an undertaking that will convert this tremendous force into a blessing instead of a curse to all mankind.

Of course, there are many hurdles to be overcome. Russia so far has reacted unfavorably. There are questions even about our allies. There will doubtlessly be efforts here in America to throw a monkey wrench into the proposal, for, unfortunately, we must still deal with some powerful groups who profit financially by international tension and discord and others who are tempted to put partisan politics above the welfare of mankind. But we believe the President has given expression to the hopes and aspirations of an overwhelming majority of people in our country and elsewhere.

We must not let these hopes die. Critics of the plan both at home and abroad must not be allowed to crush these hopes. Statesmen in every country should be urged to pursue these broad, bold, humanitarian objectives. If we possess the imagination, the determination, the patience, and the character,

mankind may yet win, and this incredible instrument of death may even become the means of a fuller and richer life for the human family.

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Setup Series Signify Significant Signs

The North Carolina Conference, in the opinion of this observer, has just concluded perhaps its most significant series of setup meetings in recent years. Launching the program for the conference year, district superintendents, pastors and laymen looked honestly and courageously at the needs and set their minds and hearts to undoubtedly the largest and most comprehensive tasks they have ever undertaken.

Every cause was heard sympathetically, but the emphasis this year will center around church extension—an area sadly neglected for at least two decades. The first effort will be in behalf of our church at Jacksonville where Methodists critically need a larger church building to minister to a fast-growing community located near Camp Lejeune. The goal in Christmas offerings is \$37,000, which will enable the local congregation to begin in the near future a building program long overdue.

Then new churches will be established in several unchurched areas as funds are available through the promotion of the Ten Dollar Club plan and the Bishop Garber Church Extension program.

Other causes will be generously supported through the year.

The editor was particularly grateful for the enthusiastic interest shown in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*. Five districts set subscriptions goals for the year as follows: Durham, 5,000; Fayetteville, 5,000; Raleigh, every family; Rocky Mount, 4,000; Wilmington, every family. Elizabeth City and New Bern districts are continuing their efforts to reach all the homes with the *Advocate*.

The four new district superintendents—W. L. Clegg, Durham; C. F. Heath, Elizabeth City; O. L. Hathaway, Fayetteville; and R. G. Dawson, Raleigh—demonstrated excellent leadership and revealed a fine grasp of the task before them. The others—H. K. King, New Bern; J. F. Herbert, Rocky Mount; and V. E. Queen, Wilmington—all of whom had notable records last year, set even higher goals for the new year.

The spirit of progress is evident in every district. No pessimistic or discordant note was sounded anywhere.

Every sign points to one of the best years for Christ and His Church in the North Carolina Conference.

Are We Putting Christ Back into Christmas?

There are signs that Christ is being brought back into Christmas.

According to Religious News Service, this trend has reached scores of American cities as well as some foreign communities. Begun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, four years ago by a Roman Catholic woman's organization, the movement has been accelerated by the cooperation of clergymen, church laymen, civic and business leaders, fraternal and civic organizations and other groups.

In some cities, such as North Wilkesboro and Fayetteville here in North Carolina, all secular emphasis and commercialization have been eliminated from the Christmas parade. For example, in Fayetteville the parade which was held Saturday evening, December 5, had as its theme "The Christmas Story—From Prophecy of Old to Fulfillment in the Coming of Christ." It was presented by the churches of Cumberland County, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and the Fayetteville Jaycees. According to Chairman W. Stanley Potter, pastor of Haymount Methodist Church, more than 75,000 attended, even though the parade was postponed a day on account of rain. "The merchants were happy about it," Mr. Potter observed, "and the ministers were joyful. The 27 floats were prepared by the churches and no one church failed to have an excellent float. Our people want to have it each year."

We had the privilege of viewing the parade at Goldsboro which also carried a spiritual emphasis.

Getting a spiritual theme into the Christmas parade, of course, does not mean that Christ is back in Christmas. It is a step in the right direction, however. Our big need is to get Him into our hearts before Christmas, during Christmas and during the days that follow Christmas. This is more difficult than carrying out a Christmas theme in the parade. Our godlessness at Christmas is an indication that something is dreadfully wrong with us the rest of the year. Are we honest enough and penitent enough not only to admit it, but to do something about it? The best place to begin is with self. Let's not only put Christ into the Christmas parade. Let's go all the way: Let's put Him in our hearts.

The best time to begin is at Christmas—at which time we see man perhaps both at his altruistic best and at his blasphemous worst.

Methodism In Tito's Yugoslavia

By Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Methodism in Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia is avowedly Communist but has diplomatic and business dealings with America. One has to remain here but a short time to detect some strange contrasts.

Here are Oriental influence and Western culture; communist ideology and Christian idealism; East and West living side by side and offering the newcomer something unusual and interesting.

Yugoslavia possesses traces of many cultures. There are remnants of Roman columns and Greek capitals, with a palace in Venetian Gothic or a fortress built by the Spaniards or Venetians. A similar kaleidoscope is encountered in Bosnia and Macedonia.

On the ramparts of the Belgrade fortress at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube one becomes aware of the blood-soaked history of the whole of Europe. Yugoslavia comprises the middle and northwestern part of the Balkan Peninsula. It is about the size of the state of New York and Pennsylvania together, with 16 million inhabitants: Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins.

The form of government in Yugoslavia is a Federated republic consisting of the following People's Republics: Serbia, with its capital Belgrade (380,000 inhabitants which is at the same time the seat of the Federated Government); Croatia; Slovenia; Bosnia and Hercegovina; Macedonia; and Montenegro. The present social and economic organization in Yugoslavia constitutes a social state which is the result of a national revolution. The languages spoken by the peoples of Yugoslavia are Serbian, Croatian, Slovenian and Macedonian.

As to their religious beliefs, the Yugoslavs are mostly of Orthodox, Catholic and Moslem faith.

Historical Background

On December 1, 1918, an independent country was set up, called at first the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (it included Macedonia and Montenegro), and later the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

On April 6, 1941, German troops marched into Yugoslavia. Squadrons of German planes bombed Belgrade, leaving a heavily damaged city. Estimates of the dead ranged from 17,000 to 25,000. On April 17, the Yugoslav Government capitulated.

The country was occupied and partitioned by Germany, Italy, Hungary and Bulgaria. Resistance continued throughout the occupation. During the occupation, Great Britain and the United States gave military assistance to the various resistance groups. In the latter part of 1944, the Partisan army of Marshal Tito, together with elements of the Soviet army, occupied the country.

On March 2, 1945 King Peter II named a new regency council and Marshal Tito was chosen Prime Minister. Elections for a Constitutional Assembly were held on November 11, 1945, with the government party the victor. On November 29, 1945, the Assembly proclaimed Yugoslavia a republic.

Yugoslavia was declared a Federated People's Republic on January 31, 1946, under a new constitution. The Constituent Assembly adopted a new basic law and named Marshal Tito to form the new government. He remains not only the leader but the idol of his people.

full-time ordained pastors with numerous local preachers. The churches are well organized with Sunday schools, youth groups, Woman's Societies, all of which carry on against great odds. We also have nine deaconesses and a finer and more dependable group I never saw.

Conference Held at Novi-Sad

Our Annual Mission Conference met here in Novi-Sad from Thursday through Sunday (Nov. 5-8). The preaching of the Gospel and the business of the conference was carried on in three languages—German, Serbian, English, with a summary of the sermons given in Hungarian. We had time for much preaching and it was my joy to speak many times. Always before and after the sermon we would have several choir numbers. On Sunday some of our church choirs travelled many miles to be present and to sing for the conference. It is not often these Christians now living in a "strange land" can sing the Lord's song, but when they get a chance they certainly know how to praise the Lord with song.

Yugoslavia has broken her diplomatic ties with Russia and is now working with the Western Powers. She is still a communist nation and openly declares herself to be. Her government, schools, economy and public life are organized to serve the ideals and objectives of a communist state. All of which means that to be a Christian here is a difficult and courageous business and one must pay a great price for his faith.

I have found the highly placed government officers kind and considerate and for their kindness I am grateful, but that does not alter my conviction that communism exalts the State and denies to man his God-given rights. Let us hope that what Yugoslavia sees of our American and Christian way of life will convince them there is "a more excellent way" than what they now practice.

Lost In The Wrappings

By Ernest C. Durham

*"Lost in the wrappings," I heard a man say,
As he talked of the Christ of the Christmas Day:
Lost in the fancies, the glitter, the gleam;
In the thought of St. Nick and his reindeer team;
In the hurry, and worry, and stir, and the noise;
In the wildest of revelries, void of real joys;
In the efforts for having the biggest time yet,
As to things we can give and the things we can get:
And in the parades that say not a word
Of the birth of a Star and of Jesus the Lord.*

*There's a great deal of truth in what the man said,
And adding that on to the things we have read,
It is time to put Christ into Christmas once more.
Can we hear, for the noise, His knock at our door?
Can we see, for the spiritual dimness of sight,
The skies o'er His birth-place with glorious light?
O, hush the loud noises! O, people, be still!
Hear again the glad singings of "peace" and "goodwill"!
Put Christ into Christmas! O, what a great cost—
If in millions of wrappings the Saviour be lost!*

What The Pastor Expects

By Vance A. Lewis

An excellent article appeared recently in the North Carolina Christian Advocate setting forth what a church expected from its pastor. The wise pastor will strive to measure up to these suggestions, and in so doing will become a better pastor. Now, looking at the pastor-church relationship from the viewpoint of the pastor, I venture to make a few suggestions as to what the pastor feels he has a right to expect from the church he is sent to serve.

Methodist in Spirit

First, he expects them to be Methodists in spirit as well as in name. We are a connectional church with a world-wide program of service to every area of human need. Narrow and selfish interests will defeat this program. Wherever people lack the vision of the historic Methodist spirit, their pastor goes to bat with two strikes on him. When the pastor has to spend time and energy to convert the church that should already be converted, not much progress can be made in converting the world.

Of course, the pastor realizes that his people do not have as much time as he has to devote to the work of the church. Nor does he expect them to automatically understand all the ins and outs of our complex organization, but he does expect them to give a reasonable amount of time to acquiring knowledge of it. It is disheartening to the pastor to find his people so proficient in the vast amount of "memory work" of their fraternal orders, and yet have only the haziest idea of the Articles of Religion of their own church.

Loyal to Local Church

Second, the pastor expects his people to be loyal to the local church. Its program is their program, yet they do not always support it. For instance, everyone realizes the importance of our youth program, yet that work often suffers for lack of adult leadership. That the several phases of the church program should be headed up by interested and qualified persons all agree, and yet some of our most capable persons refuse to serve. They tell the pastor they will "do anything they can," but they "just can't do that." This is a little perplexing to the pastor!

The physical facilities of the church should be adequate; the sanctuary should be beautiful and inspiring, conducive to the spirit of worship; the entire church building should be well kept, (it reflects the spiritual life of the church) yet in so many cases, the church remains unpainted and the yard unkept; the altar lacks the rich symbolism and inspiration of a baptismal font. A borrowed fruit bowl is often used for the sacrament of baptism and the altar table lifts no cross before the people; the pulpit Bible is ragged, and there are not enough hymnals to go around if the attendance is fair. And it is not because the church is financially unable to provide these things. The pastor feels that the people should be proud of their local church, and should be loyal to every phase of its program.

A United Church

Third, the pastor feels he has the right to expect his church to be united. Many a local church has been crippled in influence because of divisions within it. It is understood that there will be honest differences of opinion as to the best way

for the church to do the most good; but the pastor cannot see why this should ever be carried to the point where it becomes harmful to the church, especially since it is done by people who profess to love the church. The pastor believes that he has the right to expect his people to put the welfare of the church first. This means that he also expects them not to bring their personal differences into the church. I know of one church where there are strong differences of personal and social nature, but when these persons meet together as a church group they are ONE. Their pastors do not ask to be moved at the end of the second year!

Accepts Pastor as Individual

In conclusion, the pastor expects his people to accept and understand him as an individual. He is not some former pastor, and should not be expected to walk in his tracks. He is himself. If pastors could be built like the "One Hoss Shay" of which Holmes writes—that is, with no weak parts—that would be fine, indeed. Unfortunately, such is not the

case, for pastors, as other people, have weak spots. Rarely are the qualities of a great "preacher," organizer, counselor, and builder found in one man.

Very rarely does a church solve its preacher problem by asking for a new pastor. Certainly this is the poorest solution. An alert and loyal church can do much to develop a very ordinary pastor into a very good one.

Some of our pastors are young and inexperienced, while others are old and "slowing up."

The wise church will make due allowances for the blunders of the former, and at the same time make the best use of his enthusiasm and boundless energy. With the latter, they will realize that his wise counsel, steadfastness of purpose, and patience will more than compensate for the fact that he is no longer "a ball of fire." A sincere pastor and a dedicated church will so complement each other that there is almost no limit to what they can do for the Kingdom of God. It is not "pastor versus people," but PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

The Church Attendance Crusade

By Gordon Pratt Baker

Of all the problems facing Protestantism today, probably the most serious is the indifference of large numbers of its members to the worship services of the church. Enrollments have increased until membership stands at an all-time high. Yet surveys reveal the fact that on an average Sunday less than 30% of the members of the average church attend its services. This is, indeed, a serious situation demanding prompt and carefully planned action.

Individuals and churches develop spiritual insight and power only through the impact of a regular, every-Sunday worship experience. Apart from the pooling of religious desires and dedications, there can be no growth either for individuals or churches. Men find strength in the corporate experience of studying God's Word as they share the inheritance of the ages and the obligations of the future. Consequently, we need to bring more and more persons into the sanctuary for the purpose of uniting them in the fellowship of a redeeming and releasing faith.

Recognizing that spiritual power can be maintained only by the constant renewing of the spirit, the Council of Bishops has called for a nation-wide Church Attendance Crusade to be conducted from New Year's through Easter. The object of this Crusade is to strengthen and stimulate thousands of persons in the practice of the faith by enlisting them in the regular worship of God and the evangelization of the unchurched.

Every Christian has a stewardship to fulfill. One of the most vital responsibilities involved in that stewardship is the systematic encouragement of church members to attend both the worship services and the sessions of the church school. The Church Attendance Crusade, spanning the momentous days leading up to Easter, offers an excellent means of

doing this. During this period, therefore, every member is urged to use every possible evangelistic method to advance the cause of Christ's Kingdom by building up the Sunday congregations.

In line with the recommendation of our Bishops, the Department of Evangelistic Methods of the General Board of Evangelism has prepared a suggested pattern of organization for implementing the Church Attendance Crusade, January to Easter, 1954. It is a flexible pattern and can be combined with the other emphases of the conference or local church program. In truth, every important feature of the church program can be promoted more effectively if church attendance is increased. The Crusade will give a boost to every other thing the church plans to do.

The theme which has been chosen to spearhead the nation-wide Crusade is: "Give GOD a Chance NOW!" Here is a slogan that carries challenge and urgency. It commands attention. It demands decision. It calls for action—now. It says to every man, "What will you do? Now is the accepted time . . . Now is the day of salvation . . . 'Give God a Chance Now' in your personal life, in your family life, in your church life, in your community life."

Attractive new materials, built around this theme, have been prepared and are available through the TIDING Department of Evangelistic Literature, 1906 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Church Attendance Crusade will reveal new service opportunities, new membership prospects, and new spiritual vitality in the life of the church. These should not be neglected and lost when the Crusade ends. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism should plan a continuation program which will conserve the results of the Crusade.

Many Duke Faculty Members Contribute to Methodist Leadership Training

By Joan Emma

Duke University professors who take busmen's holidays several times annually are benefiting Methodism throughout North Carolina.

Each year, according to Rev. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, active and retired members of several departments of the Duke faculty contribute at least one-fifth of all teaching done in the Christian Workers' Schools sponsored by the conference.

This means that 20-odd men and women whose days usually are filled with lecturing, studying, advising students, and grading papers have given the conference during the past two years a total of approximately 200 nights of similar activities. Sometimes they also have traveled long distances to get to church school classes.

"Members of the Duke faculty, most but not all of them Methodists, are making a great contribution to training and enriching the leadership of Methodism in the state," Morris said. They serve in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, with headquarters in Salisbury, as well as in the North Carolina Conference for the eastern portion of the state.

Christian Workers' Schools, sometimes called Leadership Training Schools because their purpose is to train church school teachers, counselors, administrative officers, home visitors, and other lay leaders, usually are held once a year, three to five nights in one week, on a citywide or countywide basis.

The goal, according to Morris, is to have at least one school annually within reach of every church in a conference.

Schools have been held during the past two years in more than a score of Tar Heel towns—in Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro, and other centers and in rural areas. They have offered from five to 12 courses a night, depending on the number of churches (usually 10 to 20) and individuals to be served.

The Duke professors usually teach subjects in which they are highly trained

specialists, from interpretation of the Bible to understanding children.

Prof. Hornell Hart, well known sociologist whose field is social ethics and who teaches courses in marriage, the family, and child welfare, for example, has taught Christian Home-making in the Leadership Training Schools. Another expert in this field who has given many hours to the schools is Prof. Mason Crum of the Religion Department.

Dr. Bailey D. Webb, a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics and pediatrics instructor at Duke, has taught classes in Understanding Children, while Prof. Benjamin G. Childs of the Education Department, former president of the National Vocational Guidance Association, has presented courses on Methods of Teaching Youth.

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor emeritus of Christian doctrine, Dr. Jesse M. Ormond, professor emeritus of practical theology, and Dr. Hersey E. Spence, professor emeritus of religious education, have been generous in giving time to teach courses in Church History, the Bible, Christian Belief, Prayer, Teaching Youth, and Teaching Adults.

A partial list of members of the Duke Divinity School and of the Religion Department who have taught nearly every phase of religious training for lay leaders includes Dean James Cannon, Professor Emeritus Frank S. Hickman, Dr. A. J. Walton, Dr. William F. Stinespring, Dr. Kenneth W. Clark, Dr. Russell L. Dicks, and Dr. W. Arthur Kale, all of the Divinity School; and Dr. H. E. Myers, Assistant Professor Emeritus Bessie W. Spence, Dr. James H. Phillips, Dr. R. H. Sales, Dr. David G. Bradley, Dr. Lewis E. Wethington, and Dr. Edmund F. Perry, all of the Religion Department.

It would be hard to make a complete report on the offerings in church schools by these men and their Duke colleagues. In addition to teaching in the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Methodist Conferences, they have helped staff schools sponsored by the South Carolina, Virginia and Florida Conferences.

CONFERENCE INITIATES NEW APPROACH TO ALCOHOL PROBLEM

By D. W. Charlton

A new approach to the problem of drinking, including education in alcoholism and social action was set forth in a meeting of the newly created Inter-Board group in Goldsboro, December 7.

Grave concern was expressed for widespread indulgence in alcoholic beverages, especially in the nature of "social drinking" among youths in our schools, and adults. Counter-measures must be taken to offset the flood of advertisement now pouring from every media of communication, even into homes, to increase the consumption of alcohol.

"We must reach down to the grass roots and to the local church level in dealing with alcohol," said Rev. Eugene Purcell, a member of the Inter-Board committee. The people must know the basic facts of alcoholism, and the facts seem definitely on the side of the historic Methodist position of total abstinence."

Workshops are to be set up in the districts for pastors and key laymen, in cooperation with the district superintendents and temperance secretaries. The program will deal with three essential phases of alcohol: (1) teaching the facts of the effect of alcohol on the human body and behavior; (2) counseling for ministers in their relationships with alcoholics and individuals in life's situations; (3) and leadership training for the local church, and projects of activity.

Alcohol education in the public schools was discussed and there was a feeling that more effective teaching of alcoholism should be done in the class rooms. A committee was appointed to confer with the State Text-Book Commission in an effort to do some groundwork on that problem. Rev. Roderick Dail of Gibson presided at the Inter-Board session.

Temperance Board Meets

During the afternoon, the Conference Board of Temperance met at Daniel's Memorial church, Goldsboro, with Cale K. Burgess presiding. The Board approved plans for education in alcoholism and social action previously formulated by the Inter-Board group, a movement initiated by the Board of Education at the recent Annual Conference.

The Board recognized that the tremendous problem of alcoholism in America calls for a united front, a co-ordination of activities of all of our church agencies. Moreover, the Board urged that alcohol education and action be a continuing process throughout the year, and that the temperance committee be activated. District secretaries were charged with the responsibility of keeping the cause before the churches, and giving a strong emphasis to the subject at district conferences.

Highlights on the recent Convocation on Temperance held in Washington were presented by Rev. M. R. Gardner. Of primary concern was the relation of family life to total abstinence, the Christian's responsibility in legislative action, and the resources at hand to counteract the impact of propaganda by liquor interests such as, the press, audio-visual materials radio, and television. Attention was also called to Bishop G. Bromley Oxman's stirring address, the latter part of which has been recorded for use by the churches.

Response to Commitment Day appears to be very encouraging, Rev. Geo. Blount, conference chairman, reported. He urged that careful preparation be made for the occasion in subsequent years. The group was told that 1,200 commitments were obtained in a certain high school.



Dr. David G. Bradley, left, Duke assistant professor of the undergraduate religion, consults Rev. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, about a course he will offer at one of the many leadership training schools sponsored by the North Carolina Conference.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK STITH HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

one of the most outstanding social tasks taking place recently at Burkhead Church, Winston-Salem, was the reception of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Stith who had been given approximately 50 years of service to Burkhead church. The occasion was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Stith who have been so very outstanding in North Carolina Methodism as laymen, school teachers, choir members, and trustees, district officers, and in other organizations of the church. Mr. Stith at present is teaching in the Hamilton-Baraca Class and is pastor of the Winston-Salem District. Over 200 were present for the occasion.

Dinner was followed by a unique program using the format of the popular TV show, "This is Your Life."

In a room adjoining the banquet room 36 guests sat eating, and the Stiths were unaware of their presence. Mrs. Stith was concerned over the fact that none of her children were there; she later learned that they were dining at the same time in the other room.

R. Alton Jackson, Sunday School superintendent, was in charge of the program, and music was furnished at intervals by the church's sextette under the direction of Miss Virginia Lowrance.

Friends of the Stiths sat entranced as they heard facts about themselves from the time they began attending Burkhead until the present. Now and then the name of an old friend would be mentioned, and he or she would emerge from the "hiding place," sometimes making a few remarks before appearing. All of the Stith children and grandchildren were present.

There were several guests from out of town. W. Burns Elkins of Spencer represented his father, the late J. R. Elkin, who was Sunday School superintendent when Mr. and Mrs. Stith began attending Burkhead. Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hiatt were there. Dr. Hiatt, a former Burkhead pastor, is superintendent of the Hugh Chatham Hospital in Elkin. Dr. and Mrs. C. Excellence Rozzelle came over from High Point College. Mrs. E. E. Williamson, Mrs. W. M. Smith and Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, widows of former Burkhead pastors, were present. There were many former choir directors and their wives, scholars from the classes, and members of recent and present classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Stith sang a duet, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," one of their favorite selections.

A copy of "Book of Life," a beautiful white leather-bound volume with gold lettering, was presented to the happy couple who were misty-eyed with sentiment.

Pictured above, are, left to right, front row: Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Mike Childs, Jay Childs, Frank Stith III, Fern Stith, Joellen

Stith, and Rev. J. E. Yountz. Second row: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reid, Mrs. W. T. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Stith, Mrs. J. H. Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stith, Jr., and Christine. Third row: Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, Miss Virginia Lowrance, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hiatt, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mrs. L. J. Whisnant, and Mrs. Aubrey Flynt. Fourth row: Mr. and Mrs. R. Alton Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nash, Mrs. Graves Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Burns Elkins, Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, Mrs. Maude Williamson, Mrs. Charlie Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Nashe.

WORLD SERVICE GIVING SHOWS 10% INCREASE

The halfway mark in the 1953-54 year, World Service giving in The First Church had increased 10.06% over the amount received in the corresponding months from June through December of last year.

Statistics issued by the office of Dr. A. B. Lugg of Chicago, executive secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, show that for the first six months of this fiscal year receipts for World Service total \$3,371,312.33 as compared with \$3,063,037.82 received in the corresponding months' period last year.

For the first six months of this fiscal year receipts for World Service were \$777,153.97; receipts for the corresponding months of 1952, were \$709,254.17.

World Service specials, General Advance specials, and the Week of Dedication declines ranging from 10 to 24 percent in contract to semi-annual giving. All other funds administered by the central treasury show gain.

World Service apportionment for each year of this quadrennium is \$9,660,000. Receipts in November included \$2,384.03 for World Service specials; \$261,225.47 for General Advance specials; \$2,931.49 for the Week of Dedication, and \$177,000 for the Fellowship of Suffering and

Administrative funds received in November were: Episcopal fund, \$94,000; General Administration, \$27,000; Interdenominational Co-operation fund, \$204.21.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGES ENROLL 426 FOREIGN STUDENTS

A survey just completed by the North Carolina Council of Churches reveals that there are 426 students from 43 foreign countries presently enrolled in North Carolina's institutions of higher learning. The survey is based on returns from 33 colleges and universities of the state, according to an announcement by Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, executive director of the Council. Leading the list of schools in the number of such students is North Carolina State College, Raleigh, with 157; followed by Duke University, Durham, with 67; the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 63; and Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, 45. All but four of the schools replying reported one or more foreign students.

In making the announcement, Mr. Kurtz emphasized that churches and church groups bear a particular responsibility for extending a friendly welcome to such strangers within our gates, especially at this time of the year. Most of them will return to their countries carrying impressions of the United States largely influenced for good or bad by the experiences they have had here.

The Council's department of United Church Women, in cooperation with 37 local councils of church women over the state, has already embarked on a program of welcoming foreign students by inviting them to their communities for weekends during which fellowship is extended through both the church and private homes.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ARE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE MONTHS



(photo by Bill Lynch)

TROY AND MEBANE METHODISTS BUILD LOVELY PARSONAGES

(Troy parsonage at left, Mebane, right.)

Two of the loveliest and most commodious parsonages in the North Carolina Conference were completed this year by the Methodists at Troy and at Mebane.

The parsonage of Trinity church, Troy, has seven rooms—a living room, den, three bedrooms, dining room and kitchen and three complete baths. The building and lot are valued at \$30,000. Members

of the building committee consisted of J. Paul Russell, E. T. Reynolds, E. R. Wallace, Mrs. A. Leon Capel, Mrs. James Smitherman, Mrs. W. T. Harris and Mrs. H. B. Porter. Rev. H. B. Porter is pastor of the Troy congregation.

The Mebane parsonage, which was begun in June and completed in October,

has nine rooms, with four bedrooms. The house has a completely automatic kitchen, a solid mahogany period dining room suite and many other features, with new furnishings throughout. Costing \$25,000, everything was paid for when the house was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Marvin Vick, and family. John McIntyre was chairman of the building committee.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CARAVAN FOR 1954 BEING FORMED

The North Carolina Conference European Youth Caravan is being organized for the summer of 1954, according to Rev. C. W. Robbins, chairman of the conference European Caravan committee.

Members of the conference committee met recently in Fayetteville and mapped plans for the coming year's caravan program which will include work in Methodist churches in Austria and Germany as well as sightseeing in several other European countries. Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Garlington of Roxboro have been selected as counselors for the 1954 caravan.

All interested young people of college age are asked to write Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Siler City, at once for an application blank. Applications must be in by December 31. The committee will meet in Durham January 5 to study the applications and to make selections. Several have already applied for the 1954 caravan.

Members of the conference caravan committee, in addition to Mrs. Hillman and Mr. Robbins, include Rev. M. C. Dunn, Wilmington; Rev. D. D. Holt, Greensboro; Rev. C. P. Morris, Durham; Rev. F. D. Hedden, Raleigh; and Miss Mary Bethea, Louisburg.

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FATHER OF REV. ROGER W. TUCKER PASSES

A. H. Tucker, 56, of Madison, father of Rev. Roger W. Tucker of Troutman, died December 1 following a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted December 2 at the Madison Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Leroy Scott, and burial was in Woodland cemetery.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Della Young Tucker; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Vernon of Madison and Mrs. Marshall Clark of Leaksville; another son, Leon Tucker, a student in the University of Richmond (Va.)

Mr. Tucker was born in Rockingham County. He was a postal employee at Madison for 29 years and was active in The Methodist Church, the Lions Club and the agricultural fair.

REV. CARL W. JUDY SPEAKS IN WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Rev. Carl W. Judy, missionary to Korea, spoke recently in several churches of the Waynesville District. On Friday evening, December 4, he spoke on the Rockwood charge in Canton, where he was pastor when he entered the missionary field. Sunday morning, December 6, he spoke during the morning worship service in the Bryson City Methodist Church, and in the evening service he was at First church, Murphy. In these services, Mr. Judy preached, showed slides of his work, and usually reserved a time at the close for a discussion period.

Mr. Judy has been in Korea for two terms. He and his family were in that country when the Korean war began. He expects to return in January, taking his family as far as Japan until conditions allow them to join him on the field. His wife is the former Miss Margaret Brannon, daughter of Korean missionaries.

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SON OF REV. AND MRS. I. S. RICHMOND DIES

Robert Lewis Richmond, 22, son of Rev. and Mrs. I. S. Richmond of Burlington and senior at East Carolina College, died December 5 at the college. Funeral services were conducted December 8 at Webb Avenue church, Burlington, by Dr. W. L. Clegg of Durham and Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Fayetteville. Burial was in Pine-tops.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, is a sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards of Greenville.

Obedience alone gives the right to command.—Emerson.

News in Brief

BOONE METHODISTS dedicated the Janice Leigh Goodnight memorial chimes recently, followed by a recital on the chimes given by James Rooker. The gift was made by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodnight and James Goodnight, Jr., Rev. J. T. Shackford was in charge.

BORN to Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Adams of Mocksville, a son, Laurie Branson, on Dec. 7, 1953, in Lexington.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY will be observed on December 27 in First church, Murphy, when the college students home for the holidays will be in charge of the evening service. After the service there will be a fellowship period in the church basement in honor of the college students.

THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET of the Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties MYF Subdistricts will be held on Tuesday evening, December 22, in the Andrews school cafeteria. The Andrews Youth Fellowship will be in charge of the banquet, and the Murphy Youth Fellowship will provide the program of singing, pageant, and Christmas story.

MURPHY AREA churches will greet the New Year with a MYF party at First church, Murphy. Games will begin at 9:00, refreshments served at 10:30, and at 11:00 there will be a Communion service in the sanctuary of the church. Rev. James Hornbuckle, pastor of the Andrews church, will give the Communion meditation.

THE WILLING WORKERS CLUB of Homestead church, Charlotte, sponsored an afternoon singing at the church on Sunday, December 13. Quite a number of quartets, trios and choirs appeared. A free will offering was received and will go to the building fund. The club is sponsoring some event each month to raise the fund and speed the building of a new church.

REV. EARL A. COOK, pastor of Beth page-Shiloh charge, is rounding out twenty years as editor and publisher of a parish paper. Beginning in 1934 when he was pastor at Roberta, Mr. Cook has continued this service throughout his five pastorates, and even though he had planned to cease this added responsibility at the end of twenty years, he finds that so many members and friends appreciate this service. His mailing list now totals 500.

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Youth In Action

in the North Carolina Conference



BURLINGTON YOUTH DIRECTOR

Donald James Welch, a student in the Divinity School of Duke University, has assumed the position of youth director and associate pastor at the Webb Avenue Methodist Church in Burlington. Don is a native of Ashland, Ky., and a graduate of Union College in Barbourville, Ky. During his undergraduate work, he served as associate minister and choir director at the Methodist church in Corbin, Ky. Already Don has entered into the life of the Burlington community and is soloist with the Burlington Civic Chorus. His main interests, outside of school work, center around music and oil painting.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

The Christmas Season is once again upon us. The ever-moving seasons have made their circuit of the year. Once more we see the world hushed, somewhat like men kneeling in humility before an altar, as mankind makes its pilgrimage of love to the manger in Bethlehem. Unto a world harassed and trouble; unto lives unsure and tense comes again the Christmas message of hope and the miracle of Christ being "born in us anew."

It is with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation that the Youth Department of the Board of Education extends the very best wishes for joy and happiness in this Holy Season. To the district directors, the district, subdistrict, and local presidents, and the adult counselors, and especially to each member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the North Carolina Conference, our prayers that the Light of Christmas will shine in your lives.

DURHAM DISTRICT MYF NEWS

Fellowship teams have been organized in two of the subdistricts of the Durham District, Caswell and Alamance. The Caswell team is under the direction of Miss Alta Nye, a rural worker on the Milton charge in Caswell County. This fellowship team has already reached a number of the inactive churches and attendance at subdistrict meetings has increased considerably. The Alamance teams are due to get underway shortly after Christmas.

The Chatham-boro Subdistrict gave a special Christmas program on December 14 at the Carrboro church, its host.

All the money raised in the Durham District for the Smith-Blackburn Fund was given sacrificially. This district has succeeded in contributions one hundred per cent. It was decided by the District Council that no money-raising schemes would be used in this project.

Watch Night plans vary throughout the district. Some will have subdistrict services, some churches combine to have a service, and others will have them on an individual basis.

—Wallace Babington

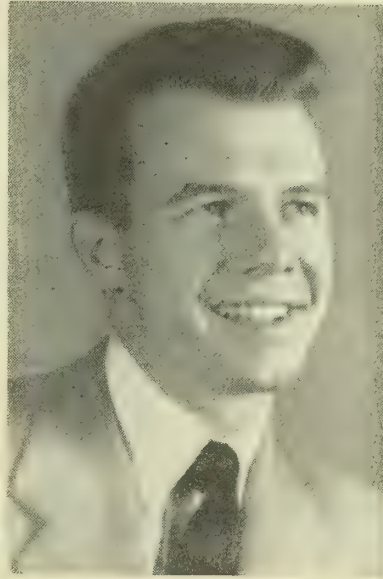
Youth Director, Durham District

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES PLANNED

Certain subdistricts have reported that plans are being made for Watch Night Services on December 31. Jim Long, president of the Caswell Subdistrict, says that plans call for a service at the Shady Grove church. Phyllis Singleton, presi-

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dent of the Person Subdistrict, reports that her district is dividing their services among the various churches. The three churches in the city of Roxboro, Long Memorial, East Roxboro charge, and Brooksdale plan for a Communion Service, preceded by recreation and fellowship beginning around 9:30 on the 31st. Faye Terry, president of the Richmond County Subdistrict, writes that her district is likewise having each local church, or either charge, plan and carry out its own service.

These presidents have been sent materials to aid them in their services. We still have a great supply of these materials, but requests are slow. One of the quadrennial emphasis of The Methodist Church is Watch Night services for every young person. We do hope each subdistrict president and Faith chairman will make plans to see that the coming year will mean much to the young folk in their districts.

PERSON SUBDISTRICT GIVES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Person County Subdistrict of the Methodist Youth Fellowship presented a Christmas pageant at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1, at the Long Memorial church in Roxboro. The young people introduced the Christmas Season with the play, "That We May Know Peace," by Gladys Toler Burris.

Serving as co-directors were Mrs. Bernard Solomon, adult counselor for the subdistrict, and Miss Pat Owen, director of Christian Education at the Long Memorial church. Robert Ramsey served as narrator for the pageant, whose choral group was composed of Mrs. Robert Wag-

staff, Joyce Day, Will Rogers, Pete Satterfield, Charles Wilkerson, and John Crumpton. Phyllis Singleton, president of the Person Subdistrict, along with Rose Crumpton, Clifton Whitt and Vernon Huff were the voices speaking from the heavens to the shepherds, the wise men, and the mother of Jesus.

The characters, in order of their appearance, were as follows:

Mary	Winnie Satterfield
Gabriel	Franklin Wrenn
Joseph	Buddy Bradsher
Shepherds	Maynard Pulliam
	Ryland Hamlett
	Franklin Wrenn
Angel	Monica Brown
Herod	Buddy Gentry
Wise men	Hugh Jones
	Lacy Wilkerson
	Kelly Whitlow
Priest	Jackie Strum

Music for the drama was furnished by members of the Roxboro High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. George Berger. Dr. Robert E. Long was in charge of lighting arrangements.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

Plans are underway for the Third Annual Conference Session to be held at Duke University on August 16-20, 1954. Speakers, program area instructors, counselors, and other key people are being contacted. According to the executive council, each local church sends a delegate to this conference, also selecting an alternate for precaution, although only one of these persons can attend. Also the subdistrict presidents and one adult counselor from each subdistrict are invited. Your district superintendents are bringing this matter before each quarterly conference, where your delegate will be selected.

Immediately following the Christmas season, each MYF president, each minister, and each subdistrict president will be sent information sheets and application blanks. We hope to have delegates and representatives in line well in advance.

DURHAM DISTRICT GOES OVER IN SMITH-BLACKBURN FUND

Congratulations are in order for the Durham District. Each subdistrict has held its service and each young person has had the opportunity to contribute in a sacrificial manner to this worthy cause. Their contributions, according to Faye Corbett, treasurer of the Smith-Blackburn Fund, are as follows: Caswell, \$66.21; Chatham-boro, \$40.00; Alamance, \$70.15; Person, \$52; Orange, \$11.71; Durham, \$50.00; total, \$290.07.

The Raleigh District reports \$53.85 so far, with Johnston County Subdistrict giving \$17.10; Raleigh, \$22.50; and Oxford, \$14.25. Montgomery Subdistrict, in the Fayetteville District, has given \$25.

Thus far, no reports have come in from the Wilmington, New Bern, Rocky Mount, or Elizabeth City Districts. We do hope that this fund can be pushed over the top before District Spring Rallies. Your contributions can be sent either to Faye Corbett, 327 East Main Street, Clayton, or to the Youth Director.

CURT STUDIES IN NEW YORK

As many of the young people of our conference already know, Curt Gatlin, the youth director, is away for a year doing some graduate studying in Union College and Columbia University in New York City. In a recent letter he sends regards to everyone in the conference. For your information, his address is: Rev. Curtis Gatlin, 2244 Westchester Avenue, New York 61, N. Y.

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Rock Grove Church, Rebuilt in 1953

BUILDING ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

New churches, parsonages, and improved church school facilities are springing up all about us. Each week our **Advocate** carries a story of some building project begun or completed. Many of these deserve special mention, but Rock Grove seems to be the story of the week in the Salisbury District. Fifteen years ago this church was practically on the way out. The depression, a depleted membership, and an out-moded building brought the group almost to the point of disbanding. A few people, a district superintendent, and the ministers involved held on and began to talk about a new building.

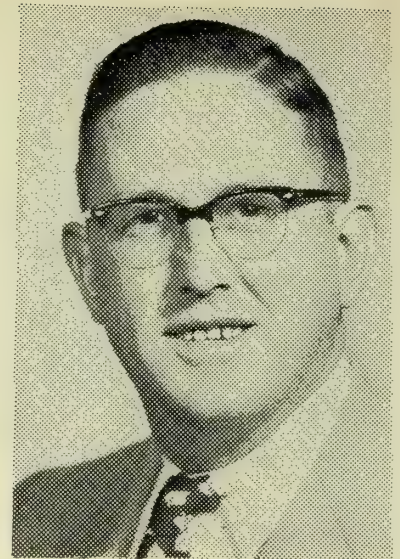
Old Rock Grove

The original Rock Grove church was organized about 1886 under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Coburn. The first building was completed around 1888 and was in constant use until 1951. For more than 60 years this small plain structure served the social and religious life of the people in a large rural area. This one-room church was furnished with adequate but limited pulpit furniture, an organ and later a piano, home made pews and a stove. Electric lights were added about 1940. Methodist ministers came for their appointments, served their constituency, moved on to larger fields of service and the fellowship continued to grow.

The New Rock Grove

With the beginning of construction in 1949, a new era was initiated in the life of the church and the community. Sufficient progress was made for services to be held in the fellowship hall beginning at Easter, 1951. For more than two years these people worshipped in an unfinished building on Sunday and laboured through the week looking forward to a time when the entire project could be completed. The first service was held in the new sanctuary on Sunday, November 29, 1953, with Wade Rogers in charge. The present facilities consist of a beautiful and well furnished sanctuary, a fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms for church school

and for social occasions, a well-planned kitchen, and a place for activities of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. This church plant is adequate for public worship and for a constructive, forward-looking program of Christian education for years to come. Approximately \$57,000 has been invested to date. The total cost will be \$65,000. Including free labor and free materials the finished building will be valued at \$80,000 or more. It is constructed of the best Rowan granite from the nearby George Earnhardt Quarry. Assistance has been received from the Duke Foundation, the board of church exten-



Rev. Wade G. Rogers

sion and from mission specials, but the major responsibility has been carried by the local membership.

Growth in Service and Membership

The present minister, Wade Rogers, is a student at Pfeiffer Junior College, and is in his sixth year as pastor of the Rock Grove-South China Grove charge. The membership has increased at Rock Grove from 90 to 180 in four years. Church school membership has grown from 50 to nearly 200 during the same time. Similar progress has been made in membership growth and in property improvements at South China Grove. Rev. J. C. Cornette, district superintendent, says, "The achievement at Rock Grove and South China Grove during the ministry of Wade Rogers has easily been one of the significant developments of the district and of the conference."



Rock Grove Church, 1888-1951

Many Societies Study; Miss Kelly Writes from Africa; Set Woman's Meet

KINGS MOUNTAIN WSCS PRESENTS DRAMA

On Sunday night, November 29, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central church, Kings Mountain, presented the drama, "They Made a Path." B. Goforth, Jr., directed the drama with a cast of fifteen men and two women. His production was a result of the great interest created in the study "That the World May Know," which was given in the church this fall. The drama itself brought a deeper awareness of the expansion of the Christian church from the time of St. Paul. The eight scenes very vividly portrayed the sweep of Christian history.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WOMEN STUDY ALCOHOL

The Kings Mountain women also studied "Alcohol—the Christian's Responsibility" recently under the direction of Mrs. Cicero Groome, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. This was a church-wide study held at Central church, with the women of Grace Methodist Church and women from the colored churches participating.

Dr. Philip Padgett, Rev. Phil Shore and member of Alcoholics Anonymous spoke on the subject, emphasizing that Christians must concern themselves with people, and their need for love, sympathy and understanding. Mrs. Groome emphasized the fact that education can change attitudes and behavior and that while the solutions of beverage alcohol problems will not end with education, they can start at no place else.

It was the conclusion of the group that by this study the responsibility of the Christian was made clearer toward this baffling problem.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, PRESENTS STUDY

Central church Woman's Society of Christian Service is in the midst of the study of "Spanish Speaking Americans in the U.S.A.," with Mrs. J. E. Cauble, secretary of missionary education, directing the study. Members of the Woman's Society of Bethel church is taking part on the program and attending the classes.

Mrs. Clarence Bishop is in charge of the worship center arrangements and Mrs. S. M. Connor is pianist.

For the first session, Mrs. A. E. Huffman gave the devotions; Mrs. C. S. Butterfield talked on Mexico; and Mrs. Roy H. Cagle reviewed the book, "Pappi," the story of a Puerto Rican boy in New York.

At the second session, Mrs. J. H. Banroft gave the devotions and the program will be presented by students at Warren Wilson College including Bertha Lopez of Cuba, Rafael Cruz of Puerto Rico, Elnora Negroni of Puerto Rico and Woodward Finley, the son of a missionary.

Mrs. H. B. Carter gave the devotions for the third session and Mrs. T. E. Fruthey spoke on "Migratory Labor in the U.S." Mrs. Pauline Horton, federal representative of the U.S. Labor Department in Raleigh, spoke on "Migratory Labor in N.C."

Mrs. Lloyd Jarrett gave the devotions for the fourth session and a skit on a Mexican family was given by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Central church. Miss May Bloomer spoke on "Puerto Ricans in N. Y."

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Mrs. George Panhorst showed two movies during the last two sessions—"They Too Need Christ" and "Our Newest Neighbors."

Mrs. Robert Russell, project chairman, told about Mexican projects sponsored by the WSCS, which include "Neighborhood House in Calexico, Calif., and Wesley Community House in San Antonio, Texas.

Our correspondent says that this is the best planned study she has heard about, and we hope other societies may get some suggestions from this account.

HAYWOOD SUBDISTRICT HAS ALCOHOL STUDY

The Haywood Subdistrict of the Waynesville District has completed another successful study course—Alcohol—the Christian's Responsibility. This jurisdiction study was held at Central church, Canton, under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Ellis and Mrs. Ralph Evans, with 22 churches cooperating.

Speakers taking part at the various sessions were Mrs. Cicero Groome, Conference secretary of CSR & LCA, who gave the first two chapters; Mrs. Hasque Worley, college drinking, and two members of an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter; Dr. Norbert Kelley of the N. C. Rehabilitation Program; Mr. Rowe Henry, supt. of Canton Schools, who spoke on "Alcoholic Education in Public Schools," and Rev. J. W. Fowler, supt. of Lake Junaluska Assembly.

Action following this study is the plan of writing letters to magazines advertising wine, beer and whiskey, protesting such advertising, and writing magazines not advertising these drinks, commending them. The Allied Youth Movement was also presented as a project to be pushed in the high schools and was adopted.

LETTER FROM LORENA KELLY

In a letter from Miss Lorena Kelly, dated October 17, we learn that she has by this time arrived in Africa, after spending almost a year studying in Belgium to further prepare for her work in Africa. Miss Kelly says:

Having left America the 23rd of last December, I spent Christmas Day on the high seas. But even there the Yuletide spirit was in evidence, manifested by a beautiful Christmas tree and a sumptuous turkey dinner. On the way in from the coast, I spent one night in Paris, and reached Brussels in ample time to celebrate New Year's Day with friends in Belgium.

I found my study in the Colonial School most profitable; and I am happy to have had the opportunity to fulfill the requirements to become a fully qualified teacher in the Belgian Congo, under the new government regulations. These months of study also afforded an opportunity to become better acquainted with Belgium and its people. Living in the home of a Belgian family enriched this part of my training.

Located in the heart of the capital of the country is the center of our Methodist work in Belgium. In addition to serving

the Belgian membership, Methodism furnishes a church home for many missionaries who attend regularly its services. Although Protestantism is far in the minority in the country, it is vital, and shows a growing concern for the people of its colony in Africa. The Methodist Church sent out to our mission field last year a missionary nurse; and next month it will send out one of its sons, an agricultural worker. This young man will be the first missionary designated to fill this long-existing need of our people. We are most grateful for him.

Some of you will remember a reference I made to a young man from the Congo who had made an outstanding record in a Normal School in Belgium. While I was there, it was my privilege to see him from time to time, and even to hear him make a scholarly speech (in French) in one of the churches one day. He has now been joined by another fine Congolais. The professor who taught them Belgian history last year also gave a course in the Colonial School. In our class of students from six different countries, he referred one day with real pride to the progress these two young men were making. And so it is that Africans are beginning to take their place among the nations of the world.

My appointment takes me back to Lodja, the station on which I served last term. In addition to other duties, I have been given the privilege of opening a home economics school. Feeling this work to be extremely vital to the advancement of our church now, I can think of nothing on the field I would rather do. But I shall be still happier when our home economics specialist, Miss Sally Reinecke, reaches the field to give her life to this all-important work.

I am grateful for letters from many of you telling about the interesting study you have had on Africa and the extra contribution you are making to our work. I cherish the memory of rich experiences I enjoyed among many of you during my furlough. May our Father bless each of you abundantly.

(Miss Kelly's address is M.M.C.C. Lodja, Congo Belge, Afrique.)

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ON FAMILY CIVIL DEFENSE

Every interested North Carolina woman is invited to learn the facts of **Family Civil Defense** at first hand, from those who have worked out the plan.

A state-wide Women's Conference on Civil Defense will be held in Raleigh January 21, 1954, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the City Auditorium. Sponsored by N. C. Council of Civil Defense, Gov. Wm. B. Umstead, chairman, those assembled will hear Mrs. Katherine Graham Howard, national head of women in Civil Defense, and Mrs. J. T. deJarnette, Regional Director of Women's Work in the seven South Atlantic States.

Primarily intended for officers of state-wide organizations, the conference is open to any woman who is interested in learning the simple precautionary measures that should be taken for family safety in the event of enemy attack or natural disaster.

A full three-hour morning session is planned, lunch on your own from 1-2 p.m., afternoon session starts at 2:00 and will end at 3:30. No registration fee, but please register with Mrs. Sarah Boyd Weaver, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C.

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. Dale Stentz and her family in the death of Mr. Stentz on November 30, at his home in Concord.

Honor Roll Group Feted; Home Ec Girls Give Fashion Show; To Promote Good Sports

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ENTER-TAINED BY FIDELIS CLASS

The Fidelis Class of Edenton Street church sponsored the annual Christmas party for the A-Conduct students of the Methodist Orphanage on Monday night, December 7.

For a change, the honor students entertained the class. The male trio sang "The Story of the Three Kings"; a solo "O Holy Night" was sung by Betsy Blake; and the girls' quartet sang "Silent Night." Joyce Johnson entertained the group with several selections at the piano.

Mr. Blaine Madison then introduced Warden Bailey from Central Prison, and he in turn presented the prison band, which played several selections. One of the boys sang "White Christmas."

One of the ladies of the Fidelis Class then recited some poems, and then, much to our surprise, Santa Claus appeared. He had presents for everyone. The girls each received a beautiful jewelry box, and the boys a nice pair of socks.

The refreshments disappeared as if by magic. Then after talking with our friends for a few minutes we had a friendship circle and sang "Merry Christmas" to the tune of Happy Birthday.

Those who made honor roll are: Joanne Albright, Nancy Bell, Janet Best, Betsy Blake, Billy Braswell, Bruce Lamm, Jean Braswell, Joan Braswell, Rosa Lee Ellis, Juanita Goins, Wilbur Hardin, LeRoy Hobson, Doris Horne, Jerry Hunt, Joyce Johnson, Allen Keel, Janet Lee, Danny Partin, Eleanor Pierce, Elsie Pridgen, Wade Salmon, Barbara Sears, Sara Smith, Annie Ruth Strickland, and Betty Jean Sutton.

A LITANY

By Patricia Moore
age 9

For the birds and flowers and lovely hours,

Father, we thank Thee;

For the sky and earth and all that is worth,

Father, we thank Thee;

For churches and houses and Bibles that we read

Father, we thank Thee;

For the love and kindness that is all around us,

Father, we thank Thee;

For clothes to wear and food to eat

Father, we thank Thee;

For trees and farms and Thy many barns

Father, we thank Thee;

For the rain that comes and the sun that goes

Father, we thank Thee.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE SCHOOL FASHION SKIT

The second and third year home economics girls of the Methodist Orphanage School gave a fall fashion show on Tuesday night, in the form of a skit, "The Magic Hat."

Characters, other than models, were: Robert McNeill, magician, and Billy Gilbert, rabbit. Rev. Troy J. Barrett was narrator and Mrs. Louise Wilson, music teacher, was accompanist.

Model displaying the garments they created were: Joanne Albright, who was charming in her lovely blue faille dress; Martha Batson, lucky girl, made two appearances, each time displaying a different skirt; Nancy Bell and Virginia Price wore jumpers, styled from Simplicity

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ity patterns; Betsy Blake had fashioned a purple coat-dress; Rosa Lee Ellis looked beautiful in her blue faille dress and red topper that was trimmed in blue ric-rac; Juanita Goins' blonde beauty really shone as she walked across the stage, twice, in two different skirts she had created; Doris Horne and Betsy Kanas looked lovely in their skirts and weskits; Elsie Pridgen had fashioned a grey dress, and topped it off with red accessories; two toppers modeled by Barbara Ann Sears and Annie Ruth Strickland were right in season, Betty Sutton in her green faille dress and Sara Smith in her blue pair of coveralls.

Awards were given to Betsy Blake and Elsie Pridgen in the second year group, and Annie Ruth Strickland in the third year group, for the best garments. Judges were student-teachers from Meredith College.

SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE IN ACTION

On December 4, the Methodist Orphanage High School held an election to select

a sportsmanship committee, whose job will be to encourage sportsmanship, conduct and fair play at our basketball games.

There were 14 people who volunteered. Out of these, seven were elected. They were counted by the presidents of classes of our high school. The committee met with Mr. Hammack, principal; Rev. Troy Barrett, and discussed that which could be corrected at our basketball games and mapped plans to carry this. Speeches on this matter were made each of the committee members.

Those elected were: Sara Smith, Nancy Bell, Barbara Ann Sears, Jack Price, Roy Hobson, Tommy Albright and Don Griffin, chairman.

INVITATION TO SQUARE DANCE AT BLIND SCHOOL

December 5 seemed to be a party night for quite a number of our young people.

The State Blind School invited a number of our girls to attend a square dance.

The dance was given in the gymnasium and the blind schools hillbilly band really kept everyone's feet tapping.

Several songs were rendered in hillbilly fashion by the student of the blind school. Then our girls were asked if any of them would sing. Rosa Lee Ellis sang "You Cheatin' Heart" and "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes." Doris Horne then joined Rosa Lee Ellis in "You Are My Sunshine."

Refreshments were served and around ten o'clock p.m. we were back home and ready for bed, tired but very happy indeed.



GIRLS AND GARMENTS

Pictured above are the Home Economics girls wearing the garments they made in home ec. class this year (see article this page). Sitting, left to right: Betsy Blake, 1st place winner for the 11th grade; Annie Ruth Strickland, 1st place winner for the 12th grade; Elsie Pridgen, 2nd place

winner for the 11th grade. Standing, left to right, Martha Batson, Juanita Goins, Rosa Lee Ellis, Doris Horne, Jo Ann Albright, Barbara Sears, Sara Smith, Betty Jean Sutton, Nancy Bell, Virginia Price, Betsy Kanas. Mrs. Mary Adkins, not pictured, is Home Economics teacher.

Is World Peace Impossible?

By Charles M. Laymon

Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:2, 5-7; Luke 2:8-14

The angel's song on Christmas eve celebrates the glory of God in the heavens, the beauty and wonder of peace on earth. With these magnificent words in our minds, some of the present-day suggestions for achieving world peace sound discordant. Men are saying, "Let's fight to the teeth—to achieve peace," or "Let's have an all-out war to prevent it," or "Let's withdraw into our own homes and shut the door after us—to keep away."

These are worn-out answers. They have been tried many times, but wars continue to lead nations white.

Just as the heavenly Father was acting as a peacemaker in sending his son into the world at Christmas, so we are called to also to be peacemakers.

This can be accomplished best before the threat of war blights with suspicion and attempts toward brotherhood. As nations seek to secure a favorable balance of trade, as they negotiate international loans, they must send their most representative to work for peace as an advance guard of good will.

An outstanding illustration of peacemaking was reported in the press recently. The World Veterans' federation conducted an international summer camp in which there were children of many nationalities speaking 11 different languages and following at least six separate religions. La Maribini, the French camp director, said, "Our biggest problem wasn't the children. It was trying to get a bunch of them to adjust to life in a camp pledged to honor the religious beliefs and customs of each child."

The children ate, swam, and played together. Even though they had no common vocabulary, they seemed to develop a language of their own as they followed the signals and ran the ball. Because they were brought together in good will, a wonderful understanding developed among them, and they became fast friends. And all of this happened, in spite of the fact that many were war orphans of misrepresented nationalities which had great enmity at each other's throats only recently. Perhaps it will take the children to show our way to a peaceful world. The answer in the manger has the answer.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUTH EMPHASIS

Nashville, Tenn.—"The 'Youth Emphasis' is not a 'program to be promoted,' said Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, General Board of Christian Education, said recently. "It is an indigenous movement which will grow in response to the needs of young people and in contact with youth in the local churches."

Mr. Ewing stated that while the major part of the Youth Emphasis grows out of an promulgated by the annual conferences, some projects are suggested for consideration by the whole church. These are:

Special Watch Night Service with the apostle's Epistle for Youth, to be used on December 31, 1953. A special worship service has been prepared for this observance and appears in the December Round-Table and in the November 13 Concern.

Reprints are available at \$2.00 per hundred from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Lenten Reading Project designed to clarify Methodist beliefs and encourage personal meditation. Its theme is "The Christian Faith." The date set for this project is March 2-April 18, 1954.

National Family Life Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10, 1954.

During November 1954 there will be a **Fall Action Project**, "Youth in Their Families," when special activities in each local church will be directed toward helping youth find the Christian interpretation of the family as they themselves are part of a family unit and as they look forward to having families of their own.

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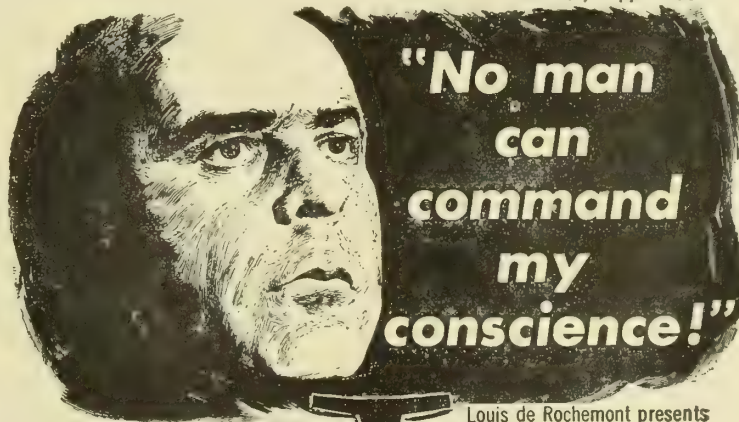
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CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

LET'S GO NUTTING

By Margaret G. Wilson

"Let's go nutting," suggested Gretchen. "Mother said the other day she wished I'd get her some. She always uses so many at Christmas time for Christmas cookies and candy. She said if we didn't go pretty soon the squirrels would have them all."

"We'll go," chimed in her little friends. "Maybe mother has enough bags for us all. Let's ask her," suggested Paula.

The children had all been playing in Paula's yard. They always did, because Paula had a big yard with swings and bars and a very big sandpile, large enough for all the children to play in it at once. Then she had a tricycle and a splendid toy automobile that you could really sit in and ride. It was a wonderful place to play. So the children all went into Paula's house. In just a few minutes out they came, dancing and jumping about. Each little girl was holding a brown paper bag and a long stick that looked like an old broomhandle. There were usually plenty of nuts on the ground, but sometimes it was fun to reach up with a stick and knock the nuts off the tree. Down they ran to the place where the hickory trees grew, only to find two little boys with brown paper bags were there ahead of them. However, the boys weren't picking nuts. They were looking up into the tree and jumping about and talking very excitedly.

"Look!" they shouted. "Look at the big grey squirrel! He has jumped from tree to tree all the way over from the woods. We followed him. You should have seen him jump, but look at him now lying there looking at us. I just bet he knew we were after nuts and that's why he jumped all the way from the woods. He knows we won't shake or knock down the nuts from the tree while he is there, and there isn't one left on the ground either, except some old wormy ones. We were here yesterday, too, but only got a few. He knows we won't hurt him up there. He sure is a smart squirrel."

It almost seemed as though that grey squirrel understood what the children were saying, and that he wanted to prove he was a smart squirrel. He jumped up and nipped off a nut and let it fall to the ground. The children shouted with glee. Then down came another and another, and faster dropped the nuts. The children picked them up and put them in their bags.

The children became so excited they just couldn't wait to get many, and when each of them had the bottom of his bag covered, off they ran to tell their parents about the nutting party.

Children often put nuts out for squirrels, but it is the first time I ever heard of a squirrel provided nuts for children, but this one did. I know, because I was there.—The United Church Observer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

(Continued from page eight)

REV. J. K. WORTHINGTON, who retired at conference recently, lives at 1601 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Worthington will be glad to assist pastors in revival services.

KENNETH D. HOLSHOUSER has been appointed dean of men at Pfeiffer College, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president. A native of Rowan County and Salisbury, Mr. Holshouser received his degree from Catawba College. He also attended the University of Michigan. He came to Pfeiffer College in 1949 as registrar and instructor in the commercial department. More recently he has served as head of the college's publicity department. He is married to the former Martha Wagner of Salisbury.

CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH, Charlotte, opened the new sanctuary Sunday, December 13, with a special service led by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Benton. Seating around 360, the sanctuary is equipped with new pews, memorial windows, new carpeting and air conditioning. The building and remodeling program have increased the value of the church property by \$60,000. The church now has 615 members and last year raised for all purposes \$25,000. Mr. Benton is serving his tenth year as pastor. He was pastor from 1941-1945 and was appointed again in 1949. The church maintains a nursery during the Sunday School hour with Mrs. George Brain as superintendent and a children's worship service at the eleven o'clock hour with Miss Marguerite Helms in charge.

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Let me urge every pastor to report to his district secretary of temperance the number of persons who signed Commitment Day cards as soon as the day has been observed. Not all churches observed December 6 as Commitment Day. Do not fail to observe it. Every Methodist should be given the opportunity each year to make this decision. Let me urge every district superintendent to report at District Conference the churches which have observed this day.

George W. Blount,
Director of Commitment Day
North Carolina Conference

CONFERENCES WITH YOUTH

It would please me if some of the churches in Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, or Cabarrus counties could use me in speaking to young people about the call to be missionaries. I wish to continue missionary work and this seems a way to do so. Personal conferences with serious thinkers along this line would be welcome.

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Nashville, 7:30	6
Evansdale-Winstead, Winstead, 7:30	7
Bethel, 11	10
Robersonville, 7:30	10
Rocky Mt., First, 7:30	12
Littleton, 7:30	13
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February

Spr. Ch.-Garysburg, Lebanon, 11	7
Rich Square, Woodland, 7:30	7
Conway, Zion, 11	14
Halifax, Pierce, 3:00	14
Pinetops, Conetoe, 7:30	14
Stokes, Vernon, 3	21
Stantonsburg, Lebanon, 7:30	21
Roanoke Circuit, New Hope, 11:15	28
Northampton, Jackson, 7:30	28

March

Norlina, Jerusalem, 11:30	7
Battleboro, 7:30	7
Seaboard, Sharon, 11	14

In Memoriam

MRS. W. J. REEVES

STATESVILLE—We the members of the Ladies Bible Class of Rose Chapel church wish to pay tribute of love and respect to the memory of one of our members Mrs. W. J. Reeves, who departed this life September 5, 1953.

We realize the inadequacy of words to express our sentiments to properly pay tribute to the one so loved by the members of her class as was "Nell." She was never lacking in her devotion to her class or in her work for her church, so on that beautiful autumn day when she was called to higher life she slipped away. —Mrs. Clarence Blackwelder

MRS. MAGGIE WARREN HUDSON

The Newton Grove Methodist Church lost one of its most faithful members on October 2, 1953 when God called Mrs. Maggie Warren Hudson from our midst. She has been our faithful pianist for many years and regardless of adverse circumstances she was most always in her place at the piano. When not there we all knew it was impossible for her to be there. She put first things first in every day life and used her talent in service to God.

Especially do the children of the church miss her as she was always ready to teach them the beauty of music in singing. Her Christ-like patience with them was wonderful.

We thank God for her life with us, for her Chris-

tian character has inspired others to more Christ-like living. We shall remember her as our friend for no one was more loyal and sincere. And the fine things she did will abide with us as a benediction.

She is not dead but lives on in our hearts always.—Mrs. H. I. Rayford.

MISS NANNIE ELIZABETH FORLAW

WADESBO—Relatives and friends were shocked and saddened on Tuesday morning, November 10th, when we learned that "Miss Nannie" had quietly passed away in her sleep. With the simple dignity and child-like faith which had characterized her life, she was prepared to answer her Master's call to come home. Her Bible, The Upper Room, and the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which she read regularly, were on the bedside table.

The Methodist church has lost a good and faithful friend. She was a loyal member of the Lilesville Methodist Church most of her life, and attended regularly as long as she was able. For the past year, however, good friends of the First Baptist Church in Wadesboro have carried her in a wheel chair, to services there, being more convenient than her own church.

Miss Forlaw was reared in a good Christian home, being the daughter of Mr. Robert H. Forlaw and Mrs. Mary Wall Forlaw of Anson county. She taught school, was supervisor of the sewing room of our Children's Home in Winston Salem for several years, and worked with W.P.A. projects in our county. Her quiet, humble manner, her courage and her strong adherence to Christian principles has been an inspiration to many.

Miss Forlaw is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Forlaw of Rosehill, and Mrs. George Stutts of Mt. Gilead, and several nieces and nephews. A brother, Mr. James Forlaw, passed away four months ago.

The funeral was held November 12th at the Lilesville Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. A. A. Wilson and a former pastor, Rev. Davis. Interment was in the Lilesville cemetery.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

OFFICIALLY ENEMIES

Christmas in enemy-occupied Jersey was far from being a festive season. Rations were at their lowest. The Red Cross ship Vega could not arrive until the New Year. Christmas was a bleak affair.

It fell to my lot to conduct the Christmas morning service for the American War-Prisoners, and how vividly I remember walking across the town, through deserted streets, to the prison where they were housed. Though the sun shone from a cloudless sky the morning was unusually cold. Hoar-frost mantled everything. A keen east wind blew in from the sea, which, sparkling in the sunlight, seemed like heaving ice.

The sentry ushered me into the orderly-room, where my reception was none too cordial. The Censor had not arrived. Would I sit down? I can see now the greasy, dilapidated arm chair, the almost red-hot slow combustion stove on which a huge black kettle sat, and I can still feel the sensation of "pins and needles" which my restoring circulation brought. Ignored by everybody I beguiled the time by looking around. The decorations intrigued me. A picture of Hitler, framed in evergreen, graced one wall, while on the others a frieze of feathery pine-tree sprays had been pinned, from which brightly-coloured gnomes and elves peeped smiling down. It recalled Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

The orderly began to serve breakfast—a thick slice of black bread, on which was placed two inches of "German sausage," and, for drink, a pint of boiling water flavoured with a tablespoonful of what appeared to be black treacle. Not very sumptuous, I thought. Hungry as I was I felt no envy.

The Censor still delayed his coming. There had been a "party" the night before, and perhaps he had overslept. I must content myself. The waiting seemed interminable. Then, the miracle happened. I had noticed the orderly glance occasionally in my direction, and suddenly he mixed another mugful of the mysterious beverage and silently handed it to me.

Was it the Christmas spirit, or just common decency? I am still wondering. Officially we were enemies and we both knew it. Any sort of friendly intercourse between us was strictly verboten. Yet here was Christianity "in action"—whether recognized as such or not, what mattered?

I walked home from that Christmas morning service comforted by the reflection that Christianity can break through the artificial hatreds and antagonisms which war creates—and therein lies the only hope of the world.—By W. C. H. Fell, Methodist Recorder.

THE STAR OF HOPE

Last year we gave a mountain to our friends we love the best;
It came without a gleam of gold to guild its golden crest;

But now we call on Raphael to use his genius still

And paint for you a Star of Hope to shine above your hill.

And may its rays keep shining through each dark and dreadful day

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W. L. Hutchins in "Withered Weeds"

A LIFT FOR LIVING

By Ralph W. Sockman

BETHLEHEM AND BARBED WIRE

Last year I fulfilled a long cherished dream. I was in the land of our Lord at the Christmas season.

My plane landed at the great, new, dynamic city of Tel Aviv. There in that vital young nation of Israel is the blending of east and west. But even more impressive to me was the meeting of the modern and the eternal.

O Bethlehem!

O Bethlehem! O Bethlehem!
We're glad thy star still shines
Into the darkness and the gloom,
To cheer our hearts and minds.

O Bethlehem! O Bethlehem!
We bless thee for thy light,
Which shines upon our pathway still
To guide our steps aright.

O Bethlehem! thy star of peace,
Thy quiet rays reveal
The spirit that shall banish war,
The wounds of nations heal.

O Bethlehem! thy star of hope
Its brightness e'er distils
Courage and faith into our world
Oppressed with direful ills.

O Star of stars! O Light of lights!
Forever with us stay,
Awake our spirits, lead us on
To realms of endless day.
North Wilkesboro Ben Malcolm Smith

I had stopped in the Holy Land to broadcast a Christmas message to America. Having landed in Israel, I could not go quickly across the border, which is held by the Arabs. However, I did ask to be taken as near as possible to Bethlehem. My guides drove me to a point where I could look across the brown hills to "the little town of Bethlehem."

But beside me as I watched stood a soldier with fixed bayonet. And between myself and Bethlehem stretched a barbed wire marking the boundary of Israel and Jordan.

That bayonet and barbed wire were sinister reminders that the Prince of Peace, born in Bethlehem, has not yet banished war from the governments of men. But shall we give up hope? Ah, no!

Of the Babe born in Bethlehem, we might paraphrase Sir Winston Churchill's famous statement about the British airmen. We might say that in all history there is no other situation in which so many owed so much to One so little.

When a stone is dropped into a lake, it starts ripples radiating. But as the distance from where the stone fell increases, the ripples grow less and less distinct until they disappear. Not so with the Babe born in the manger at Bethlehem.

The event stirred only a small ripple of excitement at the time. But as the centuries have lengthened since that time, the ripples of interest have grown into mighty waves until millions hail the birth-

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A Christmas Prayer

O Christ of the lowly manger, like the Wise Men of old, we see Thy Star and bow down to worship Thee. Shine in our hearts. Illumine our lives. Turn our sorrow into joy, our fears into calm faith. Shine in our world so that men everywhere may be guided by Thy precepts, that nations which have lost the way may walk in the path that leads to peace for all. Be patient with us in our fumbings and gropings. Never let the darkness of our sins put out the Light. Hasten the day when all mankind will receive Thee in contrition and love to learn Thy ways and feel at home in Thy glorious Presence. We pray in Thy dear name. Amen.

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Christmas Means Reconciliation



Reconciliation, which may be defined as restoration to harmony or fellowship, lies at the heart of the Christmas message. In fact, Christmas cannot be separated from reconciliation. St. Paul, in his second Epistle to the Corinthians, summed it up as follows: "... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . .". (5:19). The coming of Jesus into the world was God's way of restoring the fellowship which man through sin had severed irrevocably with his Creator.

When Jesus came into the world man was at enmity with God. Created in the image of God, the human family had lost the divine image. A free moral agent, man had chosen to follow his own selfish, blind ways. He had turned his back upon God. He had struck out madly on his own—to build his own earthly paradise, to work out his own salvation. But he had made a miserable mess. He had followed the path of sin and death. The paradise he had sought to fashion for himself had turned out to be a howling, wretched wilderness. He was at war with himself. He was at war with his fellowman. But the roots of his trouble lay deeper: He was at war with God.

So deeply involved was man in the quagmire of his own self-will that nothing he could do could save him from the stark despair and loneliness of separation from his heavenly Father. Like a dazed, homeless animal he was left to his own fate. His estrangement from God became intolerable, unbearable. But man was helpless to do anything about it.

In that dark, tragic hour God took the initiative. In pity and compassion, He sent His Son into the world, allowed Him to be born in a lowly stable, looked on disconsolately while evil men rejected and despised him, even let Him die on a cruel cross, bearing the sins of the whole world. God's purpose was to effect a reconciliation between heaven and earth, to bring wandering, erring, lost children back to Himself.

This is the message of Christmas. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



We take this means to express to our beloved Advocate family deepest appreciation for your friendship and loyalty during the year and to wish for you and your loved ones the most joyous and most blessed Christmas ever. May the Christ-Child bring you His peace at Christmas and throughout the New Year!—The Staffs of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Piedmont Press.

Much of the world, even after 2,000 years, is still unreconciled to God. It is true that adherents of Jesus number around 700,000,000—about one third of the total population of the earth. It is also true that most of the large nations call themselves Christian. But they are Christian in name only. Fundamentally, the same old evil forces are at work today in our world that have operated throughout human history. Man is still basically self-centered and self-willed.

Humankind is divided into cliques and classes and groups and nations and races and political and religious camps. Each vying with the other for supremacy. Man still is at war with himself and with his fellows. But his supreme warfare today is against God. Man is trying still to build his own paradise. He is seeking to cure the ills of the human family with political and economic and military panaceas. He is trying to solve his problems largely by human ingenuity, by man-conceived schemes.

Nations go to war, they say, to achieve peace in the world. Then they sit down at the peace table to lose the peace, because the peace they try to make is of their own devising. They leave God out of their peace. No wonder it fails. It will always fail. Our reconciliation with one another is short-lived because we have failed to make the basic reconciliation—reconciliation with our heavenly Father.

When shall we learn that the funda-

mental reconciliation must be with God? When shall we realize that our hopes and aspirations are only crazy delusions as long as we leave God out of our plans? When shall we be wise enough to discover that there can be no peace with ourselves or with one another until we make our peace with God?

Recently, at the close of a worship service we saw a man and his wife, both under a prison sentence, come to the altar to find peace with God. They had broken man's laws—or the law said so—and the law said they should pay for their crime. A term in prison might satisfy man's demands. But there was something deeper they needed. They needed to be reconciled to God. At the altar they found reconciliation with a loving, forgiving heavenly Father. And they found their peace!

This is the course individuals must take. It is the course nations must take. Our big need is not atomic weapons or human allies but reconciliation with God.

But Paul does not stop simply by announcing a theological truth. He lifts up a challenge to those who have been reconciled to God. He says to the reconciled that they have been committed "the ministry of reconciliation." Earlier, he had written; "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." Thus the reconciled are under divine mandate to become reconcilers.

Perhaps this is one reason the world has not become reconciled to God: Those of us who have been reconciled to God have not preached this message of reconciliation zealously and faithfully. We have been content with peace in our own souls when multitudes of our brothers have been at war with God.

The great need at this Christmas is that men who have been reconciled to God will seek to bring lost men to Him for reconciliation. He is ready to receive them. When we do our part the whole world may know the love and the forgiveness of our heavenly Father. Then men who have found their peace with God may be able to find peace with themselves and with one another.

The Deeper Meaning Of Christmas

By Bishop Costen J. Harrell

Christmas should be for every Christian a sacred and joyous season. As we keep this festival of our faith, we should remember, however, that the beauty of the Nativity is only the beginning of the Gospel story. Two of the evangelists record how one holy night God in an unprecedented way broke into human affairs, and a new era was begun. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem. The wonder of the event is reflected in song and story, and our annual observance of it may be of great spiritual value.

We must look, nevertheless, beyond Bethlehem to realize the full significance of Christ's coming. The loveliness of the Christmas story may dispose us to think of the world Saviour as a Babe asleep in a woman's arms. No one would say aught to detract from the scene that across the centuries has inspired man's tenderest sentiments of his adoring love. But let none forget that our divine Redeemer is an infinitely more dynamic figure than is portrayed at most Christmas celebrations. Good people must not permit lovely sentiments to crown out faith's deeper elements.

Look beyond Bethlehem, and we learn that Mary's Son grew in stature and in moral and spiritual excellence. He was the pattern of a perfect life—despised and rejected of men—then a cross and a tomb and a triumphant resurrection and a continuing presence. This Man who was born of a peasant woman is today the most dynamic power in the world. We hail him as Lord and Saviour.

One writer in the New Testament sums up the deeper meaning of our Lord's appearing in these words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the most magnificent of all interpretations of the Christian Gospel. We will not find in all the languages of man a sentence so sublime as this. The Gospel of God's dear Son is revealed in simplest words—God loves, God gives, and we believe.

The Motive of God is Love

"God so loved the world!" The curtain is lifted, and we are permitted to look into the mind and purpose of the Father Everlasting. One's motive, whether he be God or man, lies deep within the soul, and often hid from us. When we are told that love is the ruling motive of God there is a flash of deepest insight into his Nature. We learn what is the divinest element in divinity. Out of infinite love he fashioned all, sustains all, moves all. One of the apostles was so entranced by the idea that he wrote, "God is love." Since the motive that moves God to act in creation and in redemption is love, we are assured that all things work together for our good. Because Love is on

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

the throne, there is nothing to fear except our own wicked hearts. This Christian assurance breaks upon us anew every Christmas season. The love of God is manifest in a manger and on a cross.

And yet God's love is not a light and airy sentiment. The Judge of all the earth is not a weakling. The word "love" has been so carelessly and so indiscriminately used that its meaning is often veiled to us. The love of God is the outreach of his compassionate heart to save and bless mankind. It stands for his infinite concern for our highest good. Amid the difficulties and sorrows and sins of life we are supported by the assurance that God wills for us abundant and eternal life, and that the powers of the universe are on our side if we are allied with him.

The Method of God is to Give

Linger over these words, "He gave—he gave his only begotten son." How generous is God! The method of love is to give and only unlimited love gives to the utmost.

The world about us reflects God's generous love. Every provision is made for our physical wellbeing—atmosphere and food and body fashioned after a marvelous design. God is lavish with his beauty—sea and plain, stars and cloud, sunrise and sunset, the plumage of a cardinal and the blue of a violet. "Marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." If the world around me were my only teacher, I could not doubt the love of God.

But more—ininitely more—God gives himself. Only love in its higher phases does that. The Scriptures teach us in many ways that God's purpose for us is that we may be partakers of his own nature—that his righteousness, his joy, his continuing life may be ours. He bestows upon us the divine likeness, and we are called his children. He gives himself for our enrichment. This is love's way.

The story of God's self-giving is summed up in the teaching that he gave his Son. To give one's son is to give one's very self, as many a parent has learned in these days of war and tragedy. Love does not achieve its purpose by threat or by command, but by self-giving. The cross on a hill is love poured out. We know beyond all peradventure that God who gave his Son has made great investments here, and he will never forsake his world. He will not permit the madness of man to destroy it. And if we fall into sin he gives freely of his grace made manifest in Jesus Christ, and we are restored. How marvelous are the gifts of love divine!

God Calls Us to Believe

But the end is not yet. In this same Scripture is written God's call to man. Love so amazing, so divine, calls us to believe.

Weak man cannot receive love's benefits until in the depths of his soul he responds to love's appeal. Unbelief is as a wall around the soul, defying God. To believe, to trust, to commit one's whole self to the love of God which shines in the face of Jesus Christ, this is the condition that every man must meet. If one refuses and offends the love of God, he brings upon himself a deeper curse than when he breaks a moral law. Not all the candles in our window or all our family feasts—not all the sentiments of home or all the loveliness of the Christmas season can exempt one from the necessity of belief in Jesus Christ, and yielding his heart to the call of God. Until one meets that condition he cannot taste the deeper joys of the Christmas story nor understand its heavenly meaning.

Our Christmas sentiments and goodwill, even our tuneful carols, are not enough. Let every heart be tuned to hear a Voice saying, "Believe in Him." We are not saved by beautiful pageantry nor by lovely and agreeable emotions but by faith in the Son of God and obedience when he calls.



*"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet in the way of peace."*

FROM THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH, LUKE I: 76, 79. RSV.

Our First Christmas Abroad, 1945

By Bishop Paul Neff Garber

Friday, December 21

In the afternoon we went out to the World Council of Churches office for the annual Christmas party. We sang Christmas carols and had good food. Dr. Visser't Hooft gave a good Christmas message and I was welcomed as a member of the group.

Geneva is so beautiful now for the Christmas season. There is no snow in the city but each morning you can almost see that more snow has fallen on the mountains nearby. You see people carrying skis in the street and there are signs telling the hours when the ski trains or autos leave the city for the mountains.

People seem to enjoy life here. They are frugal, they are neatly dressed and, above all, they are so kind and friendly.

Dr. E. A. Bell, the Baptist representative in Europe, had dinner tonight with us and we had a long talk about the Free Church situation in Europe.

Saturday, December 22

I have scarcely any furniture in my office and what I have is borrowed, but it is good to be able again to have an office to which I can go. I spent several hours over there this morning and this afternoon had a long talk with our Geneva pastor, Brother Schaad. I also worked on my sermon for tomorrow and the informal talk I am to give on Sunday afternoon at a special Christmas program at our Geneva Methodist Church. Wonderful letters arrived today from James and Margaret Cannon.

Sunday, December 23

I like the Geneva Methodist Church and we have fine people there. The church is so neat and clean and today, with a Christmas tree in it and with the red Christmas candles, it looked very pretty. I loved the German hymns and the reading of the Scripture in German. Brother Schaad interpreted for me and did a wonderful job of it. At the close of the service I shook hands with all the people. There were some who spoke English. One lady told me she had been born in New Jersey but had now been here 25 years and had become a Swiss citizen. To most of them I could only say, "auf wiedersehen."

In the audience were a group of our wonderful Swiss deaconesses. There are 25 of those sacrificial women here in Geneva. One is struck with the sincere religious spirit of these Swiss Methodists. I love to be with them.

Then at 5:30 p.m., the Geneva church did a fine thing. They had a supper for the lonely people, persons who are widows or who have no family ties at Christmas time. There were about sixty of us at this meeting. A light supper was served to the guests. We sang Christmas hymns in German and Brother Schaad read in German the Christmas message. I spoke to the group about our Geneva Area family. Dr. Werner T. Wickstrom and a layman spoke. One of the guests responded on their behalf. I have always loved the Christmas carol, "Silent Night," but I believe it was even more beautiful tonight as we sang it in German, "Stille nacht, heilige nacht."

Monday, December 24

This morning Brother Gentil and I started on many errands. I secured my

Portions of Bishop Garber's diary during his early days in Switzerland as presiding bishop of the Geneva Area.



photographs for my French visa and went over to the French Consulate but, in true French style, it was closed for Christmas holidays. As Gentil said, no wonder France has her many troubles when their people refuse to work. The Swiss are certainly different people, for when I went to my Swiss tailor there was my suit completely finished. After seeing the nice work of this Swiss tailor, I know I need not get any more suits sent to me from America. But how different this is from North Africa!

I took Brother Gentil out to see my office at the World Council of Churches so that he could tell the people back in North Africa where I am located.

We then went out to use our food ration cards at the stores before the end of the year and also while Brother Gentil could show us the places. Since we live in a hotel, we do not have many food stamps but we could buy some candy, chocolate, cheese, sugar and soap.

Nice letters came today from my sister in Virginia, from James and Margaret Cannon, and from Ray and Ruth Petry. Also a wire came from Brother Ferdinand Sigg, our Swiss Methodist leader. The telegram read: "Far away from your warm and distinguished American home you will find on Christmas eve the hearty fellowship of love and sympathy of yours in Jesus Christ." Mr. and Mrs. Verdino of our hotel sent us this evening fruit and flowers for Christmas. We really live in a unique hotel. The hotel is always filled, but there is always quiet and one can really rest here.

Tonight in the dining room they had a Christmas tree and special menu cards showing historic scenes of Geneva with the heading on the menu "Revelion de Noel." I had noticed that when we go to the dining room at night we are almost the only persons there. Tonight the waiter explained that few people eat dinner until 8:00 or 8:30 p.m., and about that time the dining room is full. Well, it is very hard for us to wait that late for dinner.

Tuesday, December 25

Our first Christmas Day away from America has been spent in Geneva. At 10 a.m., we had a religious service at our Geneva Methodist Church. Brother Schaad preached and then we had the Holy Communion. We had the ritual in both German and English. I hope I can soon read my part in German so that it will not be necessary to use English at all. There is no altar rail like there is back home and we passed the elements to the members who remained seated in the pews. We need a new Communion set but since the church is in debt it is difficult for the members to purchase a new set. I am sure there must be a Methodist church back home that could make a present of a Communion set to our Geneva, Switzerland, Methodist Church.

Orina and I had our Christmas dinner in the hotel dining room. In the dining room was an American officer who seemed lonely, so we went up and wished him a Merry Christmas. He was Captain Patterson of Roanoke, Virginia.

A nice Christmas wire came from James and Margaret Cannon and it caused us to remember that wonderful Christmas dinner in their home in Durham one year ago.

In the evening we were guests of our Methodist deaconesses at their annual Christmas dinner. They had a good meal and I ate the best ham since leaving America. There are 25 deaconesses in Geneva and one is certainly impressed by their religious zeal and their humanitarian services. The head deaconess, Sister Jeanne Spoerri, is really a marvellous woman, being from one of the best Methodist families in Switzerland.

After dinner we went into the parlor where we sang Christmas carols. Professor William Spoerri, brother of the head deaconess, a graduate of Syracuse University, played his violin and talks were made by Brother Schaad, Pastor Leclerc of the Swiss National Church and me. The deaconesses said that on next Christmas they expect me to speak in German. Gifts were distributed to all present.

Wednesday, December 26

We are really staying at a fine hotel. Not only did they call us at 6:00 a.m., so that we could get the early train to Zurich but they brought breakfast up to our room so that we need not start the trip without food. By the time we got down to the lobby they had a taxicab waiting to take us to the station. Trains over here start on time and exactly at 7:10 a.m. the train left Geneva, Switzerland as a democracy has proved that it does not need a Mussolini to make the trains run on schedule.

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Lessons From A Nativity Scene

By Sherrill B. Biggers

Nativity scenes are appearing again around the world—in stores, in homes, and on church lawns. We need something objective to help us feel the spirit of Christmas. The nativity scene is the incarnation of Christmas even as Christ was God incarnate. What does the nativity scene say to us about Christmas?

First, it tells us that Christmas is a home-centered holiday. Something blessed needs to happen to the American home—all of them. Some time ago I listened to a great Christian judge question parents about their homes. He was trying to decide whether it would be safe to return two boys to their homes. The holy hush which pervaded the stable in Bethlehem needs to come into our homes.

Think of all the magnificent ways God could have sent His Son into the world. He might have sent him to the temple to be brought up like Samuel under the care of some old saint like Simeon. He might have sent him as "a trailing cloud of glory." He chose rather to send Him into an humble home.

He placed Him under the care of a mother who talked with angels and who said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

God sent Jesus into the home of an humble carpenter who with his espoused wife made the journey to Bethlehem to pay his income tax without complaining about "corruption in government." He was turned away from a crowded inn; he fled to Egypt for safety, yet without bitterness.

We can make this a home-centered Christmas by careful planning—by getting the mechanics out of the way early, by giving the little ones a voice in the planning, and by celebrating the season with Bible reading, prayer, and family fellowship around the fireside.

Secondly, we learn from the nativity scene that Christmas is others-centered. There is not a self-centered person in the tableau. Self-interest did not bring the shepherds to Bethlehem. The wise men are there to bestow gifts. Certainly, Joseph and Mary are not thinking of themselves. Even the animals seem to have lost for a moment their primeval selfishness. At the center of the scene is one who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." God is in the picture

and He is loving the world through the gift of His Son.

We can make this Christmas more others-centered by remembering those for whom the year has been one of distress. We can remember the aged in a special way. We can remember non-Christians. And why not send a remembrance to your enemy? We should feel very close to our enemies, for in most cases we have made them "in our own image." Furthermore, we Methodists have a Children's Home, a Home for the Aged, a Commission on Overseas Relief, and a Board of Missions. God has ordained the "inasmuch" way whereby we can give directly to Him.

Thirdly, we learn from the nativity scene that Christmas is Christ-centered. Following the recent Christmas, carousel parade in Charlotte, it was noted that there were more floats with religious and patriotic themes than ever before. I believe we are coming nearer to the realization that Christmas must be measured in terms of spiritual values. When the wise men reached Jerusalem they said their purpose was to worship Christ the newborn King. When we become as singular and as sincere in our purposes,

Christmas will become a blessed event indeed.

I asked a Christian woman one year at Christmas time if she was enjoying the season. She replied, "Christmas is the saddest time of the year to me, everyone seems to be having a good time but me." That is just the condition that Christ came into the world to cure.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, awakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.

We can make Christmas Christ-centered by sharing this assurance with everyone we meet. A Christian lawyer decided to try an experiment in "goodwill" to see what effect it would have on people. Each noonday as he got a cup of coffee in a crowded shop he expressed the joy of living to the lad behind the counter. He showed personal interest in him and complimented him on his work. Soon he noticed that the boy spotted him the moment he entered the shop, even at the rush hour, and placed his coffee on the counter before he could take his place.

The shepherds returned to the hills different people. They "returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen."

A Baby's Cry

As a young Methodist local preacher I answered the call to go out as a missionary to the outposts of Newfoundland. I was stationed at a fishing village on the East Coast, and had to travel over a wide area on snowshoes or by dog sled. Occasionally I could use the single track railway.

It was Christmas Eve, and I had received a message by telephone that I was needed at a village forty miles away, where one of our members was grievously ill. So traveling through the forest to the railway track, I waited patiently for the train. When it arrived, I hailed it as one would a London bus, boarded it and settled down.

Soon I was dozing, as it was late at night, but suddenly the train jerked to a halt. Knowing that I was to get out at the first stop, I grabbed my kit and jumped into the soft snow. The train's

bell sounded, and I was left standing among the trees.

Then I realized that I had not alighted at a village at all. In fact, in the darkness I could see nothing but ghostly trees in a snowy wilderness. I was alone, and the temperature was ten degrees below zero.

I began to walk around, but could see no sign of habitation. Then above the howl of the wind through the trees I thought I heard a baby's cry. I listened, and it came again. Walking toward the sound I saw a light in the trees. In a moment I had reached the wooden hut of a sectionman. I knocked, and the door was opened by a huge Newfoundlander. Without asking any questions, he bade me enter and shut the icy blast out.

When I had introduced myself he explained that there were three families living there in the forest. The men were responsible for repairing the railway line. The baby that I had heard was the youngest of his family of five. Altogether, six adults and eleven children made up the settlement.

No train was expected before Christmas, so it was obvious that it would have to be spent there. I soon learned the surprising fact that although they were all Methodists, not one could read the Bible and none of the children had been baptized.

The next morning, on the anniversary of the Christ Child, I held a service in my host's kitchen, standing beside the large wood fire. All seventeen souls were present at the first service to be held in that settlement.

As we sang the carol we all knew—"Once in royal David's city"—my heart was filled with gratitude for that baby's cry, and for the welcome I had received in the name of the Babe of Bethlehem.

—By Robert Taylor, Methodist Recorder



The nativity scene above has been illuminated nightly since December 6 on the grounds of First church, Randleman. Christmas music has been provided from the church chimes. At the service which

formerly launched the nativity scene Robert Clark, choir director of First church, led a 65-voice community choir in Christmas music.

Peace Is Your Job, Too

By W. W. Reid

From far-separated places there mounts evidence that men are gradually learning that physical armament is about the most vulnerable "defense" a nation can build for itself. Today's most heralded defense—be it the Maginot Line or the atomic bomb—may prove the weakest link in the armor of tomorrow. Meanwhile into building it—the Great Wall, the Maginot pillboxes, the armed alliance, the "new weapon to end all weapons"—there has gone a nation's wealth, its hope, its strength, its manpower. And when these are wasted and men are disillusioned, a nation is easy prey to enemies within and without.

A fears B. Any one or more of a thousand things, big and little, real or imaginary, causes the fear, or dislike, or distrust. A arms himself against "possible attack." It may be a club behind the closet door or a pistol under the pillow. And he boasts of his "preparedness." B, who may or may not have evil designs against A, hears the boasting; it was intended that he should. B lets it be known that he has two pistols and a shotgun as well. A gets a new bolt on his door—and more defenses; and he talks swaggeringly about them. C (who lives between A and B) hears of the feud, becomes panicky, and arms himself also. Soon D and E and most everybody in the neighborhood have invested in "protection" of some sort; they lose sleep and become jittery. The gunsmith and the hardware salesman are making money out of the fears. **It will be something of a miracle if, in the tensions of the neighborhood, someone does not pull a trigger and set all bedlam loose.**

I note that President Eisenhower—whose very training would tend to give him an exaggerated notion as to place of armed might in defense—recently urged us to strengthen our churches and increase the services of our churches as an important arm of the defense of the nation and of democracy. Military might, he intimated, is insufficient for the task that must be done to make peace in the world.

Says David A. Morse, director-general of the International Labor Organization: "We must think of peace not merely as the absence of war but as an active, constructive human effort in which everyone has a job to do. Just as the greatest threat to our world is total war, so it is our great responsibility to join all our efforts to wage total peace. The solution calls for efforts by men and women everywhere on the economic, social, and educational fronts as well as for statesmanship on the political front."

Says President W. V. S. Tubman of Liberia: "We are filled with anxiety when before us are springing up, in ever increasing numbers, problems both complex and compound, incident to the association of nations with diversities of ideologies and idiosyncrasies. Using love, mutual understanding, and respect for obligations as the common denominator, and faith in the righteousness, justice and equity of the laws and regulations of the United Nations, we may find solution for these problems. All of us need to dedicate our energies with dogged determination toward these ends."

This rush to arm and super-arm, based on fear of the other fellow's armaments, we dignify with the name "technical development"—and we seem only at the beginning of its possibilities." Technical development, says Secretary-General Dag

Hammarskjöld of the U.N., "has given us means of destruction far more terrible than those which have previously been at the disposal of anybody Our problem is how to use what man has created for the benefit of man instead of for his destruction. That problem can be resolved only by a joint effort in which all are willing to take their part and to carry their responsibility."

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⚡ Silent Night ⚡

By M. V. Truscott

I was spending my Service leave with friends in the country. They had arranged for a Carol Party to go out from the local Methodist church on Christmas Eve, and, naturally, I readily joined them.

We set out about ten o'clock. It was a cold, dark night, and not being in a locality that was well known to me, I soon lost the sense of direction in which we were moving as we visited cottages and farms.

The hours passed quickly, and as midnight approached, and Christmas Day dawned, we were walking along what appeared to be a lonely country road, far from any habitation. Suddenly our leader stopped, and whispered to us to sing, in the complete darkness, the carol, "Silent

Night." I was mystified, for there did not seem to be anyone near to listen to us, but soon we became aware of movement and voices, and little lights appeared, and then the whole camp was a blaze of light. We saw, facing us, on the opposite bank, a crowd of German Prisoners.

After greetings from our padre, they sang with us, in their native tongue, the moving words of "Silent Night" and it seemed as if the whole Angelic Host was joining in our song.

I was no longer a stranger in the party, nor were those German lads my enemies. We were all one, worshipping the Infant Christ, in the stillness of that Christmas morning; and the Angel's message of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" was very real to each one of us.—Methodist Recorder.

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A Cradle, A Cross, A Crown

Custom calls for "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year" fits the tongue;

But such words have little meaning when the Nation's soul is wrung.

May we wish you ample courage, valiant hearts to bear the pain,—

When the blood of men is flowing like a river thru the plain.

Gain is good, but often better, is the sorrow made by loss,

For the God Who gave us laughter gave to each a Rugged Cross.

W. L. Hutchins in "Withered Weeds"

Bethlehem

By W. E. Fitzgerald



Thou, which art smallest among the nations,

Sunken low amid God's creations;

Home of harlot and unbalanced fee.

What good can come out of thee?

Can a gain be made to erase thy waste?

A culture be born to whet thy taste

For nobler life? What can compensate

To lift from thee the stifling weight?

Can a single course-changed star that rests,

And points to the end of the kingly quest

Bring new light to a shepherd's eye,

When that star points to an animal's sty?

Unspoken truth, let us see the new birth there.

Let Jacob's ladder with angelic stair

Fade before its radiant, pure light.

Interpret for us—blot out the night.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem, for such as thee he came,

To forgive thy sins; to make straight thy lame.

While thy multitudes with indifference hummed,

The God-Man line must needs be plumbed.

So—he gave up his crown to face the tree.

He came that his Father's kingdom might be.

Prominent Churchman Passes; For One Dollar Care Packages Can Be Sent to Needy

BISHOP PAUL B. KERN DIES

FOLLOWING LINGERING ILLNESS

Bishop Paul B. Kern, 71, one of Methodism's outstanding leaders, died at a Nashville, Tenn., hospital December 16 following an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted December 18 at West End Methodist Church, Nashville, with Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte in charge. Bishop Kern was married in West End church and Bishop Harrell was a groomsman at the wedding.

The son of the late Dr. and Mrs. John A. Kern, Bishop Kern was licensed to preach in 1902 and was ordained elder in 1907. From 1905 to 1907 he was a member of the faculty of Vanderbilt University. He was pastor of Blakemore church, Nashville, from 1907-1910. Succeeding pastorates were at Bell Buckle and Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was a professor at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, from 1915-1920, and served as dean of the theological school from 1920-1926. From 1926 to 1930 he was pastor of Travis Park church, San Antonio, Texas. He was elected bishop in 1930.

His first assignment as bishop was to the Orient where he served from 1930-34. From 1934-38 he was presiding bishop of the four Conferences in North Carolina and South Carolina. From 1938 to 1952, which latter date he retired, he was presiding bishop of the Nashville Area.

Bishop Kern has been prominent in world Methodism. For a number of years he was a delegate to General Conferences. He has been president of the Board of



Bishop Paul B. Kern

Missions and Board of Education of The Methodist Church and was an official delegate to the World Council of Churches in 1952. A gifted writer, he was author of a number of books.

Receiving A.B., M. A. and B. D. degrees from Vanderbilt University, Bishop Kern was the recipient of many honorary de-

grees from various colleges and universities.

A vigorous, progressive, dynamic leader, Bishop Kern was regarded as one of the ablest preachers and churchmen in Methodism. In 1952 at the General Conference held in San Francisco he presented the Episcopal Address which attracted nationwide attention for its comprehensive and incisive pronouncements on many subjects.

Survivors include his wife, the former Margaret Virginia Eskridge; one son, Dr. John Campbell Kern of Burnett, Texas; and two daughters, Mrs. Julian M. Aldridge and Mrs. Frank W. Buckner. Mrs. J. M. Ormond of Durham is a sister of the deceased.

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JUST ONE DOLLAR SHOWS YOU "CARE"

America's streets are now bright with decorations, America's stores overflowing with a million gifts for our families and friends, America's ears open to the pleas of those among us who need a helping hand. But Christmas won't really be Christmas in our hearts unless we share a little bit of America's warmth and wealth with our unfortunate neighbors in other lands.

To express America's hopes for "peace on earth, good-will to all," CARE and the U.S. Government have joined in preparing a special food gift package for relief distribution in 16 countries of Europe and Latin America. For just \$1 you can send this package, containing almost 11 pounds of beef, milk, sugar, shortening, prunes, beans and rice, to a hungry family abroad. The foods were given free to CARE by the Foreign Operations Administration. The \$1 is needed to cover CARE's cost of shipping and delivering the package as a gift from you.

CARE calls this "Operation Reindeer". Those whom it will help—victims of flood and famine and earthquake, the unemployed and sick and hopeless, Iron Curtain refugees who lost everything when they fled to freedom—will call it an act of mercy, a miracle of American friendship. Each dollar you send to "Operation Reindeer," CARE, 660 First Ave., New York 16, N. Y., or any local CARE office, means that a food package bearing your name and address as donor will reach a needy family during the holiday season. Your own Christmas will have more meaning if you mail your contribution today.

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BISHOP FRANKLIN MARRIES

Mrs. Henry Lane and Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, both of Jackson, Miss., were married December 2.

The ceremony, attended only by members of the two families, was performed in the chapel of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church with Dr. W. B. Selah, pastor, officiating.

Bishop Franklin presides over the Jackson episcopal area, which is composed of the two Mississippi conferences.

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"MEDICAL WORK IS PREACHING, TEACHING, HEALING," is the title of the World Service leaflet which has been prepared for distribution in our churches on the Fourth Sunday of January, 1954. Brief glimpses into the work of the medical missionaries are given—the Philippines Methodist Church Mobile Medical Clinic is one example of this. The leaflet points out that, "We would be negligent if we failed to enter some of the new doors which are opening up before us," Nepal; Buxar, India; the countries of Africa.

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NOTE BURNING SCENE AT MAYLO CHURCH

Maylo church in the Gastonia District had one of its most significant events Sunday, November 29, when the note for \$14,000 on the parsonage was burned. On the occasion there were 260 present for Church School and nearly 300 attended the worship service that followed. Two years ago average attendance was 159 and for the past few months it has averaged 220. In the picture above C. E. Wilson (left), parsonage trustee and chairman of the finance committee, presents to Vickie Kling, youngest members

of the church, and to J. W. Lowe, one of the oldest members of the church, the note which they burned before the congregation. Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., pastor, looks on from behind. Mr. Lowe spoke briefly of the laying of the cornerstone of the church and the burning of the church mortgage, he being present on both occasions. The loyal congregation now looks forward to remodeling the sanctuary, installing a new organ and enlarging the educational plant.

Youth Plan Witness Mission January 22-24

Subdistrict Leaders To Meet In Gastonia

By Garland Young
Older Youth Chairman
Christian Witness

Christian youth of Western North Carolina Methodism will take up the Cross and march for Christ on Jan. 22-24 in Gastonia when they take part in our first Christian Witness Mission.

Each subdistrict will have two representatives present to work with conference officers and leaders and the young people and ministers of the 16 Gastonia District churches who will have their local church missions at the same time.

The purpose of the conference-wide Mission is to help youth witness for Christ and to win for Him some of those three-out-of-four young people who are not yet in His fold. This first mission will be a training mission and all those present will be asked to return to their homes and promote similar missions in their own areas.

Leadership

We could not ask for better leadership. Miss Marion Craig, conference director of youth work, will be there along with Don Beaty, conference MYF president, who attended the National Witness Mission in Kansas City. Rev. C. W. Kirby, Gastonia District superintendent, and Rev. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of the host Main Street church, will lead the other ministers of the district. Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., district youth director, is also taking an active part in the planning.

The Mission will open Friday, Jan. 22, with supper at Main Street church. The evening will consist primarily of an instruction period, workshop groups and a worship service.

Visitation will begin Saturday morning after more instructions and assignments. Visiting will be done in teams of two, each team consisting of one visiting youth and one local youth. After lunch and a short sharing period, visiting will resume and continue until completed. To end the day, a special youth service will be held in each local church participating.

The final day of the Mission will begin with Church School and morning worship and will be brought to a close in the early afternoon by a worship and sharing service at Main Street.

Youth Can Do It

All of us who are working with the Christian Witness Mission are most enthusiastic and believe that its results will be tremendous. We believe that "Youth can do it." With your prayers combined with our prayers, we cannot fail.

The idea for the Mission came from the Conference MYF Council meeting last fall at Tekoa. We combined the National Conference suggestion for a Christian Witness Rally in each local church with the Lenten suggestion of stressing "The Christian Faith." The result was to have the rallies



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follow the Mission and to use Christian Faith as the theme.

Said Miss Craig: "I feel that this activity will be a time of real growth in Christian understanding . . . and that it can do a great deal to deepen the quality of Christian living in the churches participating . . ."

Adult leaders are invited to participate in all general meetings. For them there will be special discussion sessions at Main Street both morning and afternoon Saturday while the youth are visiting.

SWAINS SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM JAPAN

Dave, Betty and Roberta Swain send their Christmas greetings from Japan where Dave is co-director of the Student Christian Federation. Both Dave and Betty are from Asheville and have served as counselors at Camp Tekoa. Before going to Japan in August, Dave served for two years as director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina. Roberta is their daughter.

"O yes, Christmas is coming to Japan. How I wish I could tell you that from all the traditions concerning Christmas, only the best had been chosen to fill the life of the church where the church is yet young. But just as good and bad habits of the West have been adopted by many Japanese, so the impact of Christianity in the East is plagued with the trailing behind of commercial trappings.

"Yet, thanks to Him who gave us our first Christmas, I must report to you of a small Christian minority, looking forward to Christmas with adoration and thanksgiving for that birth which gave to all history a new writing, informed and defined by faith, hope and love. I must report to you of a minority inspired and challenged to serve and to share a new life formed in Christ.

"Although I speak now of Japan, is it really less true of the church around the world, even in the U. S.? A minority

charged with the responsibility of participating in a receptive history—spelled out simply in greater love for God and neighbor than for self. And hence, for strength, and in gratitude, assembled this season to proclaim the glad tidings, to sing in adoration, to dedicate itself anew to its priceless Master—once but a child of humble birth.

"May I call you to a new devotion, a new appreciation of the glad fellowship, and extend to you all—our warmest greetings."

Their address: 30 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Rowan Subdistrict will hold a one-evening mid-year institute on MYF organization at Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, on Jan. 11. At the December meeting, "That We May Know Peace" (from "Roundtable") was presented by the Spencer Fellowship. Judy Slate, Barbara Cornelius, Beverley Brannock and Eleanor Spencer provided music. Nancy Jackson read while other MYFers pantomimed Christmas scenes under the direction of Mrs. Betty Barbee.

SHOE BOXES OF FOOD filled and decorated by MYFers of First church, North Wilkesboro, gave Thanksgiving a lot more meaning both to the members and to the 27 needy children the group entertained at a party the day before.

A TELEVISION STAR spoke at the Stanly Subdistrict annual banquet in November. Gil Stamper, WBTV performer, talked on "The Emphasis Is On Youth." Rev. Worth Sweet, Rowan District youth director, gave the Youth Emphasis Objectives for 1953-54. About 200 youth attended. Jimmy Griffin presided and Rev. Herbert D. Garmon was toastmaster. Claud Griff did the welcoming and Celia Anne Griffin the responding—Jimmy Cook.

HEADLINING PLANS for the Salisbury District are a Vocational Guidance Conference and a district rally. The Vocational Conference is to be held in March at First church, Salisbury. The district rally, which will be in April, will emphasize Christian Faith and will promote Christian Adventure Weeks throughout the district.

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New Conference Children's Director Announces Children's Program and Lists Helps

By Elizabeth D. Johnson

GREETINGS!

Greetings to all those people who love children and work with them in church and home. Since November 1 it has been my privilege to work with children's workers throughout the conference from the North Carolina Conference Board of Education office here in Durham. It is with great joy that I look forward to knowing you individually and to being in your churches. Through six district setup meetings and visits to as many as five churches, I have met quite a few of you, but many others are represented only by name and many, many others are unknown. However, whether or not we know each other personally, we know our heavenly Father and in this fellowship we are one. So I eagerly anticipate our work together. My prayer for this new work is that God may use me to help children and adults who work with them to know Him better, and that we may each have a continuously growing knowledge of His will and purpose for our lives. The ways He will guide in bringing this about will be many and interesting. They will also be demanding. Always He offers resources for the job He gives us to do. So in the challenge of the wonderful opportunity God gives you and me of being channels for His love to boys and girls, let us join hands and hearts and minds to be the very best channels possible. In this experience we will find the most meaningful way for our lives. Again, just how it will be accomplished each of us will have a part in determining. You are in the local church touching the boys and girls personally. How can our office be of service? Or, what helps do you need? Maybe we can plan together to get them. In this adventure which we begin together new ideas are unlimited. Our one aim is to help boys and girls know God through Jesus Christ, very present in their lives. Let's find the very best ways to do it.

NURSERY WORKERS TRAINING SEASON

A special training session for nursery workers will be held on January 20 and 21 at Trinity church, Durham. Miss Vera Zimmerman, from the Children's Division of the General Board of Education, who works especially in the pre-school field, will lead the group. Sessions will begin at 3 o'clock on Wednesday and close with lunch on Thursday. A limited number of people may participate, but any interested person who has responsibility covering ages birth through three may register until the quota is filled. Especially children's division superintendents, nursery teachers, nursery home visitors are invited to come. No registration fee will be charged but those participating will be requested to share their ideas or plans with some other group of nursery workers. Expenses while in Durham for the overnight session will be just for meals. Rooms will be provided without charge.

To register for this training period send your name, address, and local church position to Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

In a church week day kindergarten recently two boys were pulling at the same block, each desiring to use it for his building, one for a boat, the other for an engine. The teacher had a conversation with them and their play was peacefully

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resumed. They must have given it further consideration, however, for some time later one of the boys came to the teacher and said, "Pete and I have been talking. We have decided that tomorrow when we come we are going to build a boat and the next day we'll build a diesel."

HOW IS YOUR CHURCH REACHING ITS CHILDREN?

Recently a questionnaire was sent to each child's division superintendent requesting information about literature being used in each department and the number of children enrolled. Replies are coming in and the conference director of children's work would like to express appreciation for this response. A real picture of what is happening in the children's field throughout the conference is desired.

Another area not mentioned on the blank is that of additional sessions for children. It would be of real interest to know when churches are having meetings with children in addition to the regular Sunday School hour. If you meet in your church with boys and girls on Sunday evening, during the week, or extra time on Sunday morning, will you drop a card to Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C., telling about it? When you meet, how long, materials used, leaders in charge, would all be of interest. Are you having special sessions for missionary units? Do you have a weekday kindergarten, or a children's choir? These are all parts of the whole picture of work with children in the church. All the information that comes in will be helpful, so do send a description of what you are doing.

"SUNDAY AROUND THE WORLD"

The filmstrip "Sunday Around the World," suggested for use with primary and junior boys and girls this month, will be available from the Board of Education Office for a small fee.

FOR CHURCHES USING JUNIOR CLOSELY GRADED MATERIALS

Some mimeographed suggestions for parents to use in connection with closely graded junior materials for the winter quarter have been prepared and single copies may be obtained by writing the conference office. Materials for parents guidance will be available with the literature next October, but since increased home-church teamwork is so important, these mimeographed suggestions have been prepared. A local church may make sufficient copies for each family or may use them as help in preparing its own guides. The new literature is especially planned for use in home as well as church and each department with closely graded material is urged to work definitely with parents for its use at home.

FROM YOUR JANUARY "CHILD GUIDANCE"

See Many Helps for the Mission Themes:

Worship service and resource suggestions in the article "The Children's Part" by Nina M. Millen, pages 2 and 3.

"Grace at Mealtimes" from many lands pages 4 and 5.

Picture pages for use with the theme "Spanish-speaking Americans in the U.S.A.," pages 6 and 7.

Suggestions for sharing projects, list of related articles from the WORLD OUT-LOOK, other supplementary materials, on pages 10 and 11 where E. Mae Young writes of "Resources for Missionary Units."

All teaching plans for kindergarten, primary, junior workers. A good reply to any disparaging comment of a whole group of people, "Sometimes people do forget to love each other. I will tell you a secret. God never forgets to love any of us. God is counting on you and me to try to love and to work with all children everywhere. That is how we can work with God." (page 26)

For Junior Leaders

Measure your program for junior boys and girls. See recommended session times, equipment desirable, leaders needed, materials approved in "The Program for Junior Boys and Girls," pages 8 and 9.

Which Is Your Church More Like?

Midway Church and Wesley Church are pictured in an article called "What Is Teaching?" Which is more like yours?

For Primary Workers

See page 26 for a request to have boys and girls express their like and dislikes in "Pictures and Stories," their story paper. Help the editors make it the best paper possible.

Milk for Korean Children

Money for freight on a shipment of powdered milk for the children of Korea is needed by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Would the children of your church like to have a part? See request in the article "The World Outreach of the Church" beginning on page 1.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE JANUARY ISSUE OF "CHILD GUIDANCE" ORDER FROM THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, FIFTH AND GRACE STREETS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

COACHING CONFERENCE

It is still possible for a few people to register for the coaching conference being held January 18-20 at Trinity church, Durham. The purpose of this conference is to help certain carefully chosen persons of unusual ability prepare to teach in leadership schools and classes Courses to be offered are:

231b—Guiding Kindergarten Children in Christian Growth, Miss Vera Zimmerman, instructor;

216b—The Use of the Bible with Children, Miss LaDonna Bogardus, instructor; The Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Aileen Sanboro, instructor;

411b—Helping Adults Learn, Miss Virginia Stafford, instructor; and

113b—Christian Stewardship, Rev. J. Irvin McDonough, instructor.

If you are interested or if you know some other qualified persons who might be interested, please send the names immediately to Rev. C. P. Morris, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C. A few scholarships are available.

Recommendation Day Set; Name Public Relations Chairmen; Miss Chandler Reports

LACK OF INFORMATION DEPLORED

"One bottleneck in The Methodist Church is lack of information." This was the observation of Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, as he spoke before the Raleigh District at its annual set-up meeting held at Fairmont church, Raleigh on November 30.

"Our Methodist people are the most loyal people in the world when they know what they are asked to do," he said, "but lack of information is a real problem in The Methodist Church. The North Carolina Christian Advocate can do more to remove that problem than any other periodical."

The responsibility of accepting the challenge of our editor is one in which the women of the N. C. Conference have a share. The N. C. Christian Advocate should be in every Methodist home in the state.

RECOGNITION DAY

The recommendations for organization and promotion, presented by Mrs. J. T. Doughtie, conference secretary of that line of work, and adopted by the conference society at its annual meeting last March, includes this appeal for the observance of Recognition Day in the local societies:

"That Recognition Day be observed locally, preferably in the third quarter. (The program committee should plan the observance to include a resume of past accomplishments and a presentation of future plans to attain the goals.)"

Mrs. Doughtie is emphasizing the urgency of the promotion of this recommendation. The first portion, a resume of past accomplishments, should, if possible, be given by the secretary of promotion. The second portion, presentation of future plans, may be given by the secretary of promotion or the president. If the local visitation program has not begun, it should be launched at the Recognition Day meeting, with the chairman of the membership committee in charge, if possible. Recognition Day is to be held either on a regular program day or at a special meeting. The important thing is that it be observed, and with an effective program. The December 1953 issue of The Methodist Woman, pages 25-26, gives an excellent program for Recognition Day.

Mrs. Doughtie is also calling attention to the meditation for the observance of Epiphany, published on page 28 of the December issue of the Methodist Woman. This meditation could be used as a part of the regular program, or of Recognition Day, if the latter is to be held early in January.

P. R. CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

The growth of the Woman's Society of Christian Service from a small group of women organized in 1869 as "The Female Missionary Society," to the largest women's organization in the world with a present membership of almost 2,000,000 who gave last year for missions 6 million dollars, has placed the matter of public relations in a very vital spot. Serving as a channel through which information is disseminated, public relations help to create the spirit of good will and better understanding. It is with a sense of joy and satisfaction, therefore, that we announce the appointment of a district chairman of public relations in each of the seven districts of the conference. These

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district chairmen, to serve with the editor of the N. C. Conference Woman's Page as conference chairman, are: Durham district, Mrs. A. H. Borland, 2010 Pershing St., Durham; Elizabeth City, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Hobbsville; Fayetteville, Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Box 164, Raeford; New Bern, Mrs. J. B. Frizzelle, Maury; Raleigh, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; Rocky Mount, Mrs. R. K. Adkins, Robersonville; and Wilmington, Mrs. Thomas Hunter, 2803 Columbia St., Wilmington.

A CORRECTION

A statement under the headline "Goals and Responsibilities," published in the November 26 issue of the N. C. Conference Woman's Page, gave the information that the members of the responsibility list of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service is composed of members of the society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The statement should have read: "Responsibility list (composed of the potential women members of the church, and those who belong to the church and are not members of the Woman's Society or Guild)." Your editor offers humble apologies for the error.

EWHA UNIVERSITY RETURNS HOME

One significant result of the truce in Korea, which will be of particular interest to Methodist women, has been the removal of Ewha University from its former refugee site in Pusan to its original location in Seoul, according to information received in a letter from Miss Frances Fulton, a teacher at Ewha, to Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh. Miss Fulton will be remembered by many throughout the N. C. Conference as a guest speaker at the annual meeting held at Duke Memorial church, 1946.

Miss Fulton writes: "Our orders were to take everything . . . even the temporary sheds we had been using were torn down and the lumber and canvas loaded on box cars, 19 of them. There wasn't a half carload of really good furniture in the lot, but it is all we have, so we must use it until we can get more, and in this bombed and looted place all lumber and building materials are exorbitantly high."

Miss Fulton describes the campus of approximately 50 acres of hills, woodland, and the college buildings in a bowl. "The buildings are of granite, much of the type which one sees on any western campus: Music Hall and the Chapel, The Educational Building, a dormitory in three units, the gym and two residences. The Science Hall has no doors on any of the rooms, and few windows. These must be got before really cold weather. Our house has many bullet and shell fragment holes in the wood work and plaster, but the walls and the roof are good, and the water runs, and we find the furnace works, too, if we can find any coal this winter. But it is wonderful to be here . . . The students come streaming in every morning—only about 300 of the almost 2,000 live in the dormitory . . . The whole attitude of the

student body is different. They are more settled and ready to work. They seem to have lost some of the restlessness and temporary feeling they had in Pusan.

(Continued in the next issue of this page)

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

The Worship Commission at the Methodist Student Center at East Carolina College, Greenville, is composed of fourteen active members, seven of whom are freshmen, according to news released by Miss Mamie Chandler, deaconess at the center. An altar has recently been presented the Wesley Foundation at the center by Mrs. W. F. Stokes, from the Methodist church at Stokes. The altar was constructed by Donald Roebuck.

A special project of the commission on evangelism is the visitation by the members to the college freshmen who are not active in the Wesley Foundation program, in an effort to encourage their attendance at Sunday School, and at the student center.

The library and training commission has been diligent in securing subscriptions to Motive, Methodist Student Movement magazine.

Five of the students are expected to attend the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, scheduled to be held at the University of Kansas, December 28-January 2. They are: Mattie Huber, Patsy Davis, Willa Dean Lindsay, Charlie Bedford, and Bobby Mann. The theme for the conference will be "Christ Transforming Culture."

The student center has been appropriately and beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. The students have been crowding around the piano singing, in the kitchen, drinking hot chocolate or coffee, playing the new record prayer—all enjoying Christian fellowship and fun. A "Christmas Open-House" was held each night during the last week before the holidays.

CONFERENCE ON CIVIL DEFENSE

The North Carolina Council of Civil Defense, of which Governor William B. Umstead is chairman, is sponsoring an open meeting for women in Memorial auditorium, Raleigh, on January 21. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the women with the facts of family and home civil defense protection at first hand, from those who made the plan.

Principal speakers will be Mrs. Katharine Graham Howard, national head of women in civil defense, and Mrs. J. T. deJarnette, who heads the woman's division in the seven South Atlantic States.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., adjourn for lunch at one. The afternoon session will convene at 2 o'clock, closing at 5:30. No registration fee will be required, or other details of the meeting should be addressed to Mrs. Sarah Boyd Weaver, Public Affairs and Woman's Division, N. C. Civil Division, N. C. Civil Defense, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING!

Your editor could not, perhaps, give to the readers of this page a more meaningful and heartfelt greeting for the Christmas season than the words of the poet who wrote:

God grant these gifts to you—
His star to lead you on your way,
The joy, the faith, the friendship
That comes with this glad day.
And ever in the New Year
Like an answer to a prayer,
The light of Peace to bless you
And guide you—everywhere.

Christmas Spirit Reaches Peak; Audit Being Made; Football Teams Feted

A HAPPY FAMILY

The children, youths and staff members here at The Children's Home are living in a high state of happiness. The anticipation of the youngsters is at a high state of expectancy. They have noted that the mail man has had to call in other mail men with trucks for bringing out the packages to be distributed among the children. The staff members are working on first and second shifts all combined into one but there is no evidence that any of them will strike for higher wages. The Christmas spirit is running high here on the sunny hills of The Children's Home campus.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

Our elementary school, conducted as a city and state unit here on the Home grounds, is working on two entertainments that will close the fall term of school. The first program will use a large number of the children and they are enthused on how well they are striving to do their parts in a good way. Following the Christmas pageant will come the music recital. A lot of little girls will be walking out on the stage and arranging themselves for playing the piano in front of a house full of admiring youngsters and staff members.

YOUTHFUL SANTA CLAUSES

The packages coming to our children are reaching us in ever increasing poundage. These packages are recorded by Miss Taylor, our office secretary, in such a way as to make sure that nothing is lost. Following this accounting, the packages are carried over by Mr. Simpson, our purchasing agent and general utility man, and placed in the large storage room under the superintendent's house. The home mothers then come to the storage room and look through the packages for placing them in the proper divisions of space on shelves that have been made and marked for that purpose. When the home mother has done all of her checking, the hundreds of commodities forwarded by friends are ready to be taken out on Christmas eve by some forty of our older boys and girls who enjoy playing Santa Claus as the younger members of our family are expected to be in dreamland.

WITH GOOD FRIENDS

At a recent visit with Rev. H. C. Wilkinson and the stewards of First Methodist Church, Lexington, coming together in the Methodist Hut for a dinner meeting, Mrs. B. C. Young, better known to this scribe as Isabel Craven, was seated near the speaker's table. An opportunity was had to talk about some of her and my school experiences of former days. The Lexington board of stewards has secured title to a well located building site for the new church that will be coming along right soon. Recently Mrs. Charles Taylor, acting for the Women's Wesleyan Class, asked for the privilege of sponsoring one of our little girls, and we gave them Sherrill Holeski, born December 30, 1945. Relative to this project, a recent letter from Mrs. Young carries the following statement: "Under separate cover I am sending you a doll for Sherrie Holeski. I had bought this doll for my little girl, age seven, but after hearing the letter you wrote my Bible Class about Sherrie I decided to send it to you for her. Will you please see that she has it for Christmas."

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AUDITING THE BUSINESS

Our business for the year 1953 is being audited. Such transactions as have been concluded and instances of uncompleted business have been gone over right thoroughly in a preliminary audit of our financial affairs. This preliminary work will be carefully followed up soon after the turn of the year and we will have another certification of the healthiness of our financial affairs. It is of course evident that the care and direction of our children can be better safeguarded if our financial foundation is solid and assuring.

BASKETBALL BEGINS

At this writing, more than a week ahead of its appearance in print, our boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams will have their first match games. Both the boys' and the girls' teams are having to be rebuilt around a limited number of experienced players. Our youngsters are bent on giving the best they have in the games they play. There seems to be no outstanding height to do much at getting the ball off the board. With the girls there is a good board taker but too few to back up what this girl has to pass on to them. We will see a lot of basketball this winter and will thoroughly enjoy those that we win and be present at those we do not win.

THE LIGHTED TREES

Every household will have a lighted Christmas tree, so arranged that it will be simply beautiful as it lets out the gleams through the colored bulbs and as it stands in official recognition of a lot of packages that are arranged around the base of the tree. The big fir tree standing out in front of the Administration Building already has its electric bulbs in such a way as to accommodate 500 colored bulbs. The tree is simply beautiful as viewed close by and even more so as it stands in a prominent

place for being viewed by the passers-by on Reynolds Road. We are all lit up here and the more we look at the lights the more beautiful the surroundings are. The services on Christmas morning around the cottage Christmas trees are not formal but are thoroughly enjoyable. Our youngsters will sing carols and breathe expressions of thankful gratitude by their friends.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

On the evening of December 11 our football banquet was held with its usual interest and effectiveness. One hundred and thirteen boys, ranging from the small midgets up to the big varsity boys, were the guests of honor. In addition to the boys, there were a number of visitors who came to do the boys honor. Coach Wilburn Clary was the toastmaster and called on various visitors to express such statements as they wanted to and delivered to outstanding boys such awards as had been tabulated. Coach Clary issued twenty-four monogram letters to the boys who had earned them. It was recounted that the varsity team won six out of its ten games, as did the midgets with their six games. Two other wins were marked up by our little midgets against the boys of similar age and size coming from Wiley school, another unit of the elementary family of schools here in Winston-Salem.

PROMISING FELLOWS

It was recounted at our football banquet that a number of our former boys are now doing good jobs in teaching and coaching in nearby schools. Herman Bryson is the line coach for the Reynolds high school team, co-champion of triple A schools in North Carolina. Jim Malcolm is regarded as a fixture at the big Mineral Springs consolidated school, where his coaching is paying off in a good way. Julian Gibson is principal of the South Fork school and is vitally connected with all the extra-curricular activities as well as the main line of directing a big and growing school. Reid Suggs is principal of the Fairview school here in the city and is doing a good job. Bob Jones is football coach at the Walkertown consolidated school, where he has done a good job with his first year of coaching. Added to the foregoing promising fellows should be listed Coach Edwards, who for a number of years has been principal of our elementary school, and Everett Gibson, teacher and coach of our varsity basketball team and thoroughly identified with the leadership of our Boy Scouts. A number of girls who have graduated here and are teaching could well be listed at sometime when we have more time and more space.

WILBUR'S WILL

Wilbur James, a twelve-year-old lad and an unpredictable member of the Tise One family, was stricken with rheumatic fever a few days ago. We could hardly believe that this lad would catch on to a thing like that, since he is very strong and agile for a boy of his age. Wilbur could take a pair of boxing gloves and knock out boys older and a bit larger than he is. Wilbur's physical fitness has carried some meaning as he has associated with other boys of his age and size. But in the midst of a long spell of health, Wilbur comes down with rheumatic fever and will probably have to stay in bed a couple of months. Wilbur says that he intends to surprise the doctor by willing to get well enough to get out of bed reasonably soon so he can sit in the hall nearby and watch the television presentments.

Do We Want God's Kingdom To Come?

By Charles M. Laymon

Matt. 6: 9-10; 28: 16-20; John 17: 18-21;
Rev. 11: 15

Most of us think that if the petitions of our prayers were granted, life would suit us perfectly. We forget that with each answer here comes a new responsibility. April showers will bring May flowers, but this means also that the lawn will need cutting 'ere long.

How about our praying "Thy Kingdom Come"? Do we want God to answer this prayer? In line with our question, we quote from the Wesley Quarterly: "What will such a change mean? It will mean that governments will exist to serve citizens. It will mean that the management and labor unions will vie with each other in serving rather than in demanding. It will mean that public officials and church officials will not glory in their authority and in their power, but in their ability to serve." Is this what we want really?

Following World War II, there was a great surge of idealism toward World Government. The legislatures of 23 states in our country passed resolutions in favor of it. Here was our opportunity to express the ideals of the Kingdom on an international scale. This was it! And then came the United Nations.

After several years of experience with the problems of give and take involved, many of the states have changed their minds. At the last count 20 of them had rescinded their resolutions favoring World Government. In Michigan and Delaware, the legislatures have gone on record actually as opposing it. **Do we want God's kingdom to come?**

Albert Schweitzer was awarded recently the Nobel Peace prize. When invited to come to Oslo to receive it, he asked to be excused on the ground that he was too busy building a hospital for lepers. He would put the prize money into this project, he said. When he prayed "Thy Kingdom come," God answered his prayers by sending him to Africa, and laid upon him the responsibilities of caring for sick and infirm natives. But he has not rescinded his prayer! He prays it still, and God keeps him in Africa to this very hour.

At the beginning of a new year the question in the title of today's lesson is particularly pertinent. But we had better not ask it unless we are ready to face the answer.

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OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS ABROAD, 1945

(Continued from page five)

It was dark until after we left Lausanne but from there to Zurich we passed through beautiful Swiss country. As we went toward Neuchatel we had the lake on the right and mountains covered with snow on the left. At every station they have a large clock on the outside so that you can easily keep up with the exact time. When we reached Biel one could notice the change from French to German in the signs and even the conductor changed from using French to German. It is remarkable how these Swiss have been able to handle three official languages—German, French and Italian—and still live in peace and harmony.

Brother Sigg met us at the Zurich station and said he wanted to take us up to Utliberg for lunch. Well, that name meant

nothing to me but I soon found that Utliberg was a hotel site on top of the mountain overlooking Zurich. We went up on an electric train and soon we were up in the snow and I began to see what I had always dreamed of as being Switzerland. Up on top of this mountain you can see for miles and miles over Swiss mountains.

We ate lunch in a sun parlor of the hotel and actually the sun was so hot up there we perspired. Some men even took off their coats while they ate. Here we were up in the mountain with snow all around and yet the sun was shining almost like summertime. Sigg said that people come here from Zurich in the winter just to sit in the sunshine that does not reach Zurich down in the valley.

We had a beautiful view of the city of Zurich below us and as we came down Sigg told about how the silk industry came to Zurich. In the sixteenth century in one of those persecutions by the Vatican of our Protestant Waldensians 75 Waldensian families came to Switzerland but the Swiss, who were then mainly Roman Catholic, did not show them much consideration and did not know what to do with them. Huldreich Zwingli had, however, started the Protestant Reformation in Zurich and there was a spirit of tolerance here not found in all other parts of Switzerland. The Waldensians were invited to Zurich, arriving May 12, 1555, and they had not been here long before they started the silk industry here and Zurich became the silk industry center of this section of Europe. Sigg says that this story is taught in the Swiss public schools as a living example of the practical value of religious and racial tolerance for it was from these Italian Protestant families that there later came Heinrich Pestalozzi, the great Swiss educator.

The Swiss are remarkable people. I like the story that Sigg told of how the Swiss children are taught in their schools that Switzerland is a small country and can not compete with the larger European nations in quantity and, therefore, must make up for it by the quality of their products. The Swiss children are, therefore, taught that they must do everything a little better than other people and strive for perfection in their workmanship.

Sigg and I spent all afternoon discussing our Methodist work here in Switzerland. I wish our people back home could understand better our problems over here and look upon our European Methodists as an integral part of The Methodist Church and not as an appendage of an American church. As Sigg says, it would help our Methodist cause over here very much if a European Methodist would sometime be appointed to represent The Methodist Church in some European interdenominational meeting, but it is always an American and as a result the state churches have made much of that.

Thursday, December 27

At 11:00 a.m. Sigg and I visited Victor Gauthier, director of the Swiss National Bank, concerning the sending of Methodist relief money to Switzerland. He was a most charming gentleman and told me

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how to make my application. He gave me encouragement that the funds would be permitted to enter even though he said the action of France in devaluating the franc had caused considerable discussion about the financial future of Europe.

We came back to the hotel where we continued our conversations. Sigg points out that the Swiss Methodist pastors are in need of books since their salaries are so small. I hope some friend in America will give me money to be used for the purchase of books for our Swiss preachers.

We worked on a tentative itinerary so that I could visit all our pastors and churches prior to the conference session in May. Since Switzerland is so small, the problem of travel is not so serious. Moreover, our churches are centralized in the northern part of Switzerland in industrial centers like Zurich.

At 5:30 p.m. we were the guests of the Siggs for dinner and with us was Brother Muhlethaler, one of our district superintendents. He is also the treasurer of the Swiss Conference. He brought me an itemized statement of the finances of the conference since 1940.

Brother Muhlethaler had been up in the Canon of Appenzell and said the Methodists there were anxiously awaiting my arrival since they knew that my mother's people came from their canton. This, of course, is correct for the Neff family left the Canton of Appenzell in 1722 and migrated to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

The Sigg home is a nice Christian home and it is a privilege to be associated with these good people. They have helped to make our first Christmas away from home a most pleasant experience!

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

By Mrs. Hubert Cox

Once upon a time far, far away and long, long ago this story began. It began in a little town called Bethlehem. Many people were traveling toward it from all the country round. But all of these people were not traveling like we do nowadays on trains or in cars. They were all walking for miles and miles or riding on donkeys or on the backs of camels.

Now among those who were going from their homes towards the little town of Bethlehem were a man named "Joseph" and a young woman named "Mary." Mary was riding a donkey and Joseph was walking beside her.

Joseph was very anxious because it was night and the stars had already come out in that land so far away and long ago just the way the stars will come out over our home on Christmas Eve. But Joseph was worried. He knew they must find a place to sleep soon for Mary was going to have a baby. They had looked everywhere though and there seemed to be no place for them for every house and inn was already filled. At last when he was quite discouraged Joseph found a stable in which they could be warm and rest. And there with the sweet smell of hay, with the soft, warm breathing of donkeys and perhaps even little lambs about them—Mary's baby was born—the little Christ Child.

Then Mary, His mother, wrapped Him closely round and round in white linen as they did new-born babies in those days and laid Him—not in a crib—but in a manger right there in the stable. And the animals warm and quiet stood close by.

Outside the stable over the Christ Child's funny little bed a star high in the sky seemed to shine with greater brightness than any other star in the heavens. And shepherds tending their sheep close by thought the star beckoned them to the Baby Jesus. And three great kings afar off thought that the bright star in the blue heavens beckoned them to come to where the Baby Jesus lay also. So they all followed the star and at last it led to the manger.

There they all knelt down and worshipped Him. And the great kings laid precious gifts of gold and fragrant perfume before the Baby Jesus. And now every year since Christ was born, we remember His birthday and celebrate it and call it "Christmas."

LOVE LAY CRADLED

They crowded past the inn, that Holy Day,
With hurried feet, and careless speed.
For loveless eyes were blind, that Holy Day;
Though Love lay cradled, few gave heed.

Stay Thou my hasty steps, lest I pass by
Unseeing still, and miss Thy face.
Fling wide the stable door, lest I pass by,
Nor bless Thee, Jesus, for Thy grace.

No lavish gift of worth, I bring to Thee.
Nor incense, gold, nor bitter myrrh.
A humbled loving heart I bring to Thee,
And worship and adore Thee, there.

Robertson Ballard in Methodist Recorder.

A LIFT FOR LIVING

(Continued from page two)

day of Jesus as "the day of all the year the best."

Why the perennial and growing appeal of Christmas? Its beauty, its tenderness, its joy? Yes, all these are there. But a greater feature is at the center.

In Matthew's gospel, the announcement to Joseph is that the child to be born shall be named Jesus—"For he shall save his people from their sins." And, in Luke, the angelic message to the shepherds is:

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The Bethlehem scene was realistic in its setting. The hard facts of life were there. Joseph and Mary were going up to be taxed. Taxes were just as unpleasant then as now.

The inequalities of life were there. The inn was crowded with those who could pay for it; the poor carpenter and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable.

The shadow of the hostile Herod was there. Danger lurked around the Babe in the manger.

Yet with all these dark features, the general impression of Bethlehem is that of goodness. Our attention is held by the mother, the loving Joseph, the humble and adoring shepherds, the reverent wise men. The scene turns our minds to the things that are simple, genuine and lovely; the things that heal and build.

Christmas is not only the revelation of God, but also of man. It brings to view the

divine spark of goodness in the human heart. It is the time when truth takes on its loveliest forms and speaks its simplest language; when love becomes articulate in accents which little children understand.

Christmas not only brings the world around to the day when Christ was born, but it brings to birth the Christ-spirit in man. It reminds us that the universe is friendly and therefore restores our faith in God. It reveals that man is better than he often seems and thereby revives our faith in man.

The Babe of Bethlehem has outlived Herod and Caesar Augustus. Some day the spirit of Bethlehem will outlaw the barbed wire and the bayonet which were there last Christmas.—(Copyright 1953, General Features Corp.)

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Announcements

NO ADVOCATE NEXT WEEK

Following a custom of long standing, the North Carolina Christian Advocate will not be published next week. Our next issue will appear Thursday, January 7, 1954. During the Christmas season members of the Advocate staff, as well as members of the Piedmont press staff, will have a two-day holiday—December 24 and 25.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE JOURNAL PRINTED

The Western North Carolina Conference Journal for 1953 has been printed and mailed to pastors and others on the mailing list. With a run of more than 5,000 copies of 320 pages each, the Journal this year was printed in record time, with the first copies being mailed December 14. Rev. Charles D. White, conference secretary, was editor, and Rev. Paul Hamilton, conference statistician, was editor of the statistical tables. R. R. Mitchell, production manager of the Methodist Board of Publication, was in charge of printing.

CONVOCATION ON CHURCH VOCATIONS SCHEDULED

Plans are being made for a conference-wide convocation on church vocations to be held in First church, Hickory, on Saturday, March 20-21. Sponsored and planned by the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications and the Commission on Christian Vocations, with the assistance of Bishop Harrell and the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the convocation will differ from the two previous ones held in Salisbury and Thomasville in that its scope is being enlarged to include not only young men who may be interested in the ministry, but also young people who may be interested in any form of full-time Christian service. Approximately 250 carefully screened youth will be invited from the charges of the conference as delegates. It is felt that by presenting the opportunities and needs of the various Christian vocations it may be possible to assist some youth in hearing and responding to the Divine call.

An attractive program is being arranged and will be announced as soon as it is completed.

Plans for the convocation are being made by a committee consisting of Paul W. Townsend, J. Elwood Carroll and Harold M. Robinson.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN ENLISTS 17,000 CONGREGATIONS

NASHVILLE, TENN.—More than 17,000 Methodist churches across the country will take part in a special church attendance campaign January through Easter, a Board of Evangelism official announced here.

Rev. Eugene E. Golay, director of evangelistic methods, said the general board is cooperating with pastors and laymen to sponsor the Lenten project.

Churches of 285 districts in 64 annual conferences have already organized their campaigns, Mr. Golay said. In Methodism's South Central Jurisdiction 6,682 churches in ten southwestern states will conduct a joint crusade, he reported.

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The Richmond episcopal area is preparing for an intensive campaign, he said, with 1,961 churches of Virginia and eastern North Carolina participating.

District crusades are being organized in 13 other annual conferences: Central Pennsylvania, Erie, Pa., Florida, Holston (East Tenn.), Idaho, Iowa-Des Moines, Illinois, Northwest Indiana, North Dakota, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, West Wisconsin and Wyoming State.

"Give God a Chance Now!" has been adopted as the campaign slogan. Pastors and laymen will visit the homes of inactive church members, and also call upon families who belong to no church, in the special effort to increase attendance at Sunday schools and church services.

The crusade was called for by the Methodist Council of Bishops to "strengthen the spiritual life of church members and stimulate the regular habit of church attendance, to reach youth in large numbers and enlist unchurched people as prospects for commitment to Christ."

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS

Wilmington District

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the appointment of Rev. Ed Dunn to the Pembroke circuit, Wilmington District. Brother Dunn succeeds the Rev. Thos. L. White who was serving the Pembroke circuit temporarily.

V. E. Queen, D.S.

Elizabeth City District

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of Rev. R. T. Commander to Riverside, Elizabeth City, and Rev.

William Earl Wilson to North Gates charge. Mr. Commander will assume his duties January 1, and Mr. Wilson's appointment becomes effective upon his graduation from the Duke Divinity School in January.

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Operation Christmas

By Richard Braunstein

God in His wisdom arranged that there would be Christmas times.

We once delivered a sermon on the subject "Making Christmas Perpetual." At the close of the service one of our laymen accused us of idealism. He enlarged to the effect that he was glad that Christmas came but once a year. What he really was thinking of was the hectic days and hours he spent on the committee in charge of tree-trimming, carol-singing and piece-speaking. And all the extra curricula attendant upon such an occasion.

What we were driving at in our homiletical offering was the Christmas Spirit which should not be limited to a specific period or season. Christmas is not a date on a calendar but a state of mind. The precise date of the Nativity is not known. We do know that Jesus was born and that, in the light of all that follows, should be sufficient with all its implications and applications in a world at tangents. While some are contending for His coming again, some others have not yet grasped the significance of His first Advent.

Having attended several meetings of the committee on arrangements, we could sympathize with the advocates of the once-a-year school.

Thinking of a daily Christmas is akin to the song, "Every Day Will Be Sunday By and By." To a man on a Methodist circuit the thought is intolerable. But again, we must traffic in the Spirit. After all, there is no season like Yuletide and there is no day like Sunday. Some make both a burden instead of a joy.

Meaningful and Understandable

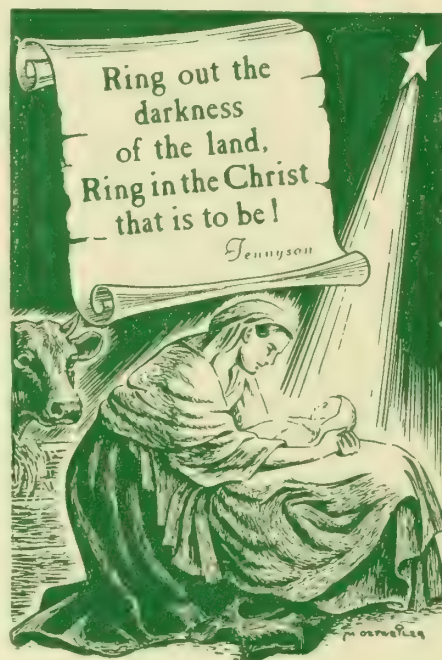
Stripped of many non-essentials and trivialities, the season of Christmas can be made meaningful and understandable. This is a movement out of the old Roman Empire with its rites and symbols into the new Christian era with customs and traditions that are logical and in harmony with divine revelation. We would not take away the garlands and festoons, the tinsels and tissues, the ribbons and candles, the trees and trimmings, the shopping chores and mailing lists but we would make them secondary. In back of all we endeavor and accomplish there is a reason. That reason is the birth of an infant Saviour and Redeemer. This will help us to understand Charles Dickens when he says: "I have always thought of the Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." More dependence on outward signs and symbols has a tendency to rob us of that inner calm and grace which all religious observance should produce.

Doing for Others

On the other hand, there is the supreme satisfaction of doing for others. The best gift is that of self. "Not what we give but what we share for the gift without the giver is bare." "A poet said that," you say. But are not our poets some of our best preachers? Our own Charles Wesley has been described as "the most admirable, devotional lyric poet in the English language." We think that our best Christmas expressing is found in our caroling. Be that as it may, we are still in the realm of service as we engage in the ministry of song. But service cannot be confined to a season. While the

extra chores and added hours of program-planning and program-practice may leave us with jaded nerves and in high tension, we will gladly do it again. Santa Claus by any other name would be just as costly and he would be worth it. The Christmas spirit is the Manager of the greatest birthday celebration since the world began. The occasion could well be a spiritual rebirth for all concerned.

The danger lies in the fact that this Christmas observance, this time of generous impulse and sacrificial endeavor may be like the intermittent stream—a freak of nature which flows only at



periodic intervals and then for some reason or other, remains dry for a long time. It is possible to have this invisible empire of love, with its great considerations and thoughtful observances throughout the year. Is this not what the world needs?

"Jesus Is Here"

We have seen the electric signs that flash on and off at second intervals advertising some commodity in a most scientific and interesting manner. Cora Harris in her book, "The Story of a Circuit Rider's Wife," tells us of an evangelist who had such a neon display. It was placed over the doorway of the church in which he was conducting services. Pedestrians passing up and down had the intelligence flashed to them, "Jesus is Here," hundreds of times during the evening. No doubt Jesus was in those meetings. When the revival was over the evangelist took down his sign and departed for new fields. Those who believed in signs, or the absence of signs, probably thought that Jesus was no longer there. But Jesus was still there. As a matter of

fact, He was present before the arrival of the evangelist. And He was there after the evangelist had departed. "Emmanuel—God with Us" is a certainty at any time. Special services, organized campaigns, appointed drives, spontaneous enthusiasms may remind us of His presence but they do not create that presence. Therefore, anything that puts us in remembrance is salutary and medicinal for our minds and souls.

Pagans Powerless to Make Christmas

Gilbert Chesterton in a radio broadcast several years ago told us that the modern religions, current cults and contemporaneous isms are powerless to make a Christmas. He spoke of some modern writers among whom we find a Dreiser, a Mencken or a Lewis. He told us that he did not want these thrust in his stocking. He did not have to remind us that Charles Dickens with his Christmas Carol and Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim made a more suitable present than many authors who are clever but have not the genius to make people happy. He said: "There is no other festival to keep except Christmas. There are a number of new religions but no new religion made a festival. No new philosophy has been sufficiently popular to make a new holiday. We all know that there are any number of pleasure seekers in the world today who think of nothing but amusement but they do not count. They never have holidays because they have nothing but holidays."

Continuing in the vein of the English essayist we add that the modern pagans, those of the Dreiser or Mencken or Lewis school, do not stand in the now and sing carols in front of a friend's house the day that Nietzsche, the creator of Superman, was born or the day he went mad. Neither does the Communist hang his stocking on the natal day of Marx or Trotsky or Stalin. Neither do we expect him to come down the chimney even if he does try to insinuate himself into the thinking and institutions of the hour. Communism has nothing to offer to little children so that their faces will shine. It is men like Robert Louis Stevenson who combat subversive ideologies with a philosophy that is summed with the phrase: "God has lit the candles in our souls and the light shines in our eyes." Hitler and Mussolini and their fellow-travelers could never raise the peon, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Let Nothing Ye Dismay." It takes the Christ to raise men's hopes and cheer men's hearts in this dark hour.

God Arranged Christmas Times

So it was arranged in the wisdom of God that there should be Christmas Times in the life of the world. The anniversaries of the birth of Whom Isaiah prophesied: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

What does Christmas bring? What is its gift in a day of chaos and conflict? What is this gift to a praying and waiting people? Our answer is found in a sermon by Bishop Marshall R. Reed whose outline is, "I bring you the Christ who was and the Christ who is. I bring you the Christ who said and the Christ who says. I would move on to bring you the Christ who saved and the Christ who saves. Finally, I bring you the Christ who won and the Christ who wins."

God so loved the world that He gave—Himself. This is the supreme gift.



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